



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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MAY 21, 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 (Inside the church)

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m.

(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church)

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

(The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed)

CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary)

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 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:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am.

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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (**Acts 1:14**)

PSALM — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (**Ps 51**) **Or Alleluia.**

SECOND READING — If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (**1 Pt 4:14**)

GOSPEL — Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (**Jn 17:1**)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I guess it's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you when you go" (*Three Wooden Crosses*, Randy Travis).

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Teach your children, relentlessly, the four great pillars of civilized dealings with others: "please," "thank you," "I'm sorry," and "I give my word..." (*Compass*, Jim Stenson).

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated 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, May 28, 2023** at **1pm**. 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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

♦ **Maria Carmen Aceves "Carmina"**, who went home to the Lord on April 10, 2023. She was 93 years old. Funeral mass will take place May 27, 2023 at 11:00AM at Visitation.

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

WELCOME WAGON: *Bring A Friend to Mass* weekend was a big success! Thank you to all who volunteered to help out and all those who attended and brought someone with them. Stay tuned for another one later this year. We would also like to thank all of those who made our Easter season special by stepping in to make sure we had hospitality every week during the 50 days of Easter, including on Mother's Day!

Our next **Coffee & Donuts** will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28** (Hosted by the Welcome Wagon). Please join them in the Mary's courtyard after each Mass. Our June dates are June 11 (Knights of Columbus) and June 25 (Welcome Wagon). Also, when you're craving Yum Yum donuts or a breakfast sandwich, be sure to visit the Playa location at 8139 W Manchester (just past the Knights of Columbus hall) and say thank you from Visitation!!!



Mass Intentions

& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

♦ SUNDAY - MAY 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter, World Communications Day

8:00am - Joseph Kassar †

11:00am - Richard Polatewicz †

♦ MONDAY - MAY 22, 2023

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00am - Jim Van Dusen †

♦ TUESDAY - MAY 23, 2023

8:00am - Joseph Sakamaki †

♦ WEDNESDAY - MAY 24, 2023

8:00am - Joan Drew †

♦ THURSDAY - MAY 25, 2023

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

8:00am - Andre Rouseyrol †

♦ FRIDAY - MAY 26, 2023

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00am - Bernadette "Bernie" Robert †

♦ SATURDAY - MAY 27, 2023

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00pm - Anne Gervais Dorn †

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

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On a recent classroom visit, one of our students asked me, “Why do we crown Mary?”

Great question! Why do we do that? Is it because Mary is a goddess and we worship Mary? No. The Blessed Trinity is God and worship God alone! Instead, we crown Mary because she is the queen of heaven and earth. And why is that? Well, the Bible clearly teaches us that Jesus is the king (gospel genealogies go to great lengths to show that Jesus is of the royal line of King David) and since Jesus is the king, Mary is the queen! That’s because at the time of Jesus, the royal queen was not the wife of the royal king, but the *mother* of the king. So Mary’s queenship reminds us of something very important about Jesus: that he is *the* King. He is the King of the universe and should also be the King of our hearts.

Now back to the question. For centuries Christians have shown their gratitude and honor to Mary by having special crowning ceremonies. We don’t crown Mary because we worship her, but to show her honor and respect because of her total commitment to God and love of Jesus, her Son.

More recently, these crownings happen in the month of May because this is a month every year dedicated to Mary. Traditionally, the Catholic Church has dedicated special days of the week and months of the year to certain devotions. For example, Saturday is a weekday dedicated to Mary and the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Therefore it is fitting to crown Mary in the special month in which we try to show her more love and devotion. After all, she is our queen mother too!

Friends, just as Jesus came to the world through Mary, we are to go to him through Mary, as well. In this way, Mary is the conduit for divine encounter with Jesus! As we approach our parish feast day on May 31st, the feast of the Visitation, let’s take advantage of opportunities to go to Mary: the rosary, prayerful conversations, the angelus, or a good Marian book. Have a blessed week!

Ave Maria,

Fr. Matt

Don’t Forget:

Please pray for our 8th graders as they prepare for graduation on June 2nd. Congratulations, 8th graders! We’ll miss you but know that you always have a home at Visitation!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Christ in One Another The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one’s bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone. I’m sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord’s Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I’m sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed. But we don’t hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together. Saint John Paul II famously said that “it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God. As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it. But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us. “Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.” — Psalm 27

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Congratulations!

Our community is partnering with every parish, mission, and Catholic center in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to strengthen parishes, families, and communities.

Each parish has a goal and a share that will directly benefit our community:

Our Goal	\$590,000
Amount Raised	\$761,780
Average Gift	\$8,104
Percent of Goal Raised	129%

"It is not how much you give, but how much love you put into giving." St. Theresa of Calcutta

During our Commitment Weekend, Visitation raised \$134,730 from 33 families. We have now raised **\$761,780** from 94 families for our *Called to Renew* initiative. Every dollar collected over our campaign goal of \$590,000, stays in our parish to address local needs.

Fr. Matthew Wheeler and all staff and clergy of Visitation thank you for your generous support of our parish community and Archbishop Gomez.

This weekend, we have a final opportunity to participate in *Called to Renew*. We invite every family to consider making a meaningful gift to the campaign. Whatever you can give will make a significant difference for our community in the next five years. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? RESIDENCE RESTRICTION LAWS

Residence restriction laws are state and local laws that prevent convicted sexual offenders from living within a specific range of a school, park, daycare, bus stop, or other known area for children. Many states have adopted some form of residence restriction to prevent sexual offenders from committing repeat crimes. These laws exist and have an impact, but they are only one layer of protection and are not a guarantee that a park, bus stop or other space is safe. For more information on restriction laws, read the VIRTUS® article "Residence Restriction Laws: Do they prevent sexual abuse?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Visitation Church Goal:
\$57,470.00
Amount Pledge:
\$34,642.25 60.3%
Amount Paid:
\$28,703.14 49.9%
Difference Over/(Under)
Goal vs. Amount Paid:
(\$28,766.86) -50.1%

The students in our Confirmation Program that have completed their 2 year preparation will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today, May 21st. Mass will be at 2:00PM. They will receive this wonderful Sacrament from Most Reverend Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. Today is the beginning of an incredible journey through life with God at their side. May they be blessed with love and success as they continue forward. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.



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Ascension of the Lord

GATHERING

Christ Before Us

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us,
2. May we be for one an - oth - er
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges;

1. Christ to guide us all our days. He to car - ry
2. all that you would have us be. May we live your
3. Christ be - side us here to - day. Spir - it, lead us

1. all our sor - rows, he to bear us per - fect grace.
2. law of kind - ness, love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty.
3. forth for - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor,
2. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your
3. Christ the Sav - ior, God the Liv - ing, Great Cre - a - tor,

1. Son of God, save your peo - ple in your dy - ing,
2. ho - ly face! Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing;
3. Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal,

1. and in ris - ing, con - quer death.
2. dwell with - in this ho - ly place.
3. come and be our wel - come guest.

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PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Song of Redemption

Refrain



I have seen the Lord, and I know he lives;
for I've heard his voice calling out to me, "Be - lieve and fol - low me."

Fine

Verse 1



1. Death no long - er tri - umphs, for we shall live for -
1. ev - er, re - deemed in the love of Je - sus who -
1. died that we might live.

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Where two or three have gath - ered, God's in the midst of
2. them. From the tomb of death he ris - es, re -
2. deem - er of us all.

to Refrain

Verse 3



3. The stone once re - ject - ed has be - come the cor - ner -
3. stone. By the Lord has this been done; it is
3. won - der - ful in our eyes!

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COMMUNION

Make Your Home In Me

Verses

1. Ev - ery fox, a den; ev - ery bird, a nest; but the
2. Lord, you come to me in your home - less - ness; burn - ing

1. Son of Man has no place to rest. Ev - ery heart, a man; ev - ery
2. in your eyes, such a great dis - tress. Who will heal your wounds? Who will

1. king, a throne; but the Word Made Flesh, no earth - ly home.
2. make your bed? I will com - fort you, I will share my bread.

Refrain

Your bur - den's light and your yoke is eas - y. Your name is
love and your grace is free. My heart was locked but
you had the key. Make your home in me, make your
home in me. home in me.

1, Final to Verse 2 2

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SENDING

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses

1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to
2. Fed with the Bread of new life, filled with the
3. Now make us stead - fast in faith, joy - ful in

1. be your dis - ci - ples, to bring all the world
2. wine of com - pas - sion, send us out to serve
3. hope of Christ's com - ing, and by u - ni - ty

to Refrain

1. to the joy of your king - dom. _____
2. all the world in your name. _____
3. let your love fill our lives. _____

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