



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 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

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045



"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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:

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING – "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." (2 Kgs 4:9-10)

PSALM – For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING – Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

GOSPEL – "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EPH 2:19-22/Ps 117:1BC, 2/JN 20:24-29

TUESDAY: GN19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY: GN 21:5, 8-20A/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY: GN 22:1B-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY: GN 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1B-2, 3-4A, 4B-5/Mt 9:9-1

SATURDAY: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-1

BAPTISMS

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, July 16, 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.

HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

Happy 4th of July!!! Enjoy a safe and happy holiday when celebrating our country's birthday! Be sure to be on the lookout for Fr. Matt at the Parade on the 4th. Our next Coffee & Donuts will be held on Sunday, July 9 (Hosted by the Knights of Columbus). Please join them in the courtyard after each Mass. Also, when you're craving Yum Yum donuts or a breakfast sandwich, be sure to visit the Playa location at 8139 W Manchester (just past the Knights of Columbus hall) and say thank you from Visitation!!!

SAVE THE DATE...ICE CREAM SOCIAL is coming on JULY 16!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you don't got faith, you don't got nothing - you're like... soulless."
-Rebecca who approached me at Truxton's

PARENT LEADERSHIP

"Direct, but don't micromanage, your older children's work; don't do their work for them unless and until they've tried their best. Push for personal best effort, not just results" (*Compass*, Jim Stenson).

Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th in observance of
Independence Day.
It will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Mass Intentions

& SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

◆ SUNDAY- JULY 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Gary Pelka

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Felipe Solis †

◆ MONDAY - JULY 3, 2023

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00am - Cliff Rohe †

◆ TUESDAY - JULY 4, 2023

Independence Day

8:00am - Frine Velez †

◆ WEDNESDAY - JULY 5, 2023

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00am - Ryan Times †

◆ THURSDAY - JULY 6, 2023

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am - Frank Mondello †

◆ FRIDAY - JULY 7, 2023

8:00am - Pat Rotolo †

◆ SATURDAY - JULY 8, 2023

5:00pm - Alicia Sales †

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,

The other day, one of our parishioners spoke to me after Mass and shared that she was carrying a heavy burden. She was suffering intense physical pain that left her wondering how this fit into God's plan for her life. She wanted to know *why* this was happening to her. I listened and my heart grieved - we prayed.

As you can imagine, these sorts of questions come up regularly in my priestly ministry. In moments of heartbreak, pain, or suffering people are moved to turn to the Lord and ask, "Why?" It is a good question and ultimately one for which we will not receive a 100% satisfactory answer until we are in heaven and can ask God for ourselves. Nonetheless, I have found consolation on one insight from our Catholic Tradition rooted in Scripture and the story of creation.

I suppose God could have created a perfect world free from suffering and pain. In this world everyone would make the right choices, say the right things, and live in harmony. But in this "perfect" world something valuable would be missing: freedom. You see, the perfect world described above is not a human world, but the world of robots. It is a world in which we are God's pre-programmed machines; not His beloved children. It is a world bereft of love because love demands freedom. One can only be "chosen and loved" in a world where one can also be "rejected and abandoned." The risk of love is freedom and with that freedom comes the possibility of pain, suffering, and evil.

Some have asked, "If God is all-powerful, then could he make a rock so big that he couldn't lift it?" The answer is, "yes." The rock so big that God can't lift it is the rock of free-will. God who is love (1 John 4:7) desires a relationship of love with you and me and he gave us free-will precisely so that we would use it to love him in return. As we celebrate the 4th of July this week let's reflect on the gift of our personal freedom and whether we are using it to truly love God and neighbor so as to build the Kingdom of Jesus.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt

Don't Forget:

-Keep an eye out for Visitation at the Westchester 4th of July Parade! See you there!

RCIA PROGRAM AT VISITATION

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.



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.

Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a **Fun Day. Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 1:30 PM**

Come have some fun, have some snacks *and plan* more Senior Fun Days.
An idea or two

Making new friends? Renewing acquaintances? Cards? Bingo? Bunco? Movies? Potluck lunches? Bible Study?

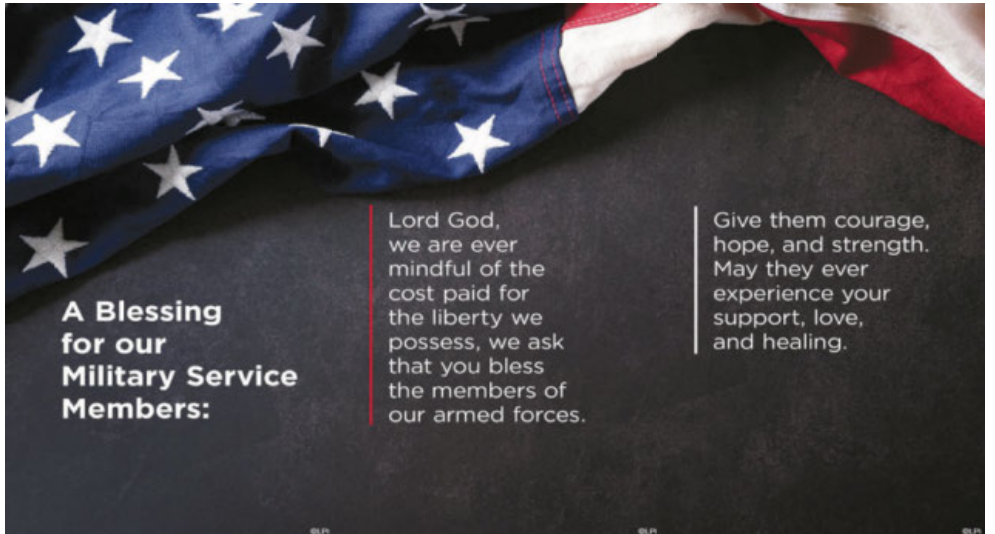
Any of the above? Other ideas? Gather up some friends and come on along and let's see what we can do.

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



Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.



Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



To the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; with hearts full of gratitude for more than 40 years of loving service and faithful witness, we wish Sister Therese and Sister Joan well as they moved out of the Visitation Convent and returned to live with the rest of their community starting July 1st. May God bless them.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till



all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.



1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where the Mas-ter trod, our
2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, the
3. Each new-born fol-l'wer of the Cru-ci-fied bears
4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise



King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con- quering ranks com-bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

*Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbold, 1874-1956, alt.
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Joy and Peace

PSALM

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Make Your Home In Me



1. Ev-ery fox, a den; ev-ery bird, a nest; but the
2. Lord, you come to me in your home-less-ness; burn-ing



1. Son of Man has no place to rest. Ev-ery heart, a man; ev-ery
2. in your eyes, such a great dis-tress. Who will heal your wounds? Who will



1. king, a throne; but the Word Made Flesh, no earth-ly home.
2. make your bed? I will com-fort you, I will share my bread.

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

Refrain

Your bur-den's light and your yoke is eas - y. Your name is
 love and your grace is free. My heart was locked but
 you had the key. Make your home in me, make your
 home in me.

1, Final to Verse 2 | 2

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COMMUNION

The Feast Meant for Everyone

Verses

1. Bread for the im - mi - grant, bread for the poor,
 2. Bread for the shel - tered, bread for the rich;
 3. Drink for the broth - er thirst - ing for more,
 4. Gath - er the sin - ners, gath - er the saints,

1. bread for the hun - gry who beg at our door. Food for the
 2. those who need noth - ing but all Je - sus is. Food for all
 3. drink for the sis - ter who's run out of hope. This cup is
 4. all souls in heav - en and here in this place. This is the

1. out - cast wait - ing to be - long; come to the feast
 2. peo - ple, emp - ty, we all come; come to the feast
 3. heal - ing, more than just e - nough. Come to the feast
 4. ta - ble where we are made one, here in the feast

1st time to Verse 2

1-4. meant for ev - ery - one.

Refrain

Oh, how great is the love of God in this bod - y bro -
 - ken, this sav - ing blood. Oh, how great is the love of
 God here in the feast meant for ev - ery - one,



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SENDING

American the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.



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