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Daily Mass (Inside the church)
Monday-Friday: 8:00am
(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church)
Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am
(The Sunday Mass at 8am is also live-streamed)

Confessions (Outside in Mary's courtyard)
Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm 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 between the hours of 7:30am-4:00pm. (Monday-Friday)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The will of **GOD** will **never** take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

-Bernadette Devlin

Jesus asked them,

**“BUT WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**



Peter said to
him in reply,

**“YOU
ARE THE
CHRIST.”**

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

Pastor's Post



THE UP THINGS

I just recently received an email from the parishioner whose little girl thought I was God. She had more theological musings which her mom gave me permission to share.

Hi Fr. Jim!

My just-turned-five year old who had her mind blown seeing you “not in God clothes” at little Vons a while back has a sweet kid question for you. Here’s how today went:

Emme: Mom, who made Jesus and Santa and all the Elves?

Mom: God

Emme: Who made God? Who made all of the “up things?”

What would you tell her?! Teehee.

I wrote back and asked, “...tell me, what did she mean by the “up things?””

Mom: “Why... the “up-things” are all the things that live or come from above, of course! ;) hehe. When she coined this phrase, she pointed towards heaven.”

This little theologian got me thinking. Centuries ago, trying to explain the universe, there was a philosophical/theological theory which posited that above us was “ether,” the essence of everything, a pool of energy from which the universe came and from which it is fed. Or as Emme so simply put it, the “up thing”. What we would call heaven.

My health struggles have got me thinking more about the afterlife these days. I often think of heaven as being a destination, the resting place we all long for. But I think that Emme and those ancient philosophers are onto something. Perhaps heaven is not to be considered only as a place to go but also as a vast source of divine life from which all grace’s flow. The temptation is to think of heaven only in terms as the place for God and the angels and saints live. Where all my beloved dead have journeyed. A destination. Perhaps it is far more than that. Heaven is the source of all goodness, all that we treasure in this life. From heaven comes compassion, comes understanding, comes acceptance, in short, comes love. All that makes life worth living. Who wouldn’t want to live in such a place? But as Christians we are not called to simply wait out this life in order to live that one. Jesus came and brought heaven with him. The theological concept of realized eschatology is that the kingdom of God is already here. It is our mission to take all this divine life and to bring it to fulfillment. Like a flower slowly opening in the morning, the kingdom of God is gradually unfolding and revealing itself here on earth.

I would say to Emme, “All the up things are already right here.” All around us. What we have to do is to live in that grace and give it to others.

Fr. Jim



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DID YOU KNOW? September 11-12 || What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child. For more information, visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.



September 22 - October 31
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- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Teressa Syta, 310-592-4213 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

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Catholic Divorce Ministry Council-Help and Hope for Single Parents

This will take place on **Wednesday's June 23 to September 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm**. There aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges single parents face. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, but sometimes it's all you can do to survive from one day to the next. Single and Parenting is a special weekly group that will bring hope to your life. For more info. Contact **Jerry Pyne @714-309-2424** or email msajtp@yahoo.com. Registration link: <https://www.singleandparenting.org/groups/134990>

Knights of Columbus Council

The weekend of **September 11th and 12th**, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Rancho San Antonio Raffle Tickets before and after all the Masses. The donations for raffle tickets are **\$2 each or \$20 per book of 10**. The Grand Prize is \$3,000, Second Prize is \$2,000 and 10 \$100 Third Prizes. The **raffle will be held at the Rancho Open House on October 3, 2021**. The proceeds from this raffle support the "Boys Home of the West" located in Chatsworth. Its mission, which began almost 90 years ago, is to help young men develop the skills, values and personal responsibility needed to become useful members of their community. For many of these young men, Rancho represents their first real chance to succeed. Rancho success rate in achieving this goal is over 80%. The Knights of Columbus have supported Rancho San Antonio since the 1950s. We deeply appreciate the generous support that the parishioners of Visitation have given to this annual drive over the years. Contact **Mike Engler** if you have any questions at **703-350-7262**.

**SESSIONS OF FAITH
(PREP)**

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), for students in Grades **K-8**, including sacrament preparation, we are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year which will begin in September. For more information, please contact our Coordinator, **Debra Evans** via phone or text at **703-582-9888**, or by email at religioeducationvc@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to share your faith with others, especially young people? If so, please consider volunteering for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). This ministry is for people who are interested in sharing God's love and bringing others closer to Christ. Please consider joining us. We especially welcome those who may have served in other ministries, who are not able to continue to serve in person at this time. Thank you and God Bless You! See the above email and phone number for more information and questions about our programs.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in the program for the next two years, please go online to visitationchurch-la.com to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeremy Brosmer at confirmationvc@gmail.com.



R.C.I.A.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just for you. RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic.
- Was never baptized.
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Was baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Is interested in catching up on or renewing their faith.



We welcome you to join us in our RCIA group most Mondays from **7-8:30pm** when we have Zoom meetings. **In person meetings** will begin on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. Please call the church office to inquire @ **310/216-1145** or email **Toni Kerker** at tmkerker@gmail.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is by definition the primary Advisory group for the Pastor. Fr. Jim sees the PPC as more than just advisory and classifies the group as an integral part of our Parish Leadership. Thus he sees us having a more active role in helping the Parish continuing to thrive and run smoothly. Typically, the membership on the PPC reflects a cross-section of the Parish and is composed of people (in some cases couples) who are "mature," established parishioners with adult children, school parents, PREP and/or other parents and/or young adults.

Members are usually also active in other parish ministries and/or at the school. Our meetings are technically open meetings and can be attended by anyone who is interested. Fr. Jim and Fr. Tim, as well as Chris Watson are present at the meetings. At this time we are holding these meetings via Zoom and they are typically scheduled about every 6 weeks on a Wednesday evening. If interested in observing a meeting or finding out more, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME WAGON

Our Welcome Wagon (WW) committee was spun off from the PPC about 5 years ago. This committee, as the name suggests, is focused on welcoming new parishioners, but it is really more than that. Fr. Tim is at the helm and he has started a Baptismal Shepherd program for babies and young children who are being baptized at the Parish and have a "shepherd couple" guiding through the sacrament and welcoming their child into our church family.

The WW is also working on additional ways to welcome any and all newly registered parishioners whether it be a new school family, someone who has moved into the area or who was previously registered at another parish. We assign a committee member/volunteer to call each newly registered parishioner to personally welcome them and make they are informed on what is currently going on in the parish.

WW is also accepting volunteers to be official Mass greeters...arriving at the Mass of their choice about 10 minutes early and GREETING people, introducing themselves, and even asking them if they are new to the area or visiting.

Last but not least, we are on a mission to re-imagine and re-establish Hospitality after the Sunday Masses. This is our Coffee & Donuts, but we see hospitality as being of greeting and welcoming people after Masses as well. As of right now the plan is to start by having Hospitality one Sunday a month.

All of the areas mentioned above need volunteers in order to be successful, thus if you are interested in finding out more information, joining the committee as a whole OR just interested in one specific area as a volunteer, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net or Fr. Tim McGowan at tmcgowan033@gmail.com

BAPTISMS



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, according to the CDC recommendations, 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, October 17, 2021 at 1 pm**. 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.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

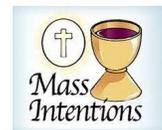
Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of those who lost a loved one. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Prayer Requests:

Please email them to vizprayerrequest@gmail.com.



**Mass Intentions
Sept. 13-Sept. 19, 2021**



- 9/13 8am Mass-**James and Patricia Soto** (Special Intention) 35th Wedding Anniversary
- 9/14 8am Mass-**Joe and Miriam Van Dusen** (Dec'd)
- 9/15 8am Mass-**For the sick in the Parish and Sharon Rouse** (Special Intention)
- 9/16 8am Mass-**Terry Grady** (Dec'd)
- 9/17 8am Mass-**The Sisters at Visitation Convent** (Special Intention)
- 9/18 5pm Mass-**Louis Diluzio**(Dec'd)
- 9/19 8am Mass-**Catherine Nguyen** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-**Mary Giles** (Special Intention)

To request a **Mass Intention** please call the Rectory

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