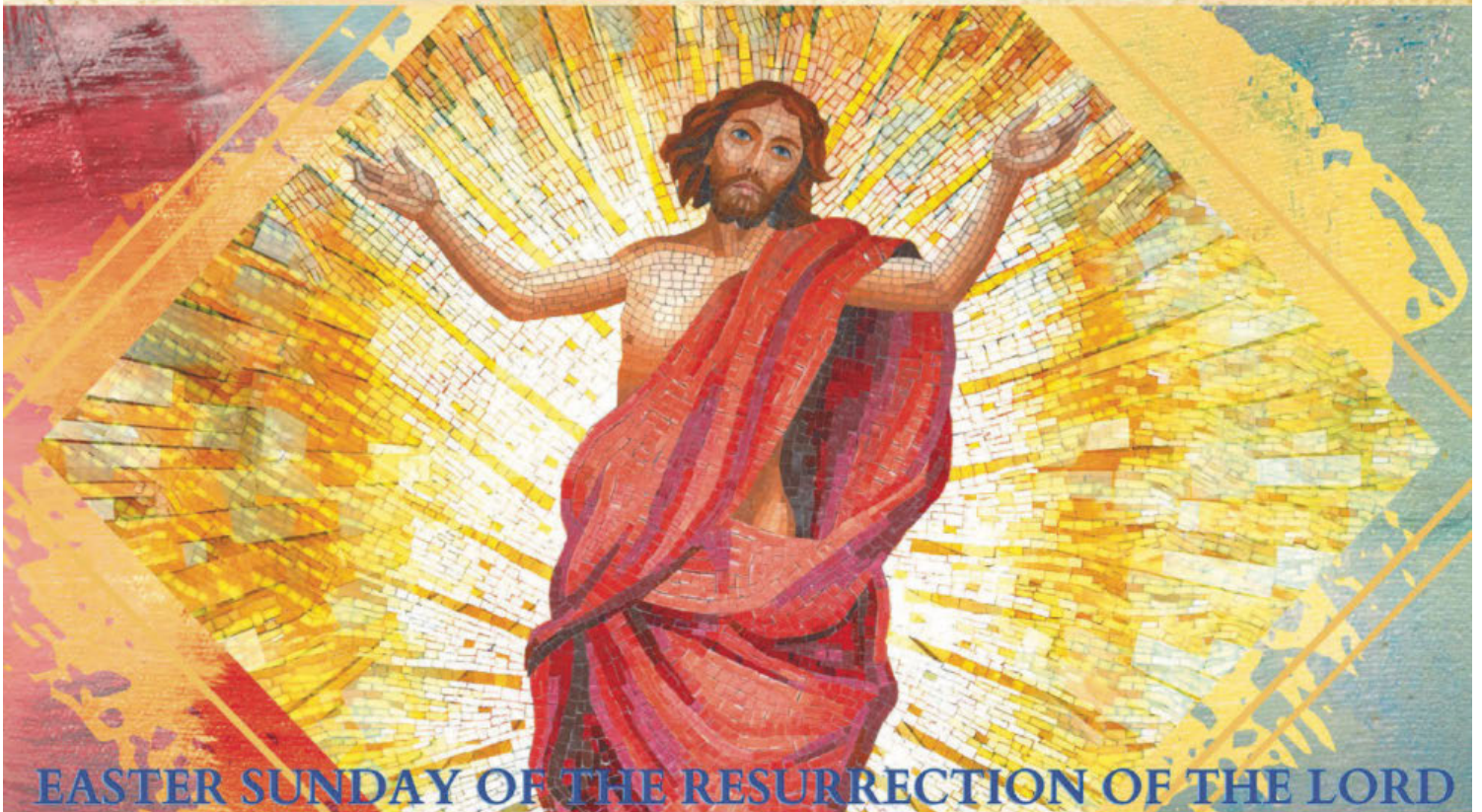




# CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### 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 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

(The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

### ADMINISTRATOR:

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

**MARCH 31, 2024**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** – This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (**Acts 10:40-41**)

**PSALM** – This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (**Ps 118**)

Or: Alleluia.

**SECOND READING** – If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (**Col 3:1**) Or:

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. (**1 Cor 5:7**)

**GOSPEL** – For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (**Jn 20:9**)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** ACTS 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**TUESDAY:** ACTS 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 AND 22/JN 20:11-18

**WEDNESDAY:** ACTS 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/LK 24:13-35

**THURSDAY:** ACTS 3:11-26/Ps 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9/LK 24:35-48

**FRIDAY:** ACTS 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, AND 4, 22-24, 25-27A/JN 21:1-14

**SATURDAY:** ACTS 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 AND 14-15AB, 16-18, 19-21/MK 16:9-15

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“At Easter, then, the journey quickens and becomes a race, since humanity now sees the goal of its journey, the meaning of its destiny, Jesus Christ, and is called to make haste to meet him, who is the hope of the world.”

-Pope Francis

## PARENT LEADERSHIP

Don't look for recipes or fixed formulas for raising children; there are none. And don't expect perfection from your spouse, your children, or yourself. Instead, set a realistic ideal for your children as responsible adults, and then strive to work with your spouse toward that ideal in unified parental leadership. Ask each other from time to time: “What do you need from me to be more effective, to feel more lovingly supported, and to have greater peace of mind?” -Jim Stenson, *Compass*

## 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.

## 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 – MARCH 31ST**

*Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00am - For All the Benefactors of Visitation Parish Past & Present

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - For All the Benefactors of Visitation Parish Past & Present

### **MONDAY - APRIL 1ST**

*Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day*

8:00am - Fr. O'Grady †

### **TUESDAY - APRIL 2ND**

*Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

8:00am - Camille & Ed Mucha †

### **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3RD**

*Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

8:00am - Mary Anne Villeneuve

### **THURSDAY - APRIL 4TH**

*Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

8:00am - Leticia Palomar †

### **FRIDAY - APRIL 5TH**

*Friday within the Octave of Easter*

8:00am - Martha Hood †

### **SATURDAY - APRIL 6TH**

*Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

5:00pm - Annela 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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Easter! Today we rejoice because the Lord is truly risen - alleluia! I pray that this Easter season is a special time of grace for you and your loved ones.

In my pastoral work I've become aware that many people are familiar with Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection but they are not as familiar with what happened next. That is, they aren't too familiar with what we celebrate during the Easter Season as a whole. For example, did you know that Jesus - the glorified risen Lord - remained on earth for 40 days after his resurrection from the dead? If that's true then it begs the question, "What was he doing?" We don't have all the details but the Bible makes it clear that he first made some important visits to Mary Magdalene (John 20), the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), and the apostles in the upper room (John 20). After appearing several times to his disciples, the Bible says that he also appeared to more than 500 people (1 Cor 15:6). Although I have no scriptural evidence, my personal opinion is that Jesus must have first made a special visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mother... it just makes sense! :)

After 40 days, Jesus then commissioned his apostles to baptize and bring the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world and then he ascended to heaven (Mark 16:14-19, Acts 1:1-11). By ascension we mean that he was taken up to heaven body and soul by his own power. Ten days after his ascension (50 days after his resurrection) Jesus sent his Holy Spirit upon the Apostles (and Mary!) gathered in the upper room (Acts 2). This is what we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday which concludes the Easter Season (pentecost means '50 days').

My point is that the Easter Season begins with the resurrection but continues for 50 days as we commemorate the important work Jesus continued to do among his disciples. I pray that all of us will allow the risen Lord's life and love to continue 'working' on us for the entire Easter Season and always. God bless and Happy Easter!

Alleluia,

Fr. Matt

**Don't Forget:**

- Congratulations to all those who received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil! Thank you, Bishop Matt, for joining us for this special moment of grace.
- Join us for the O'Grady Golf Classic on April 29th! There is more information on our website.
- Bring a Friend to Mass Sunday is coming up on April 21st. Start thinking about who you can invite to join us for worship that weekend.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 2, 2024

**Viz Senior**

Come to O'Grady Center and have a **Fun Game Day.**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

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*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

*Come and spend some time with the Lord!*  
**First Friday Holy Hour**  
**April 5, 2024**  
**8:30AM – 9:30AM**





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.

#### PRAYER FOR AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I adore you deeply and I offer you the precious Body, Blood and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacle on earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, for the infinite merits of his most holy Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask you for the conversion of poor sinners. /Amen

Thank you for your continued Support and Generosity to Church of the Visitation!

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

**Answer:** The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

### 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.

### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### DID YOU KNOW? ABUSE MAY BE HIDING BEHIND POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL CHANGES

It is important for caregivers to remember that some seemingly positive changes could also be signs of abuse, such as when a child tries to “be perfect” so as to avoid a feared consequence or in some way “control” circumstances so as to avoid or minimize further exposure to a traumatic situation. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

**Mark your calendar!** Please join us on the weekend of April 20 & 21 for our next **BRING A FRIEND TO MASS** weekend. Whether it’s a friend, neighbor, out of town Visitor or your child’s classmate, we encourage you to come to Mass and join us afterwards for hospitality hosted by the Welcome Wagon.



# THANK YOU GEREMY

Join us for a Gratitude Celebration for Geremy Brosmer's 16 years of service, faithful guidance, support and strength for our teens as they prepare for and received their Confirmation. He has taken a new position with the LA Archdiocese as a Coordinator of Youth Ministry, where he can continue his passion for guiding our young people in their faith journey.

April 7, 2024

Blessing at the 11:00 Mass  
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- 11 AM..... Shotgun Start, Lunch & Beverages on Course, Course Activities
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- 5 PM..... Dinner and Tournament Awards



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## Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

## Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/resurrection-cookies/>

## Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

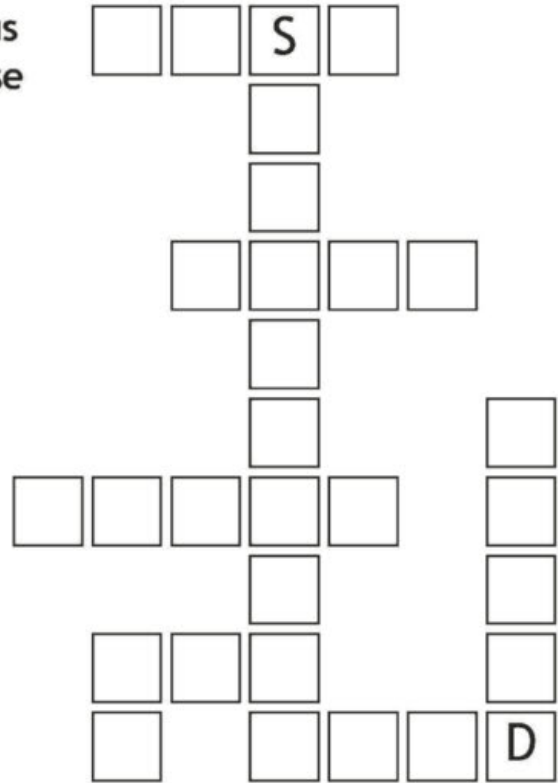
Now color  
the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

### The Scriptures

said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.





## GATHERING

### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1. *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 140-7; prose, by Ignatius, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *Das Completorium*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77-77 with addition, *L'oro Dedicato*, 1768

## GLORY TO GOD

Haugen

## PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad;  
 this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia



## 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

## SPRINKLING

### Up From the Waters

Up from the wa - ters God has claimed you, up  
from the wa - ters, child of light.  
Praise to the One who called and named you up  
from the wa - ters in - to life.

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## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

### Song of Redemption

I have seen the Lord, and I know he lives;  
for I've heard his voice call - ing out to me, — "Be -  
lieve — and fol - low me."

Verse 1

1. Death no long - er tri - umphs, for we shall live for -  
ev - er, re - deemed in the love of Je - sus who —  
died that we might live.

Verse 2

2. Where two or three have gath - ered, God's in the midst of  
them. From the tomb of death he ris - es, re -

to Refrain

2. deem - er of us all.

Verse 3

3. The stone once re - ject - ed has be - come the cor - ner -

3. stone. By the Lord has this been done; it is

to Refrain

3. won - der - ful in our eyes!

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## COMMUNION

### Alleluia, Christ is Risen

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Christ is ris - en.

Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Alleluia, Love is Alive

Verses



1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new;    7    rise from your  
 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been  
 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ,    7    car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see!    Come and  
 2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts!    Lift your  
 3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world!    Tell the



1. see! He is a - live!    A grave that is emp-ty, a  
 2. hearts! He is a - live!    7    Here now is mer-cy em-  
 3. world! He is a - live!    7    Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled.    God who was with us is here with us  
 2. brac-ing your soul;    here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore -  
 3. glo - ri - ous day,    ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here!    He is here! He is a - live!  
 2. told. It is true!    It is true! He is a - live!  
 3. claims: He is Lord!    He is Lord! He is a - live!

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!    Love is a - live;



con-quer-ed the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia!    Love is a-live!    The Son has a - ris-en for



all.    Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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## SENDING

### Over My Head

**Over my head, I hear music in the air. Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
 Over my head, I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.  
 Come and see: he has rolled away the stone.  
 Come and see: he has rolled away the stone.  
 Come and see: he has rolled away the stone. There must be a God somewhere.**

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