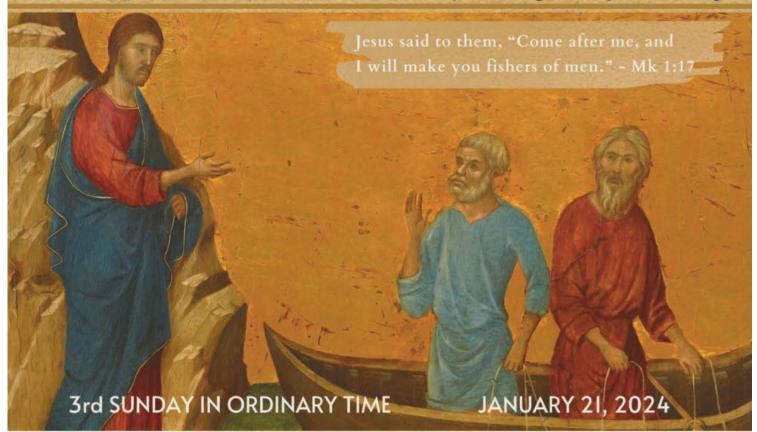


Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.



#### 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 II:00 a.m.

(The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also

live-streamed on our website)

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Fr. Matthew Wheeler

#### IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Timothy McGowan

#### RETIRED:

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)

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 Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

**PSALM** — Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING — For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

GOSPEL — Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-3 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-2

**THURSDAY:** ACTS 22:3-16 OR ACTS 9:1-22/PS 117:1BC, 2/MK 16:15-18 **FRIDAY:** 2 TM 1:1-8 OR TI 1:1-5/PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 7-8A, 10/MK 4:26-3 **SATURDAY:** 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17/PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/MK 4:35-4

#### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

**FIRST READING:** The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

**SECOND READING:** Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

GOSPEL: This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message?

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This is our destiny on earth: to struggle, for love, until the last moment. Deo gratias – thanks be to God!" -St. Josemaría Escrivá



Thank you for your continued Support and Generosity to Church of the Visitation!

#### PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Remind yourself: busyness is not a virtue. Kids, like adults, occasionally need silence and time to think. They need stretches of time to chat and play and daydream together with their brothers and sisters, to know and appreciate each other better as they grow up together." -Jim Stenson, *Compass* 

**Parish Registration:** Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner.



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 21ST

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Martha Hsu †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Helen Pelka †

#### Monday - January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am - Jeannine Buckley †

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 23RD

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:00am - Son Cha Aguilar †

#### WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 24TH

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - David Signet & Maureen Dion †

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 25TH

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00am - Diane Murray Soto †

#### FRIDAY - JANUARY 26TH

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishop

8:00am - Patricia Soto

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 27TH

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

5:00pm - Martha Hsu †

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.

#### **ONLINE GIVING:**

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PARISH POST January 21, 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am happy to present to you all our Visitation 2023 Impact Report. This report highlights the impact our community has made in the lives of so many people this past year. Inside the report, you'll find details about ministry, finances, and opportunities for investing in our future. We are distributing copies of the report at all the Masses this weekend and we also have copies available in the parish and school offices. Compiling this report takes the collaboration of staff and volunteers and I am grateful to Amy Servidea for overseeing its completion. Thanks, Amy!

Reports like these are important because they help us reflect on the successes of the past year and take note of areas where improvement is needed. The report also helps us be transparent. You are all so generous in giving your time, talent, and treasure and we ought to be held accountable and never take your sacred trust for granted.

Reviewing the report fills me with joy and hope. Transitions can be difficult and I am amazed at how we've banded together since Fr. Jim's sudden retirement to continue building upon the wonderful things happening at Visitation this past decade. Our community continues to grow and many find essential support and love here at Visitation. I am proud of all of you and I thank you for welcoming me with open arms as we move forward together. I ask that the Lord continue to shower us with blessings and bring to completion the many good things we've begun.

Our Lady of the Visitation - pray for us!

Peace.

Fr. Matt

#### Don't Forget:

-This year Ash Wednesday falls super early - February 14th!! Please keep in mind that Ash Wednesday is a day of <u>fasting</u> and <u>abstinence</u>. While this might not be the most romantic way of celebrating Valentine's Day perhaps you can make plans for another day or enjoy your one vegetarian or fish-based meal together.

-Visitation has many wonderful Lenten opportunities for you to take a step forward in your relationship with Jesus and the Church. Please take a look at the parish website under LENT RESOURCES for more information on how you can live your best Lent this year!

#### 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.

#### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

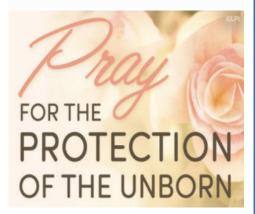
Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

◆ Belen Maldonado who went home to the Lord on January 7, 2024. She was 92 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, January 23rd at 10:00AM at Visitation.

Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.



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.



PAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### DID YOU KNOW? GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE INTERACTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Appropriate behavior online is critical to maintaining boundaries and being a trusted adult to the young people in your care. Do not use your personal social media account to "friend" or "follow" the children you work with. Do not email from a personal email address. If you do interact with young people online, do not comment on their social media accounts or use them to obtain more information or start conversations. If your organization does not have rules about social media use for employees, work with management to put some in place. For more, read the VIRTUS® article "Social Media Rules to Follow with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



# **HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the **Welcome Wagon!!!** Please be sure to join us after all of the Masses next weekend Jan. 27/28 as we host a special hospitality for our newest (July-Dec.) parishioners.



Amen.

#### GATHERING

Christ Before Us



#### 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 PSALM Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

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### SUNDAY Follow Me

### Refrain

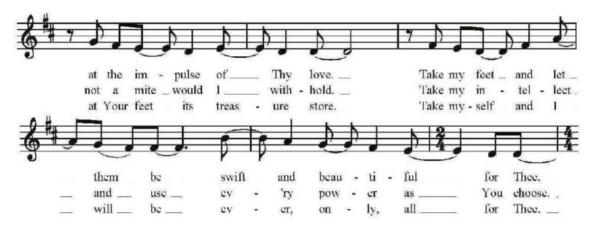
I've called you by name. I call you my friend. From now on you'll be fishers of men. Cast out all fear. Put out in the deep. Take up your cross and follow me.

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Take My Life





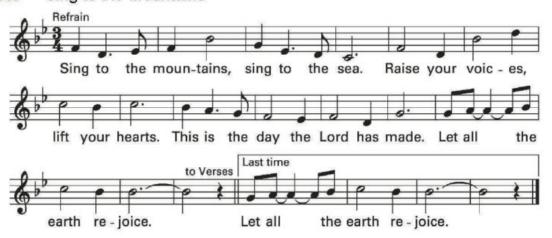
#### Refrain

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

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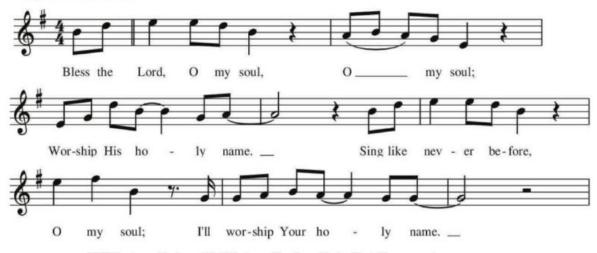
Sing to the Mountains



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### SUNDAY

10,000 Reasons



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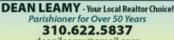
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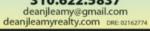


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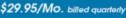
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