

# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

#### ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. 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



"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

#### 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 — Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

PSALM — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING — I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

GOSPEL — "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:24-25)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY: 1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/LK 4:31-3 7

WEDNESDAY: COL 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/LK 4:38-44

THURSDAY: COL 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6/LK 5:1-11

FRIDAY: MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30/Ps 13:6AB, 6C/MT 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23

**SATURDAY:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christian belief means opting for the view that what cannot be seen is more real than what can be seen. It is an avowal of the primacy of the invisible as the truly real, which upholds us and hence enables us to face the visible with calm composure - knowing that we are responsible to the invisible as the true ground of all things." - Joseph Ratzinger, *Introduction to Christianity* 

#### **PARENT LEADERSHIP**

"When you comment about people outside the family, especially in public life (in government or media), practice charity. Distinguish between individuals and their faults, even grievous moral flaws. We deplore people's wrongdoing but bear them no personal ill will." -Jim Stenson, Compass

#### **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, September 10, 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.

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

The end of summer may be upon us, but we plan to continue our "al fresco" as long as the weather permits!!!

Please plan to join us on **Sept. 9 & 10** as we celebrate **GRANDPARENTS** since 9/10 is **National Grandparents Day**!!! We invite you to bring your grandparents (or "adopt" one for the day) or grandparents can bring their grandchildren to join them at Mass.

On Sunday morning, we plan to have the younger generation(s) serving the grandparents their coffee & donuts.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, **Sept. 16** will be our next evening hospitality of wine, cheese, crackers, cookies following the 5:00pm Mass.



#### & SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

♦ SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Paul Chen †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Julie Rajsich †

♦ MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 4. 2023

Labor Day

8:00am - Jordan Lawrence †

♦ TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5. 2023

8:00am - Pio & Romelia Ruvalcaba † Warren Miyashiro †

♦ WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

8:00am - Bill Welchance †

♦ Thursday - September 7, 2023

8:00am - Lois Doll †

◆ FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am - Sister Joan & Sister Therese

♦ SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

St. Peter Claver, Priest

5:00pm - Andre Rouseyrol †

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**

September 3, 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

As a new year begins for ministry here at Visitation, I am thinking especially about the role that study plays in our journeys of faith. The word 'study' comes from the Latin word studere which means eager, zeal, and enthusiasm. Over centuries, the word began to be associated with eagerness for learning and that is why we use the word 'study' within the context of school and learning today.

What's key about studying is that it reflects an inner attitude of a person; an attitude that says, "I want to learn... I want to learn MORE". But it isn't simply about learning facts or large amounts of information. In fact, study is connected with wisdom and pondering the "weighty things" of life. It's about taking time to ponder deeper realities. We might consider the deeper meaning of a particular encounter, a conversation, or a news story. We might ponder larger realities like what it means to be a human person, a son or daughter, or a citizen of our country and world.

But in order to do this we need time when we aren't tied down with intense concentration. We need time - even if only for a few minutes - to slow down and ponder the meaning of this, that, or the other. You might find time while at the park with the kids, while driving to work, or while eating a bowl of cereal (seriously!).

In today's world there is a lot of information coming at us: podcasts, news stories, audio books, videos, social media, etc. Renewing our love of learning means taking in information while at the same time pondering its deeper meaning. It means not getting lost in minutia but coming to a clear point or take away. "I think the main point here is \_\_\_\_\_\_." or "Now I think this is the solution to that." This process is not easy! It is hard. It takes experience. But ultimately it is worth it because we can take what we learn and the insights we gain and use them to help others.

Have a blessed week and let's embark upon a new year with hearts and minds open to learning and wisdom! Study well:)

Peace.

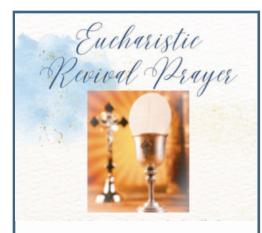
Fr. Matt

#### Don't Forget:

Thank you to all who donated to the victims of the Maui Wildfires. Our 2nd Collection total was \$3,498.00. Way to go Visitation! May God reward your generosity. We continue to pray for all those affected by this tragic disaster.

The Parish office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4,2023. It will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



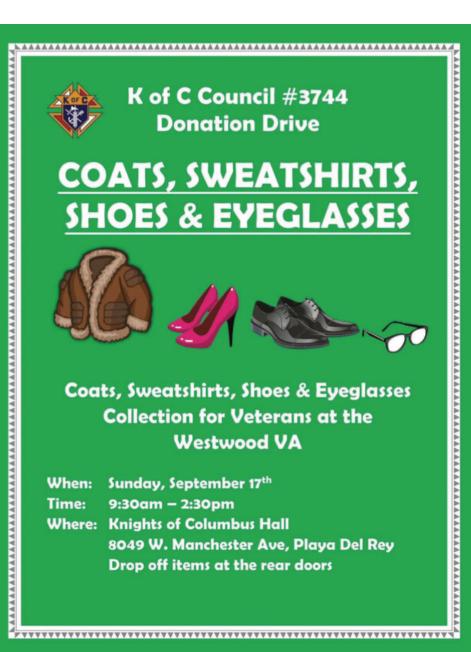


Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes 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

Thinking about becoming Catholic or wanting to complete your Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Wanting to renew your faith? We welcome you to join our RCIA group on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 pm in the O'Grady Center beginning September 11th. Please email Gilbert & Laura Trujillo at rcia.visitation@gmail.com or call (424) 235-3122 to learn more.





#### **Funeral Services for Sister** Margaret Mary Murray, CSJ

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 10:00am Mass at Carondelet Center

11999 Chalon Road Los Angeles 90049

Followed by lunch (if planning to attend lunch, please call Carondelet Center at 310.889.2100)

1:30 pm Interment of cremains at Holy Cross Cemetery (St. Patrick's section)

#### Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Fun Day. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 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.

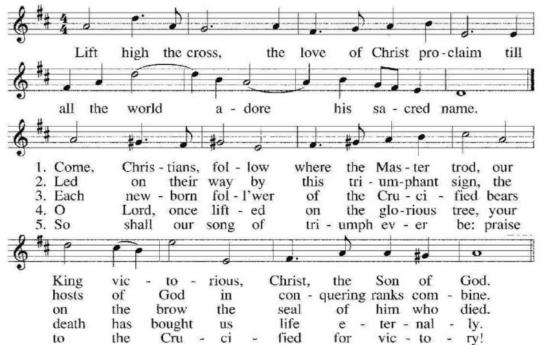
Need a ride? Give a ride? - Let us know. Marlene Kaufman - Mary Lou Ward - Toni Kerker

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

## 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **GATHERING**

Lift High the Cross



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt. Tune: CRUCIFER, 10-10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947 © 1974, Hope Publishing Co.

**GLORY TO GOD** 

Mass of Joy and Peace

**PSALM** 

My soul is thristing for you, O Lord, my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Only in God



#### 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

#### A Rightful Place



#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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