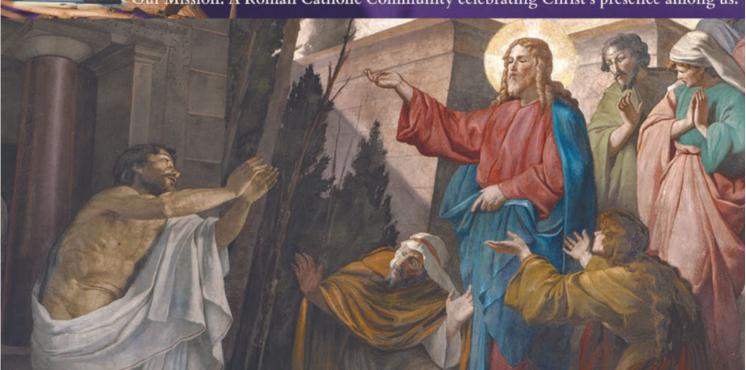
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 t this area, we hope to see you again and that 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

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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 — All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

PSALM — Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

SECOND READING — Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. **(Heb 5:8-9)**

GOSPEL — "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-1

TUESDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or LK 2:41-51a

WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/JN 8:31-42

THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 8:51-59

FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7/JN 10:31-42 **SATURDAY:** EZ 37:21-28/JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13/JN 11:45-56

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Start your St. Patrick's Day (Mar. 17) off by attending Mass then joining members of the O'Grady Golf Tournament Committee, PTO and volunteers for some sweet treats before heading off to your traditional celebrations. May the Luck of the Irish be with you!!!

There will be no Hospitality on Palm Sunday or on Easter Sunday.

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 17TH

5th Sunday of Lent

8:00am - Mark W. Riddle †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Elsa Gloria Rivas †

MONDAY - MARCH 18TH

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Francesco Borgese †

TUESDAY - MARCH 19TH

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Kim Hao Nguyen †

WEDNESDAY- MACRH 20TH

8:00am - Tony Sales †

THURSDAY - MARCH 21ST

8:00am - Dana Locke

Friday - March 22nd

8:00am - Rufina Bernal Valencia †

SATURDAY - MARCH 23RD

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

5:00pm - Steve & Eileen Rau †

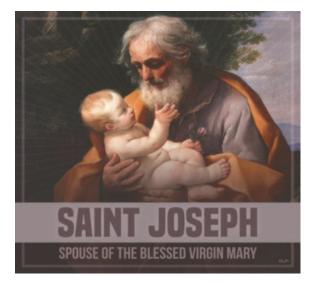
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PRAYER REQUESTS: email them to the following vizprayerrequests@gmail.com If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

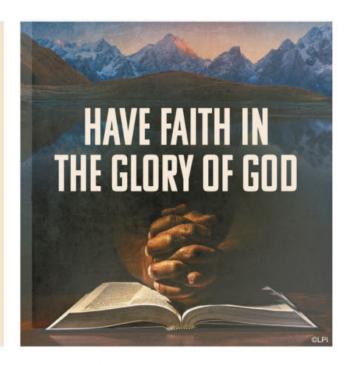
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The Solemnity of St. Joseph On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero! the solemnity of St. joseph on march 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. we first meet joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. he decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. when an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the holy spirit, St. joseph trusts his dream and marries her, as a new foster father, joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. we know that St. joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. on the solemnity of St. joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. we celebrate a hero!



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

- Father John Muir



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.

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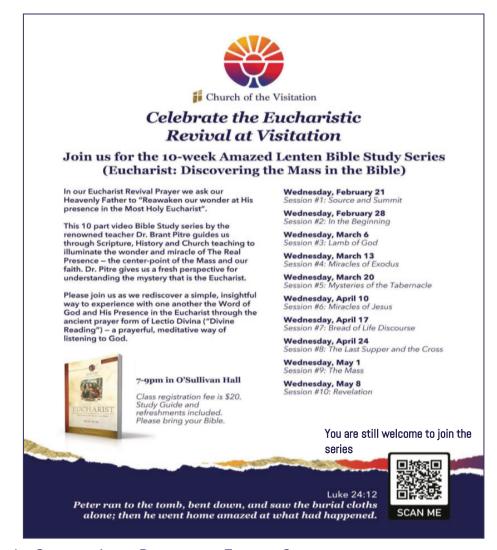
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4th Sunday of Lent - Reflections - Everyday Sterwardship

Are you asleep? Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died. Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God. What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and retuned to live with his loved ones? As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.

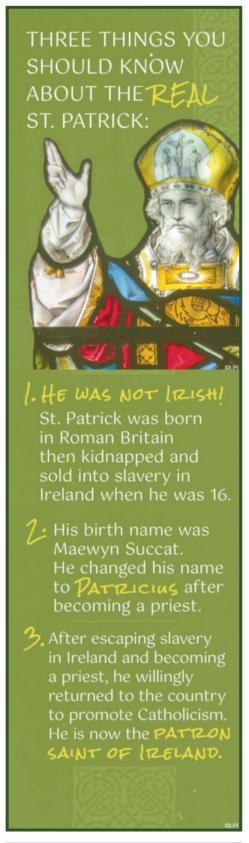
DAILY BRIEF

The Daily Brief is a series of daily Lenten meditations based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priests.

Starting with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14 and throughout all of Lent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect. Watch in full screen or close your eyes. The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

LENT UNPLUGGED

The final Lent Unplugged will take place in the church this Tuesday, March 19th. There will be no Lent Unplugged during Holy Week. These drop-in, **candlelit** meditation evenings in the church are designed to help us slow down, unplug, and create the inner quiet we need to hear God's voice. Please consider attending.



Thank you for your continued
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Holy Week Schedule

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - March 18 @ 7pm



Blessing of

PALM SUNDAY - March 23/24

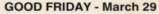
Blessing of the palms at all Masses

March 25, 26, 27

8:00am* - Regular Mass

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28

7:30pm-10:00pm*- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer and night prayer at 9:45pm in O'Sullivan Hall

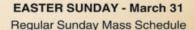


8:00am - Church open for silent prayer
9:00am*- Tenebrae - Sung Morning Prayer
12:15pm* - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of
the Cross and Holy Communion
6:00pm - Stations of the Cross
7:30pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word,
Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion



HOLY SATURDAY - March 30

8:00am - Church open for silent prayer 8:00pm* - Easter Vigil Mass (no 5pm Mass)



*(In Person and Live-Streamed)





The Pregnancy Help Center's Walk for Life South Bay is coming, and we need YOU!

Interested in forming a walking team with your ministry, family, friends, club, or school to raise funds for the Center? To learn more, join us for a Team Captain kickoff celebration, Thurs., March 21st, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at 22930 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. M, Torrance. You'll get tips and tools for rallying team members. Walk proceeds provide free services for women with an unplanned pregnancy. **RSVP by March 18th at (424) 263-4855. Refreshments will be served.** The Walk is Sat., May 18th – Save the date!





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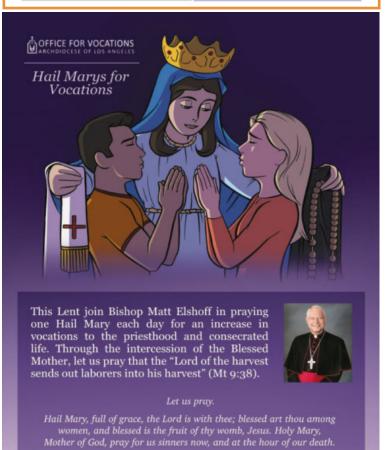
In anticipation of the second session of the Synod on Synodality this October, join many from across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for a virtual listening session.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM MEETING ID:925 1438 0827 PASSCODE: 228359 MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM MEETING ID:946 6922 5712 PASSCODE: 009547









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Prayer

God, help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you really are.

Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

Sharing the Gospel

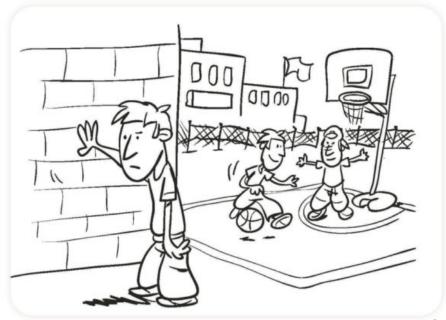
When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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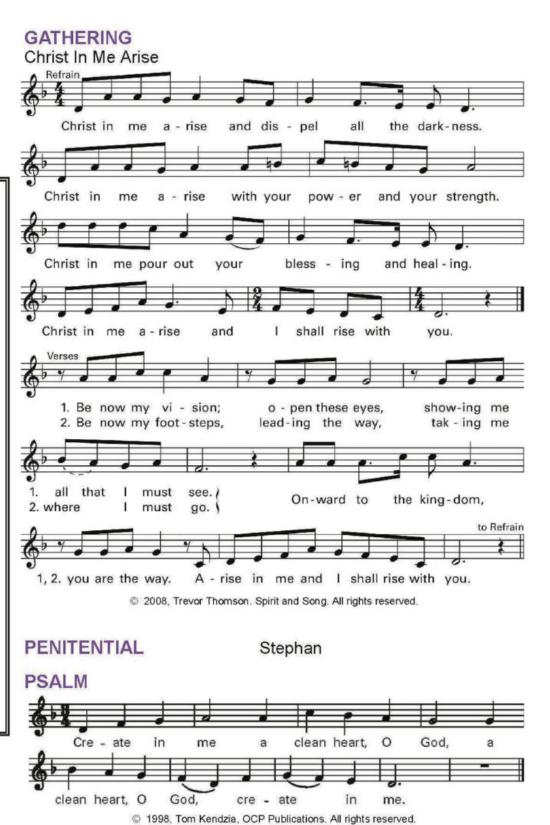


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I believe in God. the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit. born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. died and was buried: He descended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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to You, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (Stephan)

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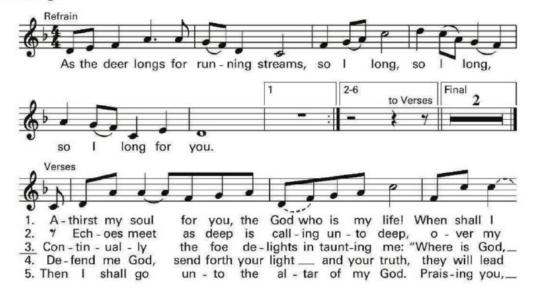
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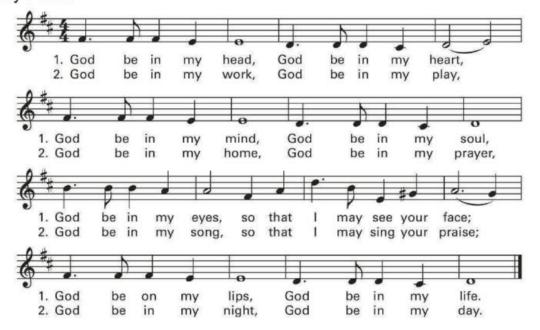
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