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THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM: AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM. -LK 2:40

The Holy Family

DECEMBER 31, 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

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 on our website)

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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 — "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." **(Gn 3:4-5)**

PSALM — The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING — By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile. **(Heb 11:11)**

GOSPEL — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. **(Lk 2:40)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2A)/GAL 4:4-7/LK 2:16-2

TUESDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/JN 1:19-28 **WEDNESDAY:** 1 JN 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6/JN 1:29-34

THURSDAY: 1 JN 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/JN 1:35-42 **FRIDAY:** 1 JN 3:11-21/Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5/JN 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or

3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

SECOND READING: Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

GOSPEL: In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. *In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Peace is a consequence of war, of struggle, of the intimate ascetical struggle which each Christian must keep up against everything in our life that does not belong to God. We are called to overcome pride, sensuality, selfishness, superficiality, and meanness of heart."

- St. Josemaría Escrivá

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Make dinner a sacred time: no arguing or squabbling. Start dinner with a prayer."

-Jim Stenson, Compass

Come and spend some time with the Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour

January 5, 2024

8:30AM — 9:30AM

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31ST

The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

8:00am - Karl Brewer †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Kathleen Varni †

MONDAY - JANUARY 1ST

Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

8:00am - Camille & Ed Mucha †

TUESDAY - JANUARY 2ND

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00am - Fr. Patrick Hawe †

WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 3RD

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am - John Deblock †

THURSDAY - JANUARY 4TH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am - Damaris Medina Euyoque †

FRIDAY - JANUARY 5TH

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am - Noella Black †

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SATURDAY - JANUARY 6TH

St. André Bessette, Religious

5:00pm - Anne Gervais Dorn †

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.

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PARISH POST December 31, 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

Happy New Year! My hope and prayer is that 2024 is full of peace and joy for you and your loved ones.

The Church always begins the new year invoking the intercession of Mary with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. But you might be thinking, "How on earth is Mary the Mother of GOD? Does that mean Mary gave birth to the Blessed Trinity? Does that mean Mary exited before God? What!?"

When the Church solemnly declared that Mary is the Mother of God at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD it was responding to a heresy that said that Jesus was not actually divine but instead an exalted human of sorts. By pronouncing that Mary is the Mother of God, the Church was really affirming the orthodox teaching that Jesus was Emmanuel - God with us. Centuries later, Pope Pius XI offers a helpful explanation:

"Truly, since the Son of the Virgin Mary is God, she who bore him should rightly and deservedly be called Mother of God. Since the person of Jesus Christ is one and divine, surely Mary is to be called by all not only Mother of Christ the Man, but 'Deipara', or 'Theotokos', that is, Mother of God ..."

As we begin this new year, let's ask for Mary's special prayers for our Visitation community. Mary is the Mother of God and she is our mother too!

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

- -I had a blessed time visiting my family in Minnesota. Thanks for your prayers! I survived the snow.
- -New Year's Day Mass is on Monday, January 1st, at 8am. It is not a holy day of obligation this year.



WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"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 Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One, Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased One at Christmas, Overcoming the Blues at Christmastime, Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies, Giving New Life to Your Christmas Celebration, Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas, and many, many more.



The parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd so our parish staff may have the opportunity to enjoy the Holiday with their families! We will re-open Wednesday, January 3rd 8:00AM - 4:00PM



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.

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, January 21, 2024 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.

Dear Friends.

Perhaps you are aware that the Vatican the Vatican recently issued a declaration on blessings involving same-sex unions and irregular situations. My encouragement is for all of us to read the actual declaration from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and review the statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (links provided below). It's also important that we work in union with Archbishop Gomez and as we receive guidance from him I'll be sure to keep you informed. Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your thoughtful engagement with these sensitive issues and as we continue our preparations for Christmas, let's open our hearts wide to receive the Christ Child anew.

In Him, Fr. Matt

Declaration from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html

Statement from the US Bishops:

https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/statement-usccb-vaticans-document-addressing-pastoral-blessings

Senior FUNDAY coming up!

Seniors, let's start the new year right.
Join Viz Seniors on
Wednesday, January 3rd
for a great day.

Catch up with old friends, make new ones. Games, treats and a wonderful afternoon. 1:30 - 3:30 in O'Grady Center

School's out, so parking lot will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you.

- The Viz Senior Team

Questions? call Marlene 310 365 8211

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? THE SILENT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Nearly every public campaign about the evils of sex trafficking involve child female victims. A majority of victims are female, but there are many male victims, and they are mostly silent. Societal expectations often lead men to feel that they should be "strong" and "assertive" enough to avoid being forced into trafficking – but these stereotypes do a disservice to male victims who may feel trapped in abusive patterns, unable to ask for the help they need. For more information and ways to help these silent victims, read the VIRTUS® article "The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival at Visitation

Join us for our second Eucharistic Revival Encounter Night Friday, January 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Christ our saviour is born!

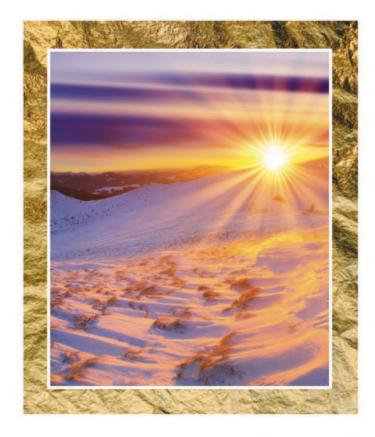
Rejoice and be glad. Gather with us to encounter our Lord Jesus and welcome him with hopeful hearts as we embrace the start of the new year.

Join us for:

- Adoration
- Prayer
- Music

Families with children welcome and encouraged to join.

We hope to see you there!



"When we gather together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we create space for God to work."

(National Eucharistic Revival, Encounter Nights Guide)





Virtual Diaconate Information Day!!!

Sunday, January 14, 2024 ~ 2 pm - 4 pm

The LORD called: Samuel Answered "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Is the Lord calling you?

"Come, and you will see."

Next Sessions: April 14, 2024 July 7, 2024 October 13, 2024 **Pastoral Regions:**

- Santa Barbara
- ♦ San Fernando
- San Gabriel
- Our Lady of the Angels
- San Pedro

To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org



Men's Priestly Discernment Group

The Men's Priestly Discernment Group is intended to help direct young men toward the possibility of the vocation to the Priesthood. Join them every 2nd Saturday of every month at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 9 am- 12 pm to help answer questions, give talks on what it means to discern a vocation and give clarity on where God may be calling you to. www.lavocations.org

Next meeting Saturday, January 13, 2024



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CHANGING SEASONS

Scripture Readings of the Liturgical Year



JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-8:30PM (PST) VIA ZOOM TO EXPLORE THE BIBLE READINGS THAT FORM US FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR!

January 10, 2024 – *Ordinary Time* – Fr. Juan Ochoa, Director, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

February 7, 2024 - Lent to Palm Sunday - Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

March 20, 2024 - Triduum and Easter - Fr. Parker Sandoval

For more information, contact Barbara Murphy bmurphy@la-archdiocese.org

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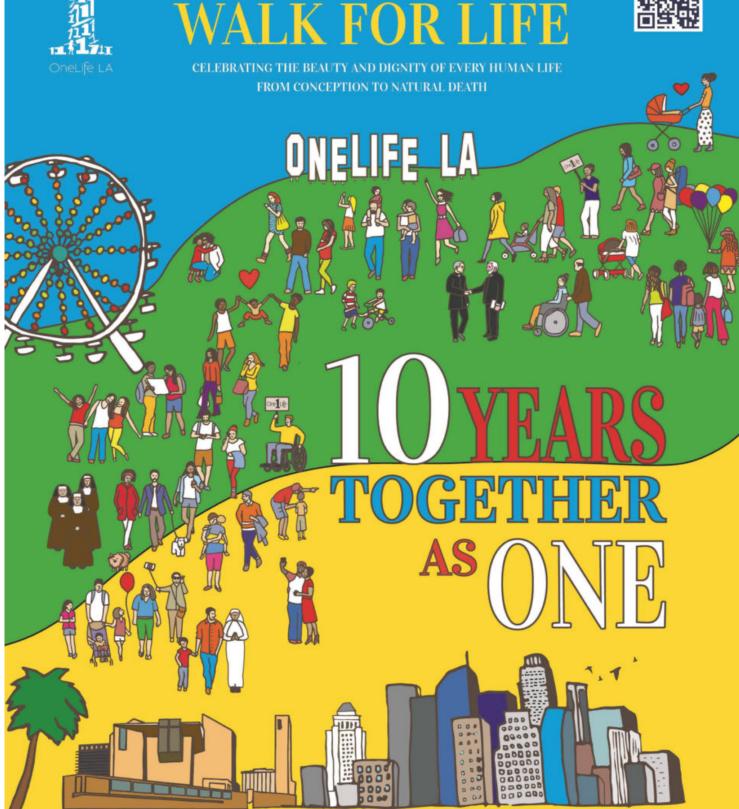
Saturday, January 26, 2024 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Our Fully Alive event gives high school men the opportunity to grow in holiness and enter into a deeper encounter with our Lord through various moments of prayer and fraternity. We invite you to come and experience time with fellowship with other high school men.



JANUARY, 20th, 2024





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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 CREATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

GATHERING

Hark the Herald Angels Sing



Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

GLORIA

A Christmas Gloria

PSALM The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Hart)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Away in a Manger





Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, ca. 1885; verse 3, Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

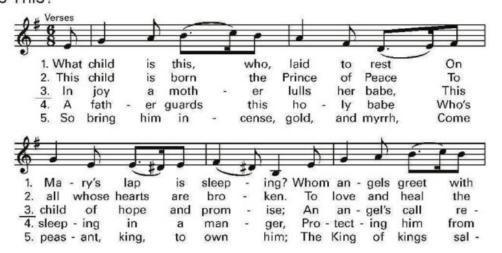
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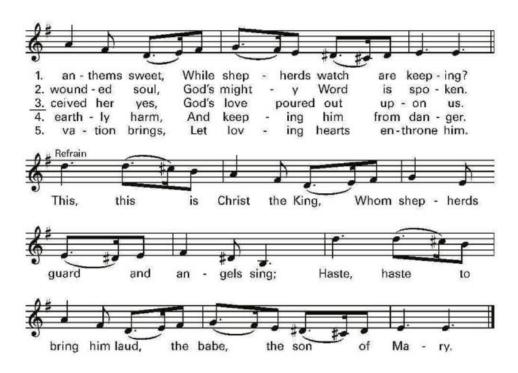
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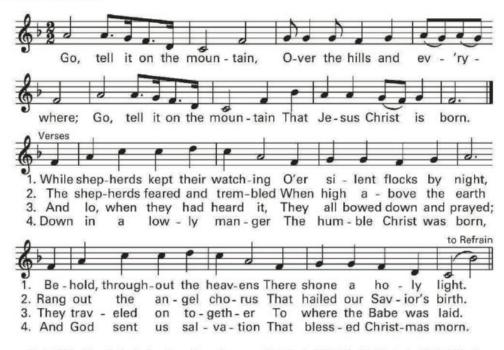




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SENDING

Go Tell It on the Mountain



Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt. Music: Spiritual.

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