HURCH OF THE //ISITATION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST." -- MT 20:16

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

ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your Donations!



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

PSALM — The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)
SECOND READING — Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)
GOSPEL — "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1B-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6/LK 8:16-18 TUESDAY: Ezr 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5/LK 8:19-2 WEDNESDAY: Ezr 9:5-9/TB 13:2, 3-4A, 4BEFGHN, 7-8/LK 9:1-6 THURSDAY: HG 1:1-8/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B/LK 9:7-9 FRIDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 OR RV 12:7-12A/PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5/JN 1:47-5 SATURDAY: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. - ST. JOHN VIANNEY

PARENT LEADERSHIP

Use literature, TV, and movies to teach about people's ideals, achievements, and mistakes. - James B. Stenson, *Compass*

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING:

Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

SECOND READING:

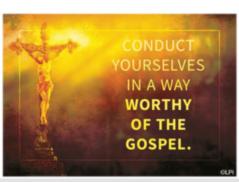
Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling "caught between" life and death. *Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?*

GOSPEL: The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's

generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family?

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





& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ <u>SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 24, 2023</u> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Hank Doll † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Edsel Jr.

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

8:00am - Bobbie Cook †

- ◆ TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- 8:00am Richard "Dick" Topete †
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- 8:00am Kappy Bettencourt †
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - Lisa Stephanie

- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 8:00am Esther Villalobos †
- <u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023</u> St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00pm - April Carlson †

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.



PARISH POST

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am excited to announce the launch of an enhanced ministry for altar servers at Visitation Parish: Servants of the Altar (SOTA). SOTA is meant to help our elementary and high school youth grow in friendship with Jesus Christ and each other. With prayerful, professional, and positive attitudes, SOTA teammates will help our entire Visitation community pray and encounter the Risen Lord in the Eucharist.

Moreover, I hope that SOTA will support our youth in vocational discernment and discovering God's will for their lives. Through service at the altar, my hope is that our youth will come to know more deeply Jesus' love for them and be filled with excitement for the unique plan Jesus has for each one of them. God's plans are the best plans and when we pursue them wholeheartedly we come to know peace and joy.

Please pray for this ministry and encourage the youth of our parish to participate. May all of us be drawn into the love of Jesus through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of the Eucharist. Have a wonderful week!

Peace,

Fr. Matt

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? WHY IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO DISMISS A CHILD'S EVERYDAY EMOTIONS?

A key part of creating a safe environment is being a trusted adult to the children in your care. Children who have been abused are more likely to confide in a trusted adult whom they know will listen to and believe them. For this reason, it is important to affirm a child's everyday emotions, including anger or fear. Far too often, adults tell children "you're fine," or "get over it," in response to what a child perceives as a true emotional problem, but an adult may see as an inconvenience or insignificant event. Affirming a child's feelings while still helping them work through their issue productively will help create a bond of trust. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

• Albert Jibilian who went home to the Lord on August 31, 2023. He was 86 years old. Funeral Mass will take place October 3, 2023 at 1:00PM at Holy Cross.

• John Flynn who went home to the Lord on June 14, 2023. He was 55 years old. Funeral Mass will take place October 21, 2023 at 1:00PM at Visitation.

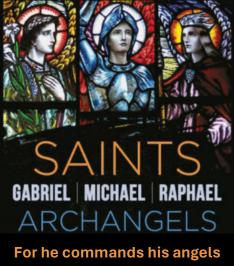
Please pray for their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Visitation parishioners have been making sandwiches for the homeless and people in need for a couple of years now. These sandwiches are distributed by St. Margaret Center in Lennox every week. The sandwich making has been changed to Saturday and we are in need of additional volunteers. Volunteers gather in the O'Sullivan hall kitchen at 10AM, with plenty of volunteers it will take an hour and 15 minutes to make about 500 sandwiches. Please consider helping this wonderful ministry and those in great need. You may call the Rectory to leave



your information and you will be contacted for further information.



For he commands his angets with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. PSALM 91:11

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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.

YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL JUNE 11 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

The Revival is now reaching the pews! This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass. Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. Find out about how parishes are answering the call. For more information please visit the Eucharistic Revival

Website: https://

www.eucharisticrevival.org/

THE WORD **AMONG US**

Attention for those who have pre-ordered the Word Amona Us booklet, the October edition has arrived and can be picked up at the Rectory. If you haven't preordered and would like to receive one please contact the Rectory for more information.

In need of a caregiver? If so, please call the Rectory for more information.







HELP SAVE LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, we have inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 63 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk matters!

With God's help, here are the proven results: Over 23,000 babies saved from abortion Over 200 abortion workers converted Over 100 abortion centers closed



Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily. September 27 - November 5

Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com Get involved ... learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale





Baby Bottle Campaign 2023

In honor of Respect Life Month, the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser will start next weekend! The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance provides free services, including ultrasound exams, to women facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. Please support them by picking up a baby bottle after Mass September 30 - October 1. You can put in coins, bills or a check and return your bottle before all masses the weekend of October 28-29. You can also donate online at support phctorrance.org/contribute. Your support saves lives!



Is God Calling You to be a Sister? Join our Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat September 29-October 1, 2023 Los Altos Hills, CA See what being a Sister is all about! Stay with us * Pray with us * Get to know us! DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Find out more at Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/ FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN 18-40.

VISITATION CASINO NIGHT

COLD BEER - DELICIOUS FOOD LIVE MUSIC - GREAT COMPANY!



Saturday, October 14 at 6 PM • Gambling 6 - 11 Spirit of Visitation Presentation Honoring Guylaine and Mark Brosmer at 7 PM Oktoberfest Attire Requested

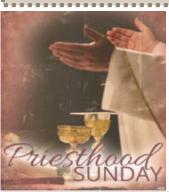
\$100/TICKET

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His Excellency Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, invites you to watch the live-stream of the Episcopal Ordination at lacatholics.org Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00pm The Most Reverend Albert Bahhuth Titular Bishop of Vadesi Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles The Most Reverend Matthew G. Elshoff, OFM Cap. Titular Bishop of Lamzella Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles The Most Reverend Brian A. Nunes Titular Bishop of Kearney Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles The Most Reverend Slawomir Szkredka Titular Bishop of Vico della Torre Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles In the presence of His Eminence Cardinal-Designate Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America.





PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.



Statement by Bishop-elect Matthew Elshoff || July 18, 2023 Episcopal Vicar for the Our Lady of the Angels Region

Good morning everyone, my name is Father Matthew Elshoff. Over 30 years ago my provincial said to me, "Matt, if you want to give God a good laugh, tell him your plans!"

This important moment in my life and the Archdiocese speaks to the mysterious ways of the Lord.

"Your thoughts are not my thoughts; your ways are not my ways," says the Lord. Well, the Lord certainly surprised me this time, very much!

With this in mind, I want to thank Almighty God for his many blessings, especially, this gift of the episcopacy.

I am very grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for placing his confidence in me by appointing me an auxiliary bishop as well as to Archbishop Gomez for his part in this process in accepting me as one of his auxiliaries.

I am humbled to serve the priests, deacons, religious and people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

I grew up in this Archdiocese, and this is my home. I attended St. Bede the Venerable Church and School, in La Cañada. I was taught by the Sisters of St. Louis, who encouraged my vocation to the priesthood.

After graduating from St. Francis High School in 1973, I entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order.

I was ordained by Cardinal Timothy Manning in 1982. Except for seven years, I have been privileged to serve as a priest in this Archdiocese.

Some years ago, I served as a confessor and spiritual director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests. I was enriched by my relationships with these priests and religious, many of whom came from various parts of the world to serve here.

Whatever our race, culture, or religious traditions, we all have one goal, namely, to know Jesus, to share Jesus and to be with Jesus.

With this in mind, I promise to serve the Archbishop and the priests, deacons, religious and laity to the fullest of my abilities.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank my provincial, Fr. Joseph Seraphin, who is here this morning. I am very grateful to him and the friars of Our Lady of Angels Province who have fostered my love of the Lord through St. Francis of Assisi and St. Claire of Assisi. I owe them a great debt of gratitude.

I also want to thank the people of God from my various ministries who have formed me as a priest by their wisdom. I stand here today because of you.

Finally, I want to thank my parents, Irene and Cal, both of whom have gone to the Lord. Their lived example of their Catholic faith both in our home and at St. Bede's; inspired me to be a priest and friar.

Let me close by assuring you of my prayers and asking for yours. Our prayer will always be our greatest gift for each other. May the Lord continue the good work that He has begun in all of us.

Thank you for listening and may God bless you.

LA ARCHDIOCESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- United Together: Homeless Ministry Resource Fair; Saturday, September 30, 2023 9AM 12PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, Encino, CA Scan QR code to RSVP and to receive more information.
- Virtual Regional Congress 2023; Saturday, October 14, 2023.
- Diaconate Virtual Information Day; Sunday, October 15, 2023 2:00PM 4:00PM
- Healthcare Professionals Mass; Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:30PM @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

To RSVP or get more information on these events visit lacatholics.org/catholic-la-events/



OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS

OCTOBER 13

RESTS VS SEMINARIANS

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES BASKETBALL GAME

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This game will take place at **Cathedral High School** in Los Angeles (1253 Bishops Road, Los Angeles, CA 90012)

Doors Open: 6:00 p.m. and Games Starts 7:00 pm!

The game will be livestreamed on the Catholic Hoops page for you to enjoy from the comfort of vour home and for those that would like to attend in person, limited tickets are available for purchase.

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see you, I want to see you Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see you, I want to see you To see you high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy

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GLORY TO GOD Mass of St. Ann

PSALM The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Bolduc

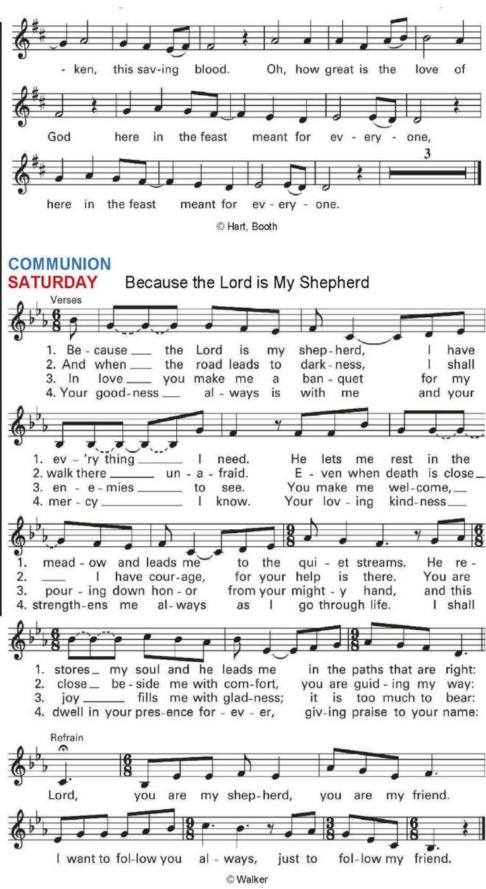
PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

The Feast Meant for Everyone



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, 1. and life everlasting. 2. 3. Amen

MASS PARTS Mass of St. Ann



SUNDAY Lord You Have the Words

- 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.
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.
 The decress of the Lord are truth, and all ot them just.
 They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest gold.

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SENDING

All that We Have Seen



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