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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2023



WELCOME TO VISITATION CHURCH!

A special welcome to those who may be visiting us today, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us. If you are traveling, we hope you find this Catholic community welcoming. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community.

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill

ADMINISTRATOR:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary) Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

Open for private devotion: Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (**Ex 22:21-23**)

PSALM – I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

SECOND READING — For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10) GOSPEL — "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. *How could you show care for those in need this week?*

SECOND READING: Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. *How do you model your faith to family and friends?*

GOSPEL: For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Listen to your children. That's listen, not obey. Let kids contribute "input" to family life - but in weighty issues, you make the decisions." -Jim Stenson, *Compass*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The incarnation was messy." -Fr. Aelred Niespolo, OSB

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

"Please check the Visitation website under Resources/Bereavement for a list of Grieving, Cancer, Hospice and Palliative Care note titles. These are very helpful and powerful small articles. Please contact **Candy Blankenship at 310-338-9043 or blank8840@gmail.com** and she will mail them to you at no charge." Such titles include Caring for yourself while

Grieving, Overcoming Loneliness, What to do after the death of a Spouse, The first 12 months of Grieving, and many, many more.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<u>SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29TH</u> 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am - Esther Villalobos † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish 11:00am - Family Lopez Ruelas †

MONDAY - OCTOBER 30TH

8:00am - Kris Sales †

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 31ST All Hallow's Eve

8:00am - Boysie Laureola †

WEDNESDAY- NOVEMBER 1ST

All Saints 8:00am - Family Velez Loor † 7:00pm - Priest Intention

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 2ND All Souls' Day

8:00am - Gonzalez Family †

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 3RD St. Martin de Porres, Religious 8:00am - Raymond Agala †

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4TH St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 5:00pm - Elvira Solis †

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

PRAYER REQUESTS: email them to the following vizprayerrequests@gmail.com If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a

parishioner.

ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your Donations!



PARISH POST

Dear sisters and brothers,

As you know, we are in the parish phase of the National Eucharistic Revival and there are many upcoming opportunities here at Visitation to help you take one step closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Check out the full calendar here.

Next up, however, will be our screening and discussion of Babette's Feast on Wednesday, November 15th, in the O'Sullivan Hall from 6-9pm. A wine and cheese reception kicks off this inspiring and soul-satisfying evening as we then watch and ponder together the award-winning film Babette's Feast (His Holiness Pope Francis' favorite movie!). Afterward Dr. Marcela Garcia-Romero, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University, and I will lead you in a meaningful discussion about the rich philosophical and Eucharistic themes captured in this powerful film.

Friends, I hope you can join us for a fun evening that will nourish your body and soul! After all, what else - really - is there to do on a Wednesday evening?? Husbands, just think, this could be an awesome date night for you and your wife! We'll even have child care available on-site. As always, we welcome young adults (21+), Seniors, and all those in between. So set aside excuses and come have a blast! Space is limited so register now.

Peace,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

- I will be away from November 1-10th. I'm making a personal pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe before spending some days with brother priests for ongoing formation outside of Mexico City. Please pray for safe travels!
- All Saints Day! Wednesday, November 1st, is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. We'll have Masses at 8am and 7pm. Join us as we celebrate the lives of all the saints in heaven.

Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Fun Day. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Come have some fun, have some snacks and <u>plan</u> more Senior Fun Days. An idea or two

Making new friends? Renewing acquaintances? Cards? Bingo? Bunco? Movies? Potluck lunches? Bible Study? Any of the above? Other ideas? Gather up some friends and come on along and let's see what we can do.

Need a ride? Give a ride? - Let us know. Marlene Kaufman - Mary Lou Ward - Toni Kerker

Questions? call Marlene 310-365-8211

Coming? RSVP vizseniors@gmail.com

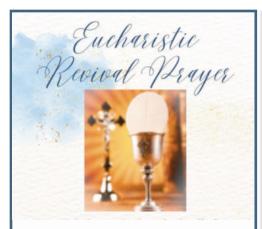
HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

On Sunday, Nov. 5 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee & Donuts after all the Masses. Please join them and feel free to ask about what they and some of their upcoming events! Please SAVE THE DATE for our next BRING A FRIEND TO MASS Weekend on Nov. 18/19!!!

THE WORD AMONG US

Attention for those who have pre-ordered the Word Among Us booklet, the November edition has arrived and can be picked up at the Rectory. If you haven't pre-ordered and would like to receive one please contact the Rectory for more information.





Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist. send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. /Amen.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL JUNE 11 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

The Revival is now reaching the pews! This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. Find out about how parishes are answering the call. For more information please visit the Eucharistic Revival Website: https://

www.eucharisticrevival.org/



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CALENDAR 2023-24

The National Eucharistic Revival invites all of us to celebrate and recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join Visitation Parish as we come to the table of the Lord, with open hands and open hearts to receive Jesus himself, the source and summit of our lives and to nourish those around us.

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters." - Pope Francis

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. In this beautiful season, give thanks to Jesus as we rest in His presence.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15

Babette's Feast Film Screening and Discussion, Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception 6 – 9pm in O'Sullivan Hall (Adults Only)
Join us for an evening nourishing to the body as well as the soul. The award-winning film Babette's Feast (His Holiness Pope Francis' favorite movie!) will be featured and discussed by Dr. Marcela Garcia-Romero, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. A wine and cheese reception kicks off this inspiring and soul-satisfying evening.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

<u>First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am</u> Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. He is waiting for you, join Him as we pray and sing in His presence.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

Encounter #1 6 – 8 pm Adoration, Talk, crafts and activities in Visitation Church and the O'Grady Center

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - St. Maximillian Kolbe

Gather with us as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ anew in prayer, adoration, preaching and reflection, and reconciliation. There is something for the whole family. All are welcome.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 Eucharistic Revival Advent Retreat Visitation Church and O'Grady

Center

Join us for a morning of reflection, beginning at 9:00 am, as we prepare for the season of Advent, and the coming of our Lord Jesus. Sponsored by Mary and Martha and open to all adult parishioners.



Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

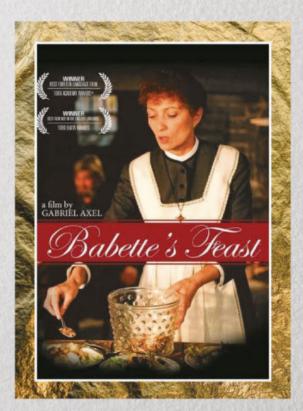
Join us for "Babette's Feast" Film Screening

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15 6 - 9 PM in O'Sullivan Hall

"Babette's Feast" Film Screening and Discussion, Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception (Adults 21+ Only)

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\$15 - 1 ticket | \$20 - 2 tickets





Visit VisBabette.givesmart.com or Scan QR Code to Register Child Care will be Provided/Available

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HELP CENTER Baby Bottle Campaign 2023

PREGNANCY

Volunteers from the Pregnancy Help Center will be here this weekend to collect your baby bottle contributions <u>before all</u> <u>Masses</u>. Please visit supportphctorrance.org/ contribute if you prefer to donate online. Your support saves lives!

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Every day, women who have had abortions are coming to the healing of the Lord. One such person has shared the following: "[My husband] convinced me to get an abortion. I was of the feeling (although I knew better) that this wasn't really a baby. It was a 'mass of tissue' I was getting rid of. I grieved for a long time when I faced what I had really done. It made me a much sadder person for a while. I made a confession to a Priest. [and] followed his advice to become involved in letting people know that they are carrying a life inside of them. I feel very good about myself now. I am involved in the Pro-Life Movement." For more info, visit www.SilentNoMore.com.



September 27 - November 5 400AYSFORLIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, we have inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 63 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk matters!

With God's help, here are the proven results:
Over 23,000 babies saved from abortion
Over 200 abortion workers converted
Over 100 abortion centers closed



Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale
Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily, September 27 – November 5
Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com
Get involved ...learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

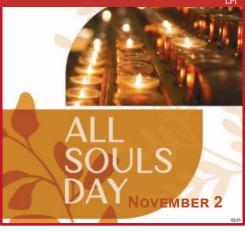
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? WHAT ARE THE RULES ABOUT MINORS SERVING AS VOLUNTEERS?

It is the job of adults — not minors — to protect children from harm and abuse. However, many minors are also volunteers at school and at church, which sometimes makes it difficult to know what roles minors should play. Within programs or ministries, there should always be an adult in an official supervisory role. Minors should be helping, but never directly in charge of younger children. Meeting this standard can be challenging but it is important in keeping all children, including minor volunteers, safe. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Minors Who Are Serving or Assisting in Volunteer-Type Activities" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



- ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBERS THOSE IN HEAVEN WHO AREN'T OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS WELL, LIKE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DIED IN A STATE OF GRACE.
- ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATES EVERYONE IN HEAVEN, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT ON THE CALENDAR.
- THERE ARE OVER 3,000 CANONIZED SAINTS!
- WHO IN YOUR FAMILY DO YOU REMEMBER FOR THEIR HOLINESS AND FAITH?



GRIEF WORKSHOP: WHAT IS PROACTIVE GRIEVING AND HOW TO GET THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSING A LOVED ONE

WHAT: The holidays are fast approaching and this two hour workshop will help you navigate the holidays. We will discuss what proactive grieving looks like and why it's important in the first hour; the second hour will give you sound practical suggestions and spiritual guidance on how to cope during this difficult holiday season.

WHEN: Sunday, November 5, 2023 **TIME:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

WHERE: O'Grady Center, Parking Lot of VisitationChurch; 6561 W. 88th St., Westchester, CA 90045WHY: Anyone who has experienced the recent death of a Beloved or years before.

WHO: Candy Blankenship (Bereavement Minister)COST: \$10.00 per person to be donated to Church of the Visitation.

Please RSVP to blank8840@gmail.com or call 310-338-9043 for accurate count and for class materials. Please also bring your own drinking water and a notebook for note-taking.

Lighting Candles in Church Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark. Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death. The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration. As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. **©LPi**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LA - OUR LADY OF ANGELS REGION invites you to join them in honoring the Drollinger Family Charitable Foundation who has been such a huge support of our local community in Westchester, here at Visitation and most of our neighborhood events. CCLA is "getting back in the swing of things" at the RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB for our in-person event on Sat. Nov. 11 at 6:00pm to honor the foundation, and also acknowledge the Westchester Rotary who

spear-headed the makeover project at St. Margaret's Center earlier this year. For full details please

visit www.CCLA2023.givesmart.com or contact Guylaine Brosmer at

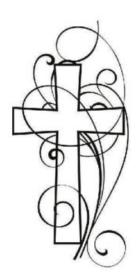
mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net for questions. Let's show our appreciation for the family who built Westchester in the first place!!!



The Advent season is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to our world. During Advent we prepare to celebrate his birth at Christmas, the anticipation of his Second Coming, and his presence everyday as we live in discipleship.

This is a hands-on workshop for catechists who minister to children of elementary age. You will learn creative ideas to help the children and their families prepare to celebrate a Jesus-centered Christmas.

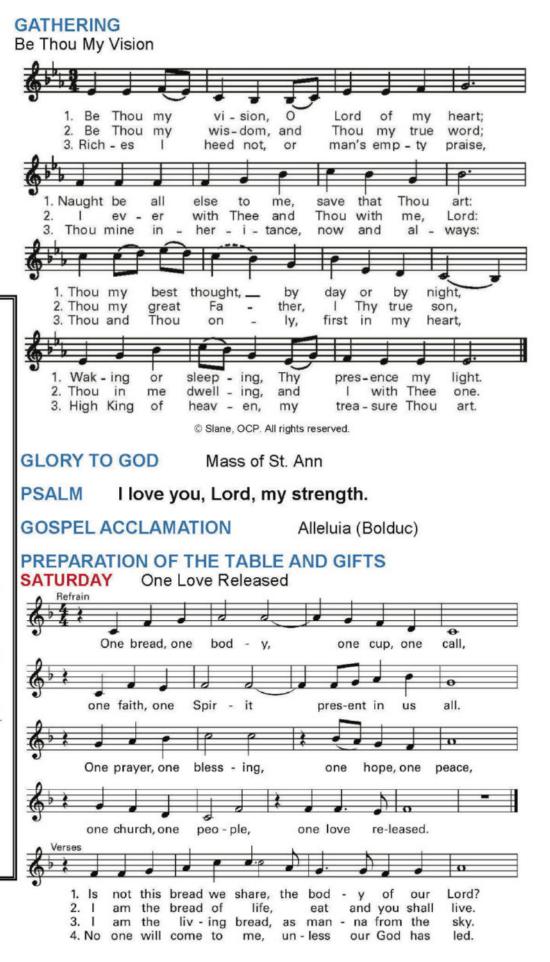


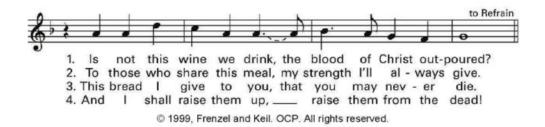


APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. died and was buried: He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

MASS PARTS Mass of St. Ann





SUNDAY Small Things With Great Love

Not to the learned nor to the kings But to the little ones who show the mysteries I rejoice when I am weak For you will give me all I need Though I cannot fly, you carry me to heaven You have not called me to be successful You have called me to be faithful

REFRAIN

I can do small things, small things with great love, That is enough I can do small things, Small things with great love And make my life something beautiful, For God

One drop in the ocean, One petal in the garden One hidden sacrifice, One reason for my life One dance before your throne, One child to give a home One step towards Calvary, One touch of empathy You have not called me to be successful You have called me to be faithful, *Refrain*

Yesterday is gone, Tomorrow is not yet come, We have only today, Let us begin, Refrain

Be faithful in small things, For in them our strength lies

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SUNDAY I Send You Out

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I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love, and know that I am with you always until the end of the world.

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