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Daily Mass (Inside the church)

Monday-Friday: 8:00am
(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church)

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am
(The Sunday Mass at 8am is also
live-streamed)

Confessions (Outside in Mary's courtyard)

Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm 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 between the hours of **7:30am-4:00pm (Monday-Friday)** and **8:00am-4:00pm (Saturday)**.

Holy Hour (Inside the church)

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

**Holy Hour will take place on Friday, January 7th from 8:30am-9:30am. It will conclude
with Benediction at 9:25am.**

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

Are you looking for a faith community to
call home?

Click on the link below to register as a
parishioner.

www.visitationchurch-la.com/register



Church of the Visitation

**WE HAVE
COME TO
WORSHIP
THE KING**

**RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SESSIONS OF FAITH (PREP)

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), for students in Grades K-8, including sacrament preparation, we are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year which began in September. For more information, please contact our Coordinator, **Debra Evans** via phone or text at **703-582-9888**, or by email at religiouseducationvc@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to share your faith with others, especially young people? If so, please consider volunteering for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). This ministry is for people who are interested in sharing God's love and bringing others closer to Christ. Please consider joining us. We especially welcome those who may have served in other ministries, who are not able to continue to serve in person at this time. Thank you and God Bless You! See the above email and phone number for more information and questions about our programs.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in the program for the next two years, please go online to visitationchurch-la.com to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Jeremy Brosmer** at confirmationvc@gmail.com.



R.C.I.A.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just for you. RCIA is for someone who:

- Is interested in becoming Catholic.
- Was never baptized.
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Was baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Is interested in catching up on or renewing their faith.

We welcome you to join us in our RCIA group most Mondays from **7-8:30pm** when we have Zoom meetings. In person meetings began on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. If you are interested, please email **Toni Kerker** at



January 2, 2022

The **Epiiphany** OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:1-2

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

The bereavement ministry would like to congratulate and thank those who participated in our last grief workshop sessions.

The support group provides a safe, non-judgmental, and comfortable environment to share and discuss many things surrounding a loved one's death. Through scripture, sharing, journaling, reading and prayer, we were able to navigate a little through the difficult process of grieving.

This is also a reminder to read the article "Grief during the Holidays" that is on our website at visitationchurch-la.com under **Resources/Bereavement**. Please email **Candy Blankenship** at blank8840@gmail.com or leave a message with the titles you wish and your address at **310-338-9043**.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Ana Dotson**. Please pray for their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, according to the CDC recommendations, 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 23, 2022 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 Jan. 3, 2021-Jan. 9, 2022



1/3 8am Mass-Joey Papazian (Special Intention)
1/4 8am Mass-Mary Delehan (Special Intention)
1/5 8am Mass-Diane Tarrango (Special Intention) and for the sick in the Parish
1/6 8am Mass-Joey Papazian (Special Intention)
1/7 8am Mass-Rich Burkhard (Special Intention)
1/8 5pm Mass-Lowell Hobrock (Dec'd)
1/9 8am Mass-Joseph Nguyen (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-Gilbert Castro (Dec'd)

To request a **mass intention** please call the rectory at **310-216-1145**.

Thank You! St. Margaret's Center's staff wishes to thank all of the Visitation families, both in the school and parish, who donated to our Christmas Program for low-income families that took place on December 18th at Lennox Middle School. Your generous gifts of cash and gift cards was truly awesome! Although we couldn't have our full in-person event again this year, our drive-thru worked beautifully, with Santa Claus, music, entertainers, Rams mascot/cheerleaders, Christmas trees & decorations----all creating Christmas cheer. In all, 500 families, with 1,300 children received the grocery and Target gift cards, along with goody bags, stuffed animals, and fresh-baked cookies.



PASTOR POST**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022**

To all my brothers and sisters,

Once again, it is time for the New Year's Resolution list. So, what is on your list? We promise to diet, go to the gym more often, lose weight, quit smoking, no sweets, etc. Maybe you are much better than me at keeping such promises, but I'm useless. I don't last a month. Besides, I hate that list. All it does is make me feel guilty and lazy when I don't keep the promises. So I have a suggestion for us all. I have a list of very do-able resolutions which I offer for your consideration. And the best thing is that these are resolutions that you only have to keep once.

Resolution for Visitation Husbands - I will take my wife out on a date at least once in the coming year. No kids. Or, if she prefers, I will spring for a massage / nail salon / pedicure / all the above. She gets to choose.

Resolution for Visitation Wives – (I will make sure that my husband reads the "Resolution for Visitation Husbands." Just kidding.) My husband can have Super Bowl Sunday as a day off. (Now, some wives tell me, "What makes that Sunday different from any other Sunday?" Nevertheless, February 13, 2022 is his day.)

Resolution for Visitation Children under age 12 – Without asking, I will volunteer to wash the dishes, clean my room, take out the trash and then ask mom or dad what else I can do to help. (I know that's a lot, but remember! You only have to keep this resolution once.)

Resolution for Visitation Priests – I promise before the end of January to preach a really short Sunday homily.

Resolution for Visitation Teens – I will go to Sunday mass, in person or online with my family and I won't complain about how boring it is.

Resolution for Visitation School / PREP Children – I will not mess around in class for one whole day and will do exactly what the teachers tell me to do.

Resolution for Visitation Church Families – I will register for the parish and use the church envelopes or Faith Direct online giving. (Fr. Jim's Favorite)

Resolution for Visitation Single Adults – I will treat myself and a friend / significant other to a walk on the beach / Saturday lunch / Sunday mass and brunch / whatever. At least once.

Resolution for all Visitation Families – We will go out for a walk/ bike ride like we did during lockdown and then have dinner all together as a family. No cell phones or screens of any type.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Jim

PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A
year of favor
FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17o

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Epiphany of the Lord

GATHERING

We Three Kings

Verbs

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing
2. Born a King on Beth - le-hem's plain, Gold I
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain,
2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
3. owns a De - i - tv nigh: Prayer and prais - ind

1. Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2. Ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
3. Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship him, God on high.

Refrain

O star of won-der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

4

West-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to thy per-fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr.;
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1st Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

2nd Reading

Ephesians
3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

PSALM

Lord, ev-'ry na - tion on earth will a-dore you, O God.
Lord, ev-'ry na - tion on earth will a-dore you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (HART)

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****PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS****Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**

Verses

1. There's a star in the East on __ Christ-mas morn; Rise up,
2. Leave your sheep, leave your sheep, and __ leave your lambs; Rise up,
3. If you take good __ heed to the an - gel's words; Rise up,

1. shep-herd, and fol-low; It will lead to the place where the
2. shep-herd, and fol-low; Leave your ewes and your rams, leave your
3. shep-herd, and fol-low; You'll for - get your __ flocks, you'll for -

Refrain

1. Christ was born; { 2. ewes and rams; 3. get your herds; } Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol - low,
fol - low; Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol-low the Star of
Beth - le - hem; Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

Text: 10 7 11 7 with refrain; Spiritual. Music: RISE UP, SHEPHERD.

COMMUNION**The First Noel**

Verses

1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw __ a star
3. And by the light of that __ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the __ north-west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise __ men three,
6. Then let us all with one __ ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin-ing in __ the east, __ be - yond __ them far;
3. Three __ wise __ men came __ from coun - try far;
4. O'er __ Beth - le - hem __ it took __ its rest,
5. Full __ rev - 'rent - ly __ up - on __ the knee,
6. Sing __ prais - es to __ our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where __ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the __ earth it gave __ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their __ in - tent,
4. And there it __ did both stop __ and stay,
5. And of - fered __ there, in his __ pres - ence,
6. Who with the __ Fa - ther we __ a - dore

1. On a cold win - ter's night ____ that was ____ so deep.
 2. And __ so it con - tin - ued both day ____ and night.
 3. And to fol - low the star ____ wher - ev - er it went.
 4. Right __ o - ver the place ____ where Je - sus lay.
 5. Their __ gold ____ and myrrh ____ and frank - in - cense.
 6. And __ Spir - it blest ____ for ev - er - more.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

SENDING FORTH

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;
 Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses

1. While shew - herds kept their watch - ing O'er
 2. The shew - herds feared and trem - bled When
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The
 si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the
 lo! a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
 hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -
 heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

D.C.

Text: African-American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr. 1871-1925, © Mrs. John W. Work, III
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with ADVERTISED toothpaste
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