

# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION



OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

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 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

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

**PSALM** — Lord, let your face shine on us. **(Ps 4)** Or: Alleluia.

**SECOND READING** — He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

GOSPEL — "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 6:8-15/PS 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/JN 6:22-29

TUESDAY: ACTS 7:51-8:1A/PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 7B AND 8A, 17 AND 21AB/JN 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1B-8/Ps 66:1-3A, 4-5, 6-7A/Jn 6:35-40 **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY: ACTS 9:1-20/PS 117:1BC, 2/JN 6:52-59

**SATURDAY:** ACTS 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Hypocrisy is the sin that God denounces most forcefully throughout the Bible, and the reason is clear. Through hypocrisy people dethrone God and him in second place while placing creatures - public opinion - in first place." - Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa

## PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Remind yourself often: you're raising adults, not children."

-Jim Stenson, Compass

## **HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!**

Coffee and Donuts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 14. Please join them after all the morning Masses.

Please join us next weekend; April 20 & 21 for our next **BRING A FRIEND TO MASS** weekend. Whether it's a friend, neighbor, out of town Visitor or your child's classmate, we encourage you to come to Mass and join us afterwards for hospitality hosted by the Welcome Wagon.

## Thank You!!!

We would like to thank the following parishioners who generously volunteered their time to beautifully decorate the church for Holy Week and Easter: Chip Mallek, Dwight LeDuff, Tom Hughes, students from Confirmation with their parents, Kim and Van Nguyen, Cathy Smith, and all volunteers.

Again, thank you from: Liturgical Environment Team, Maryann Nguyen, and Fr. Tim

#### 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.



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

## SUNDAY - APRIL 14TH

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am - Edward Connoy †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Albert Cobb †

#### MONDAY - APRIL 15TH

Tax Day

8:00am - Donna Cervanek †

#### TUESDAY - APRIL 16TH

8:00am - Tom Wyatt †

## WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17TH

8:00am - Tom Wyatt †

## THURSDAY - APRIL 18TH

8:00am - Diane & Roy Ringwood

## FRIDAY - APRIL 19TH

8:00am - Mary Ann Sparks †

### SATURDAY - APRIL 20TH

5:00pm - Phil Roberts †

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.



#### Thank you for your Donations!

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

PARISH POST April 14, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I was recently listening to an interesting interview on the virtue of chastity during which the question "what is a human being?" was posed. In answering the question Bishop Erik Varden recalls that the Greek Fathers of the Church primarily understood a human being as a person. The Greek word for person is *prosopon* which directly translates as "one having a face". But if you break down the word *prosopone* you find that it is actually a combination of two Greek words: *pros* (towards) and *ops* (face). So a human being is someone who has a face that is oriented toward the face of another; a face which in turn is oriented toward it. So for the Greek Fathers to be a human being ultimately means to long for and desire to meet the gaze of another. In seeing and being seen we are made free and flourish as human beings.

While this language might seem a bit technical or antiquated I find it so relevant for our modern world. Part of the tragedy for people today is that we feel that we are stuck having to work ourselves out on our own (perhaps with a little help from an iPhone screen!). We feel a need to first sort ourselves out, acquire the tools for our own fulfillment, and only then can we go out and meet the world. True; part of the human experience is to be fragmented, incomplete, and fragile. But when we allow ourselves to be seen as we are - with all our imperfections and complexities - and for who we can become by God's grace will we have a sense of our own dignity, freedom, confidence, and joy. All of this flows from being seen for what we are and recognizing in the gaze of another what we can become. Further, God gifts us with each other so that we can support each other in human flourishing. We were never meant to tackle life alone.

I invite you to consider your relationships with this in mind. As a spouse, mother, father, sibling, friend, or co-worker. Do we really see each other? Or are we too busy running around, meeting deadlines, and checking things off our TO DO lists. Imagine if we saw our relationships as opportunities to truly behold the other, accompany them, and help bring clarity to who they are made in God's image and likeness. Perhaps we would then appreciate all the more our fundamental relationship with God because at the end of the day all of us are children of God living before the face of God. God sees us for who we are - sins and all - and yet sees what we can become and is ready to assist us with every grace to help us flourish.

Happy Easter and have a wonderful week!

Peace,

Fr. Matt

## Don't forget:

- Bring a Friend to Mass Weekend! I'm looking forward to next weekend as we welcome our family and friends to worship with us at Visitation. My love and prayers are with you this week as you personally reach out to others and invite them to join you at Mass.
- **First Holy Communion!** Pray for our children receiving their First Holy Communion on April 20th. May they experience Jesus' enduring love for them in the Eucharist.
- Good Shepherd Sunday! April 21st is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a special day to pray for your priests and ask God's blessing upon them.
- O'Grady Golf Classic! See on our parish website how you can participate in our O'Grady Golf Classic and help support our parish school. Thanks for your generosity!



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SATURDAY MAY 11th

Eucharistic Revival Parish Retreat 8am – 3pm in the Church, O'Grady Center and O'Sullivan Hall

Join us as we celebrate the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist in our parish wide Eucharistic Revival Retreat.

Prayer, discussion, reflection, fellowship and reconciliation will take place, followed by a celebration of the Mass.

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <a href="https://lacatholics.org/protect/">https://lacatholics.org/protect/</a> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 737-7650 or visit <a href="https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/">https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/</a> for help and support.

#### **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, April 28, 2024** at **1pm.** Please register to attend by calling the parish office. 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.

## Viz Senior

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Senior Fun Day.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 PM

for an informative and pertinent program. SENIOR SERVICES; and how to access them when you need them.

Valet Parking will be provided
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

# IT'S TIME . . . BE A BETTER MAN 2024 MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening May 17th and Saturday May 18th right here on campus. It is presented by the men of our parish who have experienced it. If you speak to a Cornerstone Brother, he'll tell you the experience



has enhanced his life in many ways – he is a better husband and father to his family, he is a better friend, he is more grounded in his work, and, most importantly, he has discovered new dimensions in his relationship with Christ.

Call Russell Kehl at 323.304.1065 with questions, or register on our Parish web site, www.visitationchurch-la.com. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.





Saturday 5 PM Sunday 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM

Please color this invitation and deliver to a friend!
All are welcome!



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Called to Renew Update March 2024

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$901,330.00

Total Paid: \$290,641.64

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The Daughters of St Paul will be visiting our parish the weekend of

April 27-28, 2024

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## PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

The Pregnancy Help Center presents its 37th Annual Walk for Life South Bay on Saturday, May 18th, at Veterans Park, Redondo Beach, 7:30 am onsite registration & pre-walk festivities (music, snacks, face painting). Choose the Visitation team to walk together, raise money and save lives every step of the way. 100% of proceeds provide free pregnancy services for clients of the Center. For information or to register: event.fundeasy.com/27239 or call the Center at 424-263-4855. Sign



up by April 23rd and raise/pay \$45 to be guaranteed a Walk t-shirt.

Thank you!



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(For Visitation School families, a portion of your sponsorship goes toward your family fundraising goal)

For more information about sponsorship levels email golf@visitationschool.org



## Prayer

God, give me the words I need. I want everyone I know to follow you.

## Mission for the Week

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.

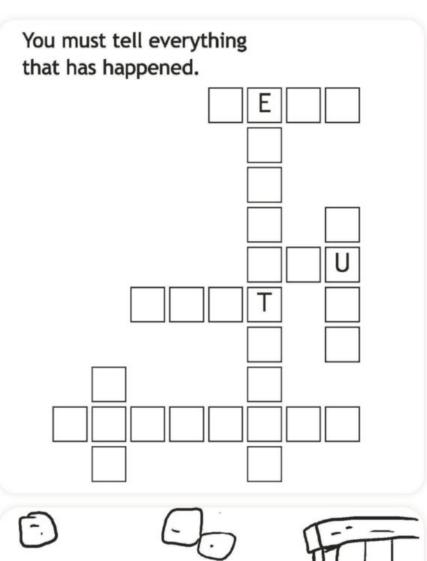
## Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus came to his friends after Easter, they could hardly believe he was real. Jesus told his friends it was okay to touch him. Jesus had bones. He had muscles. He had scars from the cross. Jesus even ate a piece of fish to show that his stomach worked okay. Yes, they had all seen Jesus die, but God raised him to life. Moses and King David and the prophets had all written about the Savior. The Scriptures all came true through Jesus. He really is alive. If you believe in Jesus, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends that Jesus is their savior, too.

Now color the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:







## 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



## **GLORY TO GOD**

Mass of St. Ann.

PSALM Lord, let your face shine on us.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Easter Alleluia (Haugen)

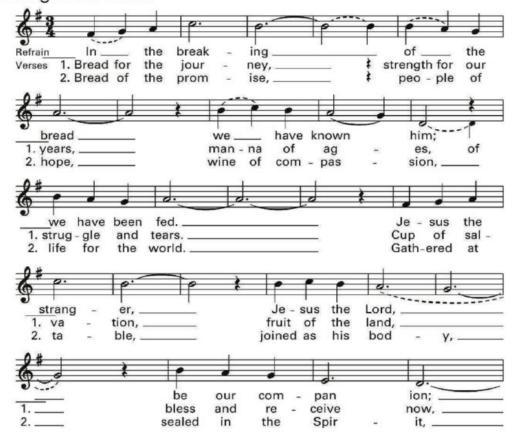
## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Down to the River to Pray



## COMMUNION

In the Breaking of the Bread





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## Alleluia Alleluia



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