

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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

Fr. Matthew Wheeler - Administrator Father Timothy McGowan - In Residence Msgr. Charles E. Hill - Retired - Msgr. James Forsen - Retired

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

SUNDAY IN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.

Daily Mass (Inside the church) Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church) Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 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 (Inside the church) 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.

6561 West 88th Street Los Angeles, CA 90045 Tel. 310-216-1145 Fax. 310-846-5421 email. visitationchurch497@gmail.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

PSALM — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23). **Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14. 17: 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2: Mt 6:1-6. 16-18 THURSDAY: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY: Is 58:9b-14: Ps 86:1-6: Lk 5:27-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL **OBSERVANCES**

SUNDAY: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: Presidents' Day TUESDAY: St. Peter Damian: Mardi Gras: Shrove Tuesday WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Washington's Birthday THURSDAY: St. Polycarp **FRIDAY:** Abstinence

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Joseph Argenta, who went home to the Lord on February 1, 2023. He was 95 years old. Funeral mass already took place.

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

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, March 19 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!!!

Our next Hospitality will be hosted by the Men's & Women's Cornerstone ministries on Sunday, Feb. 26. Please join them after the Sunday Masses to ask about this ministry/retreat program. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their support on Super Bowl Sunday last

weekend, as well as Yum Yum Donuts (Playa Del Rey) for the wonderful donuts!





MASS INTENTIONS

- SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 19, 2023 8:00am - Gilbert Soto † 11:00am - Walenty & Waclawa Nczysk t
- MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2023 ٠ 8:00am - Roger Barredo †
- **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023** • 8:00am - Barbara Delehart † WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2023 8:00am - Tony Sales †
- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023
- 8:00am Carmen Soto Wyllie †
- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023
- 8:00am Amparo Hocson †
- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023 5:00pm - Fortunio Sales †

To request a mass intention please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

Please pray for the faithful departed, that

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Use the link below to register as a parishioner.

www.visitationchurch-la.com/register

Online Giving
Thank you for
your
Donations!

FAITH DIRECT Text \$ amount to 310-361-1262 to give!

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 FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Can you believe it? The liturgical season of Lent is quickly approaching! With Lent we have a powerful opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and experience *reconciliation* in a more personal way. But what does reconciliation mean? If you study the word and its history you find that it means "bringing things together." Or to "re-align that which was separated."

Applied to our relationship with God, reconciliation presupposes that there are things we can do to separate ourselves from God; things that put us out of alignment with God. This is called sin. And so Lent is a time to acknowledge our sins and our need for a savior - Jesus Christ and to allow Jesus Christ to reconcile us with God the Father.

Using a familiar example, we know that when a child breaks the rules and gets caught the child tends to hide away, looks down, and resists looking at mom or dad in the eyes. Parents in this situation, full of compassion, want nothing more than for their child to simply be honest and admit to their wrong doing so that they can be reconciled. So reconciliation comes when the child is able to look mom and dad in the eyes again and say, "I'm sorry." Reconciliation comes when mom and dad meet the child with love, mercy, and forgiveness. This is what Lent is about. We need reconciliation with God. Jesus Christ reconciles us with God.

A wonderful way to reconcile with God is through the sacrament of reconciliation. A fruit of this sacrament is our ability to gaze once again, honestly, into the loving gaze of God our merciful Father. I invite you to prepare well and make a good confession this Lenten season. As you know, we have confession at Visitation every Saturday afternoon from 3-4pm. You can also call and make an appointment anytime you'd like. Lastly, we'll be having a special Lenten Penance Service on April 4th.

Friends, I hope you have an excellent Lent! May it be filled with many blessings of peace and joy which flow from living in right relationship with God and neighbor.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt





Baby Bottle Campaign 2023

If you picked up a baby bottle, don't forget to put coins, bills, or checks in the bottle, or donate online at supportphctorrance.org/contribute.

All proceeds go towards providing free pregnancy services for the Center's clients. Please return your bottle *before* Mass next weekend, February 25th and 26th Your support saves lives!



MAKE A 30TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TODAY!



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30 years of faith, service, and love

For 30 years, your tremendous support of Together in Mission has directly helped thousands of students, families, and parishioners in underserved communities. Together, as ONE Catholic family, we have helped parishes and schools become thriving communities of faith - vibrant, alive, and rooted in the love of Christ. The extraordinary history and impact of our annual appeal inspire us to march forward toward a common horizon where the light of Christ is present.

In this 30th anniversary year, we prayerfully ask that you make a special gift and **shine His light** in an extraordinary way for all communities to see.

More than an average annual appeal

Together in Mission exclusively supports the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This annual appeal is an opportunity for people to join in action - as one united family. Join us in celebrating the generational support that has been sustaining faith communities for 30 years.

Because of you, we lovingly serve

15,000+ students 500,000+

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Visitation Parish Goal: \$57,470.00

Religious Appreciation Di<u>nner</u>



Tuesday, February 21st Knights of Columbus Hall 8049 Manchester Avenue Playa del Rey

Social at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 \$20.00 for Adults \$10.00 for Children under 12

Please RSVP to Mark Brosmer remsorbam@sbcglobal.net or 310-569-5799





Lent Build 2023



You are the light of the world. A town built

on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put

it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in

the house.

- Matthew 5:14-16

Once Again, God's People Are in Need of a Good Carpenter

Join us for our Lent Build 2023 40 Days of Building on Faith

Help build, repair, and serve families in need of affordable homes here in greater Los Angeles.

February 22- April 9, 2023

Projects for all ages available for groups of 5-40. Generosity and sponsorship opportunities start at \$500.

Space is limited, so register today and receive your Lenten devotional calendar!

For additional information and to sign up, contact: Chris Untiet Habitat LA Faith Relations Director chrisu@habitatla.org or call 310-749-8575



VISITATION JOG-A-TH E CLIMEFERT

EVENT DETAILS: February 24, 2023 at Visitation School

annual school

It's almost time for our

jog-a-thon. Each year, this fundraiser helps

our students and our

teachers!

provide Visitation School with the financial support we need to continue our tradition of Academic Excellence! Thank you for your continued support of



SLIME BONUS! If a class qualifies with 100% pledge participation, EACH student in that class who raises \$100 or more can SLIME Mr. Watson or Fr. Matt!

> Scan QR Code to register or

make a pledge





PARISH MEN'S RETREAT AT MATER DOLOROSA RETREAT CENTER

A limited number of spaces are being held for the men of our parish to attend a weekend retreat in Sierra Madre with the theme: WALKING WITH GOD DURING DIFFICULT TIMES. It begins late Friday afternoon March 3rd through noon on Sunday, March 5th. The private rooms, 5 great meals, great retreat sessions, silent atmosphere, and tranquil 83 acres including a beautiful outdoor Stations of The Cross will make this a weekend you won't forget. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$275 however they never turn anyone away who is unable to pay, so simply make the \$50 reservation deposit if that is all you can afford. **Sign up at the link below.** Choose the March 3rd date and the Manhattan Beach group. Please email Mike Rotolo at <u>mmrotolo@gmail.com</u> to let him know you signed up or call him at 310.505.3052 with any questions or for help with registration. **Register** At: https://materdolorosa.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/80/ responses/new

The Parish Office will be closed Monday Feb. 20th in observance of President's Day. It will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 21st 8:00AM - 4:00PM

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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

GATHERING



Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; Laudato sia Dio mio Signore;

tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623.

GLORIA

PSALM

SATURDAY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Christians, Let Us Love One Another 1. Chris-tians, let us love one an - oth - er, As we share the 2. We who break this bread We who share this are one bod - y, 3. We who eat and drink at this ta - ble Die and rise a -On the path of life fal - ter, Earth-ly 4. we may food a -5.Wheat and grape in - car - nate a mys - t'ry: Je-sus is the We are grains of the vine, we the branch - es; 6. Je - sus is O God 1. true liv - ing bread. Je - sus is our and our 2. cup are all one. Chil - dren of our Fa ther in 3. gain with our Lord. Draw - ing from our Rock liv - ing 4. lone leaves us weak; Al - ways you in vite from the Let us eat with 5. true liv - ing bread. joy and thanks-6. wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this live for bread 20 0 σ With his flesh and blood we are 1. broth - er: fed. We are heirs with God's on - ly 2. heav - en, son. 3. wa - ter Giv'n to all who thirst for ac - cord. Ev-'ry-one who 4. "Hun-gry souls their food here must seek." al - tar, 5. giv - ing, Trust-ing in the word he has said. One with Christ, our Lord and our Head. 6. ev - er, 1-6. loves is born of God. Je-sus is our life. God is love. Text: 98 98 98; © 1973, Claudia Foltz, SNJM, and Armand Nigro, SJ. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: French Carol, 17th cent.; Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860.

SUNDAY Small Things With Great Love APOSTLES CREED Not to the learned nor to the kings I believe in God. But to the little ones who show the mysteries the Father Almighty. I rejoice when I am weak For you will give me all I need Creator of heaven and earth, Though I cannot fly, you carry me to heaven and in Jesus Christ, Refrain His only Son, our Lord, You have not called me to be successful who was conceived You have called me to be faithful by the Holy Spirit, I can do small things, Small things with great love born of the Virgin Mary, That is enough I can do small things Small things with great love suffered under Pontius Pilate. And make my life something beautiful For God was crucified. One drop in the ocean died and was buried; One petal in the garden He descended into hell; One hidden sacrifice on the third day He rose again One reason for my life from the dead; One dance before your throne One child to give a home He ascended into heaven, One step towards Calvary and is seated at the right hand One touch of empathy of God the Father Almighty; Refrain from there He will come Yesterday is gone to judge the living and the dead. Tomorrow is not yet come I believe in the Holy Spirit, We have only today, Let us begin the Holy Catholic Church, Refrain the communion of Saints, © Danielle Rose the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, COMMUNION and life everlasting. Ubi Caritas Amen MASS PARTS De-us i - bi *U-bi ca-ri-tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: Mass of St. Ann Verses: Cantor/Choir De-us i - bi est, est. 1. The love of Christ joins us to -2. In true com-mu - nion let US 3. May we who gath - er at this 4. For those in need make us your 5. May we one day be-hold your 1. geth-er. Let us re - joice him, and in our love and in

2. gath-er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be ta - ble to share the bread be-come a of life sac - ra-4. mer-cy, for those op-pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a 5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re-joic-ing with the

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1. care for all	now	love God in re - turn.	
2. Christ the Lord,	our	ris - en Prince of Peace.	
3. ment of love,	your	heal-ing touch, O Christ.	
4. ho - ly sign	of	jus - tice and new life.	
5. saints of God	to	sing e - ter - nal praise.	

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SENDING SATURDAY



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SUNDAY I Send You Out

I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love, And know that I am with you always until the end of the world.

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