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Daily Mass (Inside the church)
Monday-Friday: 8:00am
(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church)
Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am
(The Sunday Mass at 8am is also live-streamed)

Confessions (Outside in Mary's courtyard)
Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm and by appointment

Note: The live-streamed Masses can be viewed on our website:
www.visitationchurch-la.com

Private Worship (Inside the church) Open for private devotion between the hours of 7:30am-4:00pm. (Monday-Friday)

Holy Hour (Inside the church)
First Friday of each month from 8:30am-9:30am.

Church of the Visitation



MISSION STATEMENT

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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October 3, 2021

Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14



Pastor's Post

A Saint for our Times

When we think of saints what often comes to mind is a priest or nun, a founder of a religious community, a famous pope, a martyr, someone who lived their life in singular dedication to God. St. Pope John Paul II. St. Mother Theresa. St. Francis of Assisi. St. Theresa of the Little Flower. St. Ignatius Loyola. The list goes on. Men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to God's people. I was talking with the school counselor once about her job of giving guidance, discipline and comfort to the thousands of children in her elementary school. She sees what she does as similar in nature to nurses, doctors, police and fire personnel, even parents with their own children. Even though she worked in a public school, she understood her work as a vocation given by God. Like any vocation, it demands sacrifice. Here is how she described the cross she and those like her carry.

"It is the silent plodding of the people who are marching. It is the wiping the nose, wiping the fanny, breathing the air of the sick, putting bandages on the wounds, bringing order to chaos, and so many are doing it, some with heavy hearts and maybe some with the best of intentions, but they're **doing** it and maybe not with a halo over their their head and there is no applause, but they do it. They do it when there are days when they don't want to but they do it anyway, and maybe even when it hurts. The older you are, the more you accumulate a lot in life in the sense of the the joy and hurt, and you've lost love and gained it, and you're tempted not to do it anymore because you know what's coming next and you still you do it anyway and then you wait to embrace what comes next."

Such sacred people. They are what saints look like. Such a sacred road they walk on, for it is the path of Jesus Christ. It is wonderful. It is glorious. And it hurts,

Who is your saint? Take a moment today to bring to mind all the saints you know who have marched on that road and have carried you with them.

Fr. Jim



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When: October 8th, 2021

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm (or until we're out!)

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The idea of “stranger danger” is often too broad a concept for children to grasp as not all strangers are dangerous, and children will always be meeting new people and on occasion may need to ask a stranger for help. Instead of issuing a blanket warning, try these tips for keeping children safe around people they do not know. If an unknown adult approaches them, have them check with a parent or known and trusted adult before engaging in conversation. This can be as simple as a quick look to the parent followed by a nod indicating that it is okay to interact. As an adult yourself, you can set a good example by talking first to parents, then to children in their care. This helps your own children see how trustworthy adults engage with children around their parents and helps them learn caution for adults who do not act in the same way. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article “Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Teresa Syta, 310-592-4213
40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at:

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For registration or more information please call and leave message:
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Haven't registered yet and want to know how?

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A unique Catholic Club for children grades 3- 8 on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Sunday, October 3rd @1pm in the Visitation Parking Lot

Each October, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals with our own Blessing of the Animals. Our community is invited to bring their furry friends for a special blessing.



SESSIONS OF FAITH (PREP)

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), for students in Grades **K-8**, including sacrament preparation, we are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year which will begin in September. For more information, please contact our Coordinator, **Debra Evans** via phone or text at **703-582-9888**, or by email at religioeducationvc@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to share your faith with others, especially young people? If so, please consider volunteering for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). This ministry is for people who are interested in sharing God's love and bringing others closer to Christ. Please consider joining us. We especially welcome those who may have served in other ministries, who are not able to continue to serve in person at this time. Thank you and God Bless You! See the above email and phone number for more information and questions about our programs.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in the program for the next two years, please go online to visitationchurch-la.com to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeremy Brosmer at confirmationvc@gmail.com.



R.C.I.A.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just for you. RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic.
- Was never baptized.
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Was baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Is interested in catching up on or renewing their faith.



We welcome you to join us in our RCIA group most Mondays from **7-8:30pm** when we have Zoom meetings. **In person meetings** will begin on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. Please call the church office to inquire @ **310/216-1145** or email **Toni Kerker** at tmkerker@gmail.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is by definition the primary Advisory group for the Pastor. Fr. Jim sees the PPC as more than just advisory and classifies the group as an integral part of our Parish Leadership. Thus he sees us having a more active role in helping the Parish continuing to thrive and run smoothly. Members are usually also active in other parish ministries and/or at the school. We just had our first post-summer meeting and are looking forward to the coming year and serving our Parish community in the best way possible. For questions, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME WAGON

Our Welcome Wagon (WW) committee was spun off from the PPC about 5 years ago. This committee, as the name suggests, is focused on welcoming new parishioners, but it is really more than that. Fr. Tim is at the helm and here is what we are currently focused on:

The WW is working on additional ways to welcome any and all newly registered parishioners whether it be a new school family, someone who has moved into the area or who was previously registered at another parish. We assign a committee member/volunteer to call each newly registered parishioner to personally welcome them and make sure they are informed on what is currently going on in the parish.

WW is also accepting volunteers to be official Mass greeters...arriving at the Mass of their choice about 10 minutes early and GREETING people, introducing themselves, and even asking them if they are new to the area or visiting. Specific guidance will be given.

Last but not least, we are on a mission to re-imagine and re-establish Hospitality after the Sunday Masses. This is our Coffee & Donuts, but we see hospitality as being as much about greeting and welcoming people after Masses. As of right now the plan is to start by having Hospitality one Sunday a month. We just had our first Hospitality at all the Masses on 9/26/2021.

All of the areas mentioned above need volunteers in order to be successful, thus if you are interested in finding out more information, joining the committee as a whole OR just interested in one specific area as a volunteer, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net or Fr. Tim McGowan at tmcgowan033@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, according to the CDC recommendations, on a separate day for each family after attendance by the parents and godparents at a Baptism zoom class. Parishioners are invited to call the office to get an appointment for these classes. The next ZOOM class scheduled is on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 1 pm**. Please register to attend by calling the parish office at **310/216-1145**. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail, please call the office for an appointment with the pastor or associate pastor.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Christina Stamberger, daughter of Georgina Hernandez**. Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Prayer Requests:

Please email them to vizprayerrequests@gmail.com.



MISSALETTES

We will not be returning to the use of missalettes for the foreseeable future due to all the uncertainty that the COVID virus has brought on. But, we realize that some people still like to have the daily and Sunday readings along with meditations and prayers available to them. If you are interested, you can purchase through the parish at a discount, a prayer book named "The Word Among Us" for only **\$20 per year**. Please call the rectory to relay your subscription information at 310-216-1145 or email Jessica @ secretary497vc@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions Oct. 4-Oct.10, 2021

- 10/4 8am Mass-Roland and Margaret Tseng (Dec'd)
- 10/5 8am Mass-Jovita Valdez (Dec'd)
- 10/6 8am Mass-For the sick in the parish and Selim Tamer (Dec'd)
- 10/7 8am Mass-Hank Doll (Dec'd)
- 10/8 8am Mass-Andre Rouseyrol (Dec'd)
- 10/9 5pm Mass-Antonio Villacorta (Dec'd)
- 10/10 8am Mass-Ginnie Flynn (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-Malou and Gary Francia (Special Intention)



To request a **Mass Intention** please call the rectory at **310-216-1145**.

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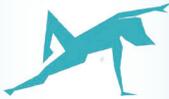
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