



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023

ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler

IN RESIDENCE:

Father Timothy McGowan

RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

Msgr. James Forsen

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)

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

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner. www.visitationchurch-la.com/register

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. **(Wis 12:19)**

PSALM — Lord, you are good and forgiving. **(Ps 86)**

SECOND READING — The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. **(Rom 8:26)**

GOSPEL — “Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” **(Mt 13:30)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1BC-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-4

TUESDAY: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B/DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-4

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“In the house of my father there are many places to live,’ Jesus says. Each child of God has there his or her unique place, all of them places of God. I have to let go of all comparison, all rivalry and competition, and surrender to the Father’s love” (Henri Nouwen).

A Note from Fr. Jim about Retirement:



If any of you had been wondering what Fr. Jim was going to be doing in his retirement, you were not alone. He had no idea! But some parishioners have encouraged him to start a YouTube channel (*Mindful Moments with Father Jim Forsen*) and record his reflections on Sunday’s gospel, which he has been doing for the last several weeks. If you would be interested in listening in please visit his YouTube page and subscribe.

From his many health adventures, Fr Jim has gathered quite the collection of medical devices which now just sit in his garage doing nothing. So if anyone would like a walker, there are two walkers in very good condition available. Also, if anyone needs a set of crutches, those are available too. (One of the hand rests got chewed on by a mouse, but still in good condition.) He also has two never-used perfectly clean hospital urinals which can attach to a bedside for those who are confined to bed. If anyone would like them, they are free of charge, first come first served, just call the rectory.

PARENT LEADERSHIP

“Teach your children the meaning of the word ‘integrity.’ Integrity is unity of intention, word, and action - that we mean what we say, we say what we mean, and we keep our word” (Jim Stenson, Parent Leadership).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FR. MATT

Father Matt was awarded the Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight’s award for his outstanding service to the Knights of Columbus and Visitation. Thank you Fr. Matt for all you do for Visitation Parish.



& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY- JULY 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Paul Chen †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Tory Comfort

◆ MONDAY - JULY 24, 2023

St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

8:00am - Paul Chen †

◆ TUESDAY - JULY 25, 2023

St. James, Apostle

8:00am - Paul Chen †

◆ WEDNESDAY - JULY 26, 2023

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Diane Bacon †

◆ THURSDAY - JULY 27, 2023

8:00am - Paul Chen †

◆ FRIDAY - JULY 28, 2023

8:00am - Frances Mondello †

◆ SATURDAY - JULY 29, 2023

Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

5:00pm - Esther Villalobos †

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

Mary and Martha
are celebrating the
Feast of St. Martha
Saturday, July 29th 2023 at 11:30 am
in Mary's Courtyard at Visitation Church!

All the women of the parish are invited to join us!

Bring your own lunch and beverage
and we will provide dessert!

Questions call Tom at 310-502-7843 or Mary Jane at 310-645-5839

PREP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Registration for Visitation's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is now open for students of all abilities in first grade through 8th grade, who are not enrolled in Catholic School. This includes Sacrament preparation and Baptism for unbaptized children. We would love to welcome your family to PREP this year! Classes are held on Sundays in-person and on-line between 9:15 am and 10:45 am. Classes begin on **Sunday, September 17th** with our Opening Ceremonies and run through May. Please visit our website, and contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education; religioeducationvc@gmail.com or call/text (703) 582-9888, for more information and an application. Thank you!

PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Is God Calling You to Pass on the faith? Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is looking for Volunteers to serve as Catechists, Classroom Aides, Teen Faith Mentors, and Office and Event Assistants. Our wonderful team of volunteers welcome you to join us for a fun and faith-filled year supporting our children and families as they grow in their faith. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Debra Evans, Coordinator of Religious Education, at (703) 582-9888 call/text or religioeducationvc@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Registration is now open for our Parish Confirmation Prep Program. The 2 year program is available for high school students who are looking to receive the sacrament of confirmation. Please visit our website or email confirmationvc@gmail.com for more information.

Dear sisters and brothers,

I recently read the book entitled, *How Will You Measure Your Life*, by Clayton Christensen. Dr. Christensen (1952-2020) was a professor at Harvard Business School and was named one of the world's most influential business thinkers in 2011. It is a fascinating read that applies lessons learned in the business world to helping one live a meaningful life. I recommend it.

One of the points he makes refers to priorities and how we often fail to invest in what's most important until it is too late to do so; a situation he refers to as "planting saplings when you need shade." His argument goes like this: existing companies with a strong business model resist investing in future opportunities for growth because they'd rather use that money to expand their current strategy which seems to be working pretty well at the present moment ("if it ain't broke, don't fix it!"). But what these companies fail to realize is that if they don't invest now in new growth opportunities for the future, then the day will come when their current business model becomes obsolete and at that point it will be too late to invest in new growth opportunities. "The ship will have already set-sail" and they won't be able to keep up with the competition.

We do something similar when it comes to our personal lives. Dr. Christensen writes:

"Many of us thrive on the intensity of a demanding job - one that we believe in and enjoy. We like proving what we can do under pressure. Our projects, clients, and our colleagues challenge us. We invest ourselves in our jobs. But in order to accomplish all this, we start to think of our jobs as requiring all our attention... Work becomes how we identify ourselves... and we expect the people who are closest to us to accept that our schedule is simply too demanding to make much time for them. We find ourselves forgetting to return emails and phone calls from friends and our families; neglecting birthdays and other celebrations that used to be important to us... You might be hoping that the bonds of your friendship are strong enough to endure such neglect, but that's seldom the case... People in their later years in life so often lament that they didn't keep in better touch with friends and relatives who once mattered profoundly to them."

I suppose his point is that if we don't invest in the relationships that are important to us now, the day will come when we truly need these cherished people but by that time they won't be there. We'll be left alone and we can't turn back the clock.

Friends, let's not take our loved ones for granted. Let's not wait until it's too late to invest in these important relationships. Instead, let's invest in them NOW! Summer is a great time to deepen existing bonds of love and friendship. Let's ask the Lord to guide us in living our priorities now while looking with hope to the future.

Peace,

Fr. Matt

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Our next Coffee & Donuts will be held next, Sunday; July 30th (Hosted by Welcome Wagon/PPC). Please join them in the courtyard after each Mass.

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.

RCIA PROGRAM AT VISITATION

Interested in RCIA or Adult Confirmation?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a **process** through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. The RCIA program meets on Monday evenings in the O'Grady Center from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, starting September 11th. Please email to Gilbert & Laura Trujillo at rcia.visitation@gmail.com or call (424) 235-3122 to learn more.



MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

Natural Family Planning

...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

July 23 - 29th

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Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a unique form of fertility education. Specifically, NFP is the title for the moral, natural and healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning. These methods teach married couples how to identify and understand their combined signs of fertility. This information then helps married couples plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy. NFP is morally good because it helps married couples respect God's design for married love. (*Theresa Notare, PhD, Assistant Director, NFP Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*)
For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

This weekend, July 22-23, there will be a National Needs Combined Collection at all the masses. This appeal supports Black and Indian Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC), and Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA).

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt
Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Joy and Peace

PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Angrisano

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Holy Spirit, We're Calling You

Ho - ly Spir - it, we're call - ing you.

Spir - it, we're call - ing you.

A - live in our world, move with - in us.

Spir - it, we're call - ing you.

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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

MASS PARTS

Mass of Joy and
Peace

COMMUNION

Miracle of Grace

Verses



1. Mir - a - cle of grace, mys - ter - y of faith,
2. Un - wor - thy though we are, you feed the hun - gry heart
3. Your faith - ful - ness re - vealed in this cov - e - nant you've sealed



1. call - ing us to ven - ture to the deep.
2. with bread come down from heav - en a - bove. And
3. with your ver - y bod - y and your blood. Come,



1. Though our sens - es fail, your grac - es still pre - vail, and
2. like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet,
3. claim your bride a - gain with love that can - not end, for



1. we be - come the love that we re - ceive.
2. dy - ing here with you. Oh, let us rise!
3. what God joins no one can di - vide.

Refrain



Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live



and nev - er die. Bread of life, bread of life.



Your true pres - ence in this ho - ly sac - ri - fice.

1 to Verse 2 | 2, Final (Fine)



Bread of life. Bread of life.



Bread of life, bread of life. to Verse 3

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SENDING

Canticle of the Turning



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
depths of the past to the end of the age to
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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