

# **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION**

Mission Statement: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.

Fr. Matthew Wheeler - Administrator Father Timothy McGowan - In Residence Msgr. Charles E. Hill - Retired - Msgr. James Forsen - Retired APRIL 23, 2023

### 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 (Inside the church) Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church) 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)

#### 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 (INSIDE THE CHURCH)

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.



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24: 33-34

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Use the link below to register as a parishioner. www.visitationchurch-la.com/register

#### **ONLINE GIVING:**



Thank you for your Donations!

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# **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

FIRST READING — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

**PSALM** — Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

SECOND READING — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

GOSPEL — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35).



Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$500,100

# % of Goal: 85%

### Thank you!

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised up to goal, will remain with our parish. One hundred percent (100%) of funds collected over our parish campaign goal will remain in our parish to address local needs.



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 TUESDAY: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 WEDNESDAY: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; 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 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The devil saw me with my head down and thought he'd won until I said AMEN!" (Visitation Parishioner).

#### PARENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership: "Remind yourself often: you're raising adults, not children" (*Compass, Jim Stenson*).

#### **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, April 30, 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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

 SUNDAY- APRIL 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter
8:00am - Alice Flocchini

11:00am - Charles Hennings †

MONDAY - APRIL 24, 2023
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00am - Edward McLaughlin †

• TUESDAY - APRIL 25, 2023 St. Mark

8:00am - Jose De Guzman, Jr. †

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 26, 2023
Administrative Professionals Day

8:00am - Andrew Rouseyrol †

• THURSDAY - APRIL 27, 2023

8:00am - Barack & Michelle Obama

 FRIDAY - APRIL 28, 2023
St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; National Arbor Day

#### 8:00am - April Carlson †

• SATURDAY - APRIL 29, 2023 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00pm - Esther Villalobos †

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.



#### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

 Dianne Dell'Amico, who went home to the Lord on April 5, 2023. She was 80 years old. Funeral mass will take place April 24, 2023 at 10:00AM at Visitation.

Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

# PARISH POST

Dear sisters and brothers,

The week after Easter I enjoyed some days back in Minnesota visiting my family (check out the photo of some of us at the zoo!). Like many of you, my parents are loving the show called, The Chosen, which is about the story of Jesus from the eyes of his followers. While home with them, I was able to sit back, relax, and enjoy a couple of episodes from season 3 with them. I found it quite intriguing and something from episode 2 caught my attention and I'd like to invite all of us to reflect on it this week (spoilers!!).

Episode 2 concludes with Jesus announcing to his apostles that he will be sending them out two-by-two with power to heal and cast out demons (cf. Mark 6:7ff). The reaction of the apostles is fascinating. They resist and don't want to go saying, "What's our message going to be?... We don't have enough training!... It's dangerous and how can we survive if we don't take food!?" With loving compassion Jesus listens but ultimately challenges them to see that their fulfillment of this mission will require that they rely totally on God and the generosity of others. In short, Jesus' invitation is one of radical trust and complete dependence on divine providence.

While the Gospels are silent on the matter, I appreciated the interpretive lens of the show on this point. Like all of us, the apostles were also human, right? They too had weaknesses and shortcomings, right? They too had to engage in the tough but graced work of holiness, right? The answer is a resounding YES! But unfortunately, we forget that, and our reading of the Gospel can become somewhat stoic and divorced from human experience. All too often we can be led to believe that because the apostles were chosen by Christ, it must have been easy for them. But the truth is that they struggled just like we do, and, in this way, they become powerful examples for us.

As Bring a Friend to Mass Weekend quickly approaches, perhaps you've felt like the apostles. Maybe you've wondered, "Who am I to invite someone else to Mass?... No one will take my invitation seriously... what if I'm rejected and they say no?" My friends, as disciples of Jesus he invites us to trust him and take up the mission of being his witnesses in the world despite our imperfections. So do not worry. The key is that we strive to do our best and then abandon everything into the hands of God, our loving Father.

I missed you all while I was away and it's great to be back home on Visitation. I'm looking forward to an awesome Bring a Friend to Mass Weekend as we welcome our brothers and sisters back to their spiritual home. My love and prayers are with you this week as you personally reach out to others and invite them to join you at Mass.

In Christ,

#### Fr. Matt

#### **3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER**



# HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

The Welcome Wagon wants you to **BRING A FRIEND TO MASS** during the weekend of April 29/30. There will be special music at a couple of the Masses, information about our parish community and Hospitality after all of the Masses, including the Saturday 5:00pm Mass! We are asking our parish and school families to invite a friend or neighbor to attend Mass with them. They can be an occasional church-goers, fallen away or even non-Catholics....ALL are welcome. We have cards with the Mass times available after this weekend's Masses for you take with you.

#### Thank You, Bulletin Advertisers

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# MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

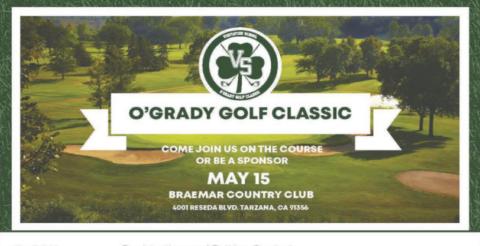


#### "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". Proverbs 27:17

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening May 5th and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Bret Osterberg at 310.738.9440 with questions, or register on

our Parish web site, www.visitationchurchla.com. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.





S	9 AM	Registration and Putting Contest
Ë	10:30 AM	Announcements and Send Off
		Shotgun Start, Lunch & Beverages on Course, Course Activities
E	END OF PLAY	Club House Reception, No Host Bar, Helicopter Drop, Silent Auction
A	5 PM	Club House Reception, No Host Bar, Helicopter Drop, Silent Auction Dinner and Tournament Awards

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES \*all sponsorships \$1.500 and above include golf

O'Grady Sponsor	\$10,000
Emerald Sponsor	\$2,500
Shamrock sponsor	\$500

#### GOLF

Single Golfer..... \$250 Foursome...... \$1,000

To Sponsor or Register for Golf **Scan the QR Code** Deadline for Sponsorship is April 25th (A portion of your sponsorship goes toward your family fundraising goal) For more information about sponsorship levels email golf@visitationschool.org



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### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS DID YOU KNOW? TOGETHER WE PREVENT ABUSE AND PROTECT CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? TOGETHER WE PREVENT ABUSE AND PROTECT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) is a good time to review the ways in which we work together as a community of faith to prevent abuse and protect children and young people. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles stands resolute in its commitment to <u>report</u> allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, <u>support</u> victim-survivors and <u>protect</u> minors and the vulnerable. An updated flyer which summarizes the efforts of the Archdiocese to ensure that our parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for children and young people is available at <u>https://lacatholics.org/protect/protect-resources/</u>.

# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.



# 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### GATHERING

This is the Day



Text: St. 1, Surresit Christup hodie, Lutin, 14th C.; para. in Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, The Compleat Psalmodist, c. 1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluins; Lyra Davidica, 1708

#### PSALM

#### Lord, you will show us the path of life.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Easter Alleluia

# PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

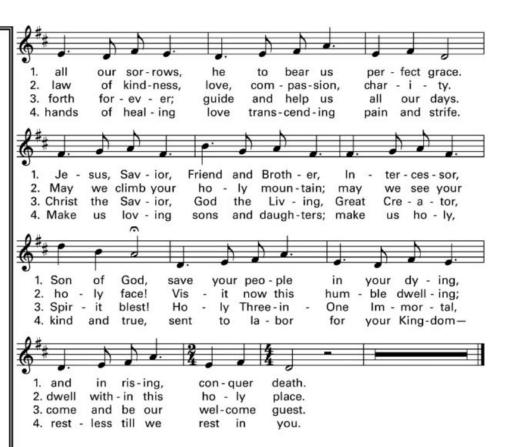
Christ Before Us



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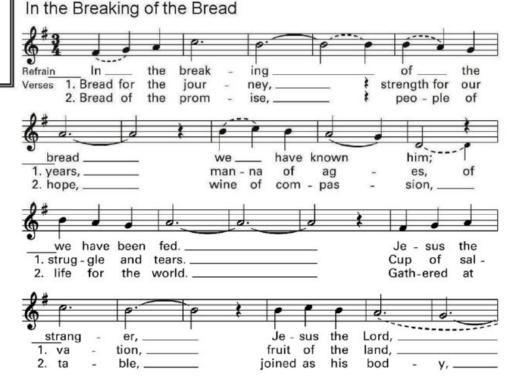
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. died and was buried: He descended into hell: on the third day He rose again from 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

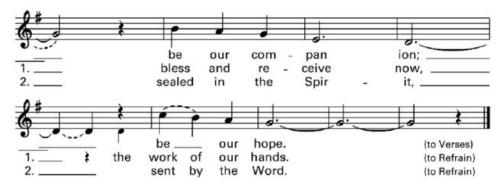
#### MASS PARTS Mass of St. Ann



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### COMMUNION





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#### SENDING

Alleluia, Love is Alive



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