



# CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

## 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: 8:00 a.m.

(This mass is also live-streamed)

### SUNDAY MASS

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 on our website)

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

## ADMINISTRATOR:

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

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** – The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

**PSALM** – Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

**SECOND READING** – Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

**GOSPEL** – So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23/Mk 2:18-22

**TUESDAY:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**THURSDAY:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10A, 10B-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**FRIDAY:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 AND 11/Mk 3:13-19

**SATURDAY:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

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

**FIRST READING:** In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. *Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?*

**SECOND READING:** Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. *What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?*

**GOSPEL:** In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" *How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?*

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"But I am the shadow you cannot outrun, the mirror that holds your final reflection. You may duck my gaze for all your days on earth, but let me assure you, I get the last look. I am Truth." -Mitch Albom, *The Little Liar*

## HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

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

## PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Encourage a reasonable level of athletic involvement. Use athletics to inculcate the benefits of sportsmanship and exerting one's best effort and staying in shape. But put first things first. Don't let organized sports conflict unreasonably with dinner time or otherwise wreak havoc in family life. Frantic running around robs the family of time and peace of mind. Sports should energize family members, not exhaust them. If you sense things are getting out of hand, cut back." - 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 14TH

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am - Betty Miller †

9:30am - For the people of  
Visitation Parish

11:00am - Gilbert Castro †

### MONDAY - JANUARY 15TH

*Martin Luther King Day*

8:00am - Martha Hsu †

### TUESDAY - JANUARY 16TH

8:00am - Karl Brewer †

### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 17TH

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:00am - Rocco Farello †

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 18TH

*January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity*

8:00am - Francesco Borgese †

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 19TH

8:00am - Marilou Laureola †

### SATURDAY - JANUARY 20TH

*St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,  
Martyr*

5:00pm - Tony Sales †

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.

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Dear sisters and brothers,

Church law stipulates that a cleric is bound in a special way to “pursue holiness” and “make time for spiritual retreats according to the precepts of particular law” (Canon 276). For this reason, and others, I join approximately 20 other parish priests annually in January and drive up to a retreat center in the greater San Francisco area for a 5-day silent retreat. Yes, you read that correctly - a silent retreat. What that means is that after dinner the first evening until breakfast on the final day we all make an intentional effort to not talk to each other. We turn off our cell phones. We quiet down. We enter into silence...

You might ask: “Why engage in such grotesque self-inflicted torture!?” Haha well it’s because entering into the silence, while daunting, is a liberating experience that disposes us to commune with God in powerful ways. And so far from being an escape, we “retreat” from the outside world so we can connect more deeply with the interior world of God and grace. In fact, I love going on silent retreats and I look forward to it every year. Is it hard to make time for it? Yes. Is there a pile of work waiting for me when I return? Yes. But I’ve learned that making the sacrifice for this time with God is indispensable and totally worth it.

In more recent generations, these sorts of opportunities have been made available not only to priests and religious but also to lay men and women. As far as I’m concerned this is certainly to be encouraged! Have you ever been on a silent retreat? If not, you should! There are many retreat houses in Los Angeles that offer them and I promise that you won’t regret it. If you have questions about it don’t hesitate to come and chat with me.

Thank you for your prayers and I’ll be bringing all of you to my prayers this week. See you next weekend!

Blessings,

Fr. Matt

### Looking Ahead:

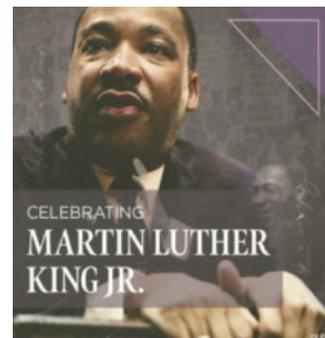
-Have a blessed Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday! May the life and witness of Dr. King be an inspiration for us all.

-Join me along with Archbishop Gomez for the annual One Life LA event downtown on January 20th. Register at [onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org) This is an awesome opportunity to support life in all of its stages of development; from conception until natural death. It ends with a 5pm Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral.

-This year **Ash Wednesday** falls super early - **February 14th!!** Please keep in mind that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. 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.

### 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](mailto: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.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 15th. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 16th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Eucharistic Revival Prayer



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.

## Baptism

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, January 21, 2024** 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.



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## FISH FRY DINNERS!



**When:** Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm (or until we're out!)  
**Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall  
8049 W. Manchester Ave, Playa Del Rey  
**How:** call 310-821-2324 for a Take-out Order

**Meal:** Main: Fish, Shrimp, or Combination  
Side: Baked Potato, Fries, or Onion Rings (\$3)  
All Meals: Cole Slaw and a Dinner Roll  
Prices (depending on choices): \$15 to \$18

Dinner proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program  
Parking in the Rear Credit Cards Accepted  
BINGO starts at 7:30pm

## Viz Senior

Come to O'Grady Center and have a **Fun Day**.  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**  
**1:30 - 3:30 PM**

Catch up with old friends, make new ones.  
We'll have fun activities, have some snacks *and*  
plan more Senior Fun Days\*.

\*An idea or two? Share them with the group.

**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



## GATHERING

### God, We Praise You

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we  
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who  
 name you sov-'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels  
 set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -  
 wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your church a - dored: All cre -  
 heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise, While your  
 a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and  
 church on earth con - fess - es One ma -  
 earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
 ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"  
 Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

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## 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

## GLORIA

**PSALM** Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia (Angrisano)

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

### Behold the Lamb of God

Verse  
 You are my Lord. It's you I a - dore.  
 Your might hum - bles ev - 'ry heart; the high - est of heav -  
 - ens bow. } Noth - ing on earth could ev - er take  
 your place. And now we see your  
 sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our great - est prize. Be -

## MASS PARTS

### MASS OF ST. ANN

Refrain

hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who  
 takes a - way the sins of the world. world.

1 3 to Verse 2 to Bridge

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## COMMUNION

Here I Am, Lord

Verses

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who  
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

1. made the stars of night, I will make \_ their dark-ness bright.  
 2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts \_ for love a - lone.  
 3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts \_ be sat - is - fied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom \_ shall I send?  
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom \_ shall I send?  
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom \_ shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
 call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
 lead me. I will hold \_ your \_ peo - ple in my heart.

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## SENDING SATURDAY

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the  
 2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry  
 3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our

world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And  
 land and na - tion; For in your King - dom, Lord di - vine, A -  
 heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In



thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.  
lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!  
end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

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**SUNDAY** Hallelujah is Our Song

Verses



1. What hope we have, e - ven in the long - est  
2. What peace we have, e - ven in this wound - ed

1. night, for the light will o - ver - come.  
2. world where the bat - tle rag - es on.

1. We will not fear, for we know the  
2. We will not fear, for we know who

1st time to Verse 2

1. sun will rise.  
2. heals our souls. Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en  
o - ver all. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

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