

# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION



EST. 1943

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE:

Father Timothy McGowan

RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

#### 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 II: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

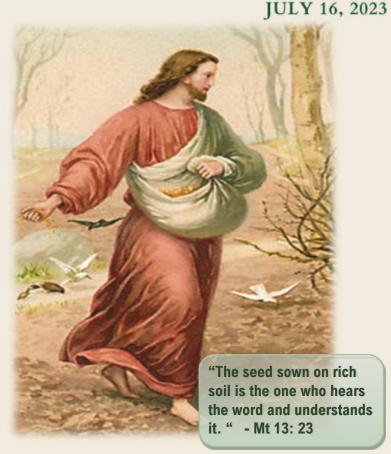
First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am.

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

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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

#### ONLINE GIVING:

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#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

PSALM — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

SECOND READING — I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

GOSPEL — And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8/MT 10:34—11: 1 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/MT 11:20-24 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1B-2, 3-4, 6-7/MT 11:25-2

THURSDAY: EX 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 AND 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/MT 11:28-30
FRIDAY: EX 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 AND 16BC, 17-18/MT 12:1-8

SATURDAY: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-1

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

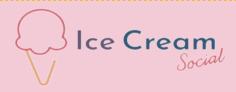
"True friends offer each other the best of themselves... for people of faith, there is no doubt as to the supreme good that we can offer our friends, which is to lead them toward God" (Francisco Ugarte, Deep Friendship).

#### **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, August 13, **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.

#### PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Make your kids feel needed and appreciated; make praise as specific as blame" (Jim Stenson, Compass).



What better way to celebrate summer than holding an ICE CREAM SOCIAL?

Please join the Welcome Wagon, PPC and many volunteers for our annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL after the 11:00 AM Mass (12 - 2pm) Sunday; July 16th for ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. Serving in the O'Grady Center and seating in Mary's Courtyard.

#### **HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!**

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

MASS DEDICATION: A Special Memorial Mass will be offered for Christy Hughes on July 19th at 11am for her 10 year Anniversary of going home to the Lord. You are welcomed to join Joann and her family.



#### & SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday – July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Francesco Borgese †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Rick Daza †

♦ MONDAY - JULY 17, 2023

8:00am - Norma Abarro †

TUESDAY - JULY 18, 2023

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:00am - Carmen Hocson

♦ **WEDNESDAY - JULY 19, 2023** 

8:00am - Christy Hughes †

♦ THURSDAY - JULY 20, 2023

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am - Edward Connoy †

♦ FRIDAY - JULY 21. 2023

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Tony Sales †

♦ SATURDAY - JULY 22, 2023

St. Mary Magdalene

5:00pm - Paul Chen †

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 more.

#### **SESSIONS OF FAITH (PREP):**

## 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; religiouseducationvc@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 religiouseducationvc@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 <a href="mailto:confirmationvc@gmail.com">confirmationvc@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### **PARISH POST**

July 16, 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

I'd like to use my Parish Post this week to share with you some new liturgical guidelines from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. On June 28th the Archbishop notified parishes that starting as early as this weekend, at the discretion of the Pastor, they can once again distribute the Precious Blood at Mass ("Communion from the chalice"). As you know, this practice was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic for health reasons.

In light of the new guidelines, I met with Frs. Jim, Tim, and Charlie to discuss how best to move forward here at Visitation. After speaking with them and also checking-in with our Liturgy Coordinator, Donna Miller, we plan to move forward with reintroducing Holy Communion from the chalice as long as we have enough Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at each Mass. However, this would require four extra ministers at each Mass and as things currently stand, we do not have enough ministers to meet this need. Therefore, we are inviting those who sense a call to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to please reach out to any of the priests of our parish. We will also be making one-on-one invitations in the weeks to come. We will move forward once we have enough ministers so let's work together to make this happen!

For some of you, this might cause concern about the spreading of germs - this is understandable. If you do not feel comfortable receiving Communion from the chalice, you are not obligated to do so. On this point, let us all remember that whether one receives the Sacred Host only, the Precious Blood only, or both that one receives the whole Christ - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - since the living Lord is totally and completely present in each of the species. Therefore, I simply encourage you to make the decision you think best for yourself and that you let others do the same.

My friends, thank you for your understanding and I'll keep you updated on how things progress here at Visitation regarding this matter. Lastly, I pray that the reintroduction of this practice during this time of Eucharistic Revival helps all of us grow in our love and appreciation of Jesus who makes Himself present to us in Holy Communion at every Mass.

In Him,

Fr. Matt

#### Don't Forget:

- Happy Birthday, Fr. Tim (July 14th)! Let's lift him up in gratitude to the Lord for his life and ministry among us.
- Thank you, Fr. Filomeno Ceja, for leading our Mission Cooperative this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless you and those you serve!
- Lost and Found: we have accumulated various lost items over the past year. Please reach out to Mr. Dick Van Dusen if you've had something go missing.



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.



Visitation Church Goal: \$57,470.00

Amount Pledge: \$41,901.25 72.9%

Amount Paid: \$36,693.31 63.8%

Difference Over/(Under) Goal vs. Amount

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#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?** PROTECT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment, compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can range from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse, by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

#### Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Fun Day. Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Come have some fun, have some snacks and plan more Senior Fun Days.

An idea or two

Making new friends? Renewing acquaintances? Cards? Bingo? Bunco? Movies? Potluck lunches? Bible Study?

Any of the above? Other ideas?

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
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**Questions?** call Marlene 310-365-8211 **Coming?** RSVP vizseniors@gmail.com



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.

Next 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).

#### 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.





# Travel Size Hygiene Kit Items Needed!

St. Margaret's Center

is in urgent need of hygiene kit items to be placed in kits provided to those experiencing homelessness. Each year over 2,000 kits are distributed and have acted as a staple service of providing encouragement, hope, dignity and cleanliness to those unhoused. To allow us to continue dispersing hygiene kits, the need for travel size donations of the following items has never been greater: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, shaving cream, body wash, deodorant, razors, body lotion, and socks. Itemized donations can be brought to St. Margaret's Center at 10217 S. Inglewood Ave., Inglewood, CA 90304. For questions, please call 310-672-2208.

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### **GATHERING**



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Mass of Joy and Peace

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**PSALM** 

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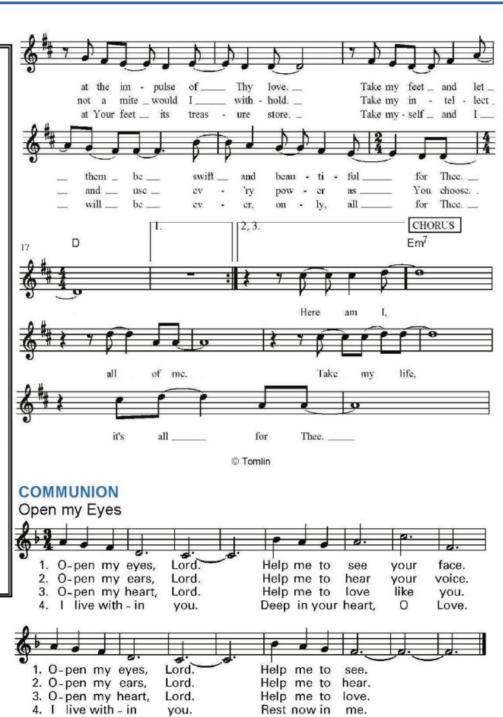


#### **APOSTLES CREED**

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



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#### SENDING SATURDAY

#### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

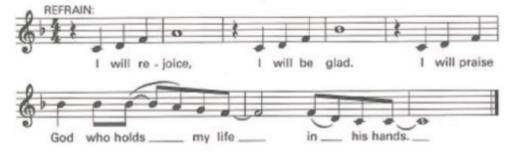


2. Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Prais-ing you e - ter - nal-ly!

Text: 87 87 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

#### SUNDAY

#### I Will Rejoice



#### **VERSES: Cantor**

- I will praise my Father each and every day.
   O and I will sing his love songs forever more. (to Refrain)
- I will praise the Father, I will praise the Son.O and I will praise God's Spirit forever more. (to Refrain)

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