



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2023

ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Matthew Wheeler

IN RESIDENCE:

Father Timothy McGowan

RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

Msgr. James Forsen

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.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)

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

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”
- Mt 13: 44

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 – “Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested.” (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

PSALM – Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

SECOND READING – For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

GOSPEL – “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Mt 13:44)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5B-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-4

WEDNESDAY: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-4

THURSDAY: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A, 11/Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11AB/Mt 13:54-5

SATURDAY: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

PARENT LEADERSHIP

“Trust in their integrity, even if you must sometimes mistrust their judgment” (Compass, Jim Stenson).

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, August 13, 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.



A Note from Fr. Jim about Retirement: If any of you had been wondering what Fr. Jim was going to be doing in his retirement, you were not alone. He had no idea! But some parishioners have encouraged him to start a YouTube channel (*Mindful Moments with Father Jim Forsen*) and record his reflections on Sunday's gospel, which he has been doing for the last several weeks. If you would be interested in listening in please visit his YouTube page and subscribe.

From his many health adventures, Fr Jim has gathered quite the collection of medical devices which now just sit in his garage doing nothing. So if anyone would like a walker, there are two walkers in very good condition available. Also, if anyone needs a set of crutches, those are available too. (One of the hand rests got chewed on by a mouse, but still in good condition.) He also has two never-used perfectly clean hospital urinals which can attach to a bedside for those who are confined to bed. If anyone would like them, they are free of charge, first come first served, just call the rectory.



& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY- JULY 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Paul Chen †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Joey & Penny Kiat

◆ MONDAY - JULY 31, 2023

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00am - Paul Chen †

◆ TUESDAY - AUGUST 1, 2023

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Josefina Se †

◆ WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 2, 2023

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00am - Gary Hogan †

◆ THURSDAY - AUGUST 3, 2023

8:00am - Asuncion Laureola †

◆ FRIDAY - AUGUST 4, 2023

St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00am - Catherine “Carol” Gauthier †

◆ SATURDAY - AUGUST 5, 2023

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

5:00pm - Annella Dorn †

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.



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; religioeducationvc@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 religioeducationvc@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 confirmationvc@gmail.com for more information.

Dear sisters and brothers,
People often ask me, "Hey Fr. Matt, what's your favorite thing to do as a priest?" and my response is always, "Hearing confessions!". The reason is because I am continuously edified by the humble faith of all those who open their hearts to the love of God our merciful Father in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is so inspiring! Moreover, the sacrament of reconciliation has played an important role in my own spiritual journey, and I hope to share that gift with as many others as possible.

This has led me to consider ways of making the sacrament of reconciliation more readily available to you, the people of Visitation Parish. Currently, confessions are heard in the church from 3-4pm on Saturdays. I wonder, however, if this is the most convenient time for all of you or if there are other days/times that might work better. In an effort to listen and get your feedback, please fill out the below survey and turn it into the office at your earliest convenience. The survey is also being sent out through email via Constant Contact.

Thank you! And may God continue to draw all of us more deeply into His merciful love.

Blessings,
Fr. Matt

1. Do you find that our current confession schedule works well for you and your family?

Yes No

2. Would you like to see a weekday confession time offered?

Yes - on a weekday morning
 Yes - on a weekday during the lunch hour
 Yes - on a weekday evening
 No

3. Would you like confessions offered at a different time over the weekend?

Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to #3: What day/time works best for you?

Other comments or concerns?

Don't Forget:

-I will be away on vacation until August 11th. Please pray for my safe travels!
 -Thanks to The Welcome Wagon and all volunteers who helped make our ice cream social a success!
 -Pray for the 4 new auxiliary bishops of Los Angeles! May God grant them wisdom and strength as they assume their new responsibilities.

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Coffee & Donuts will be held Sunday; July 30th (Hosted by Welcome Wagon/PPC). Please join them in the courtyard after each Mass.



Eucharistic Revival Prayer

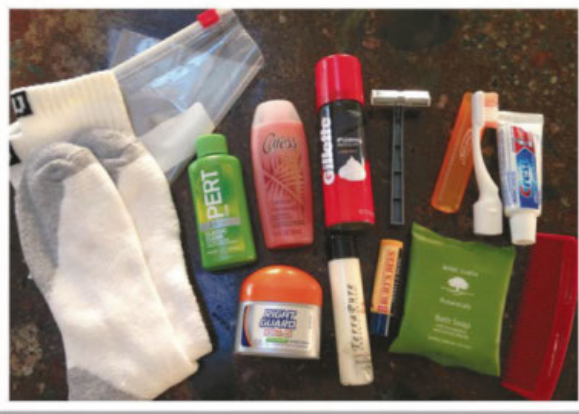


Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes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

Interested in RCIA or Adult Confirmation?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a **process** through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. The RCIA program meets on Monday evenings in the O'Grady Center from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, starting September 11th. Please email to Gilbert & Laura Trujillo at rcia.visitation@gmail.com or call (424) 235-3122 to learn more.



MERCY BAGS FOR ST MARGARET'S CENTER

One way we are answering the call to serve the poor at Visitation, is to assist St. Margaret's Center in providing hygiene bags for the homeless and working poor that they serve.

Please **consider contributing 3-5 Mercy Bags that you assemble at home** and bring to church the weekend of June 3rd. CVS and Ralphs each have a travel section with inexpensive kits and products to choose from. Below is the recommended content list from St. Margaret's for the most needed items. Use a large Ziplock for the contents of each Mercy Bag.



- Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Razor and Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Socks (Unisex tube socks)
- Comb
- Chapstick

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Assemble 3-5 Mercy bags into Gallon Ziplocks at home with your family

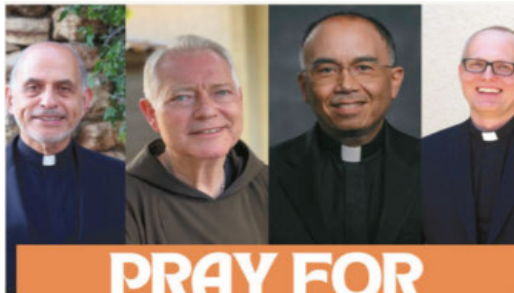
Bring your Mercy Bags to the back of the church the weekend of August 6th

Consider making an extra bag or two to keep in your car to give to someone in need.

Contact Dan Smith if you have access to large amounts of these products for donation. dsmithwestchester@gmail.com

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"SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME?' HE SAID TO HIM, 'YES, LORD, YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.' HE SAID TO HIM, 'TEND MY SHEEP.'" (JOHN 21:16)

Come and spend some time

with the Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour
 August 4, 2023
 8:30AM – 9:30AM

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be
2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be
4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your
3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary, 1927.

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Joy and Peace

PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Seek Ye First



*1.
1. Seek ye first the king-dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you,
3. You do not live by bread a-lone,
4. Where two or three are gath-ered in my name,



and his right-cous-ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev-'ry word
there am I in their midst;

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

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

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

2. Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION

SATURDAY

Your Words are Spirit and Life

Refrain

Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
 gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
 life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses

1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -
 2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They
 3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's
 4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's
 2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -
 3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's
 4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,
 2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;
 3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;
 4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

to Refrain

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.
 2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.
 3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.
 4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

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SUNDAY Lord, You Have the Words

Lord, you have the words — of ev - er - last - ing life. —

Lord, you have — the words — of ev - er - last - ing life. —

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them just.
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest gold.

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SENDING

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1. My life flows on in end - less song; — A - bove earth's lam - en -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, — I hear that mu - sic

1. ta - tion. — I hear the real though far - off hymn — That
 2. ring - ing; — It sounds and ech - oes in my soul; — How

1. hails a new cre - a - tion. — No storm can shake my
 2. can I keep from sing - ing? —

in - most calm, — While to that rock I'm cling - ing. — Since Love is Lord of —

heav - en and earth, How can I keep — from sing - ing? —

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