HURCH OF THE // ISITATION

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

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Francis Kim

IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Jim Anguiano (Vicar General) Fr. Timothy McGowan

RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen (Pastor Emeritus)

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 11:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

DAILY ROSARY Monday thru Friday following the 8 a.m. mass

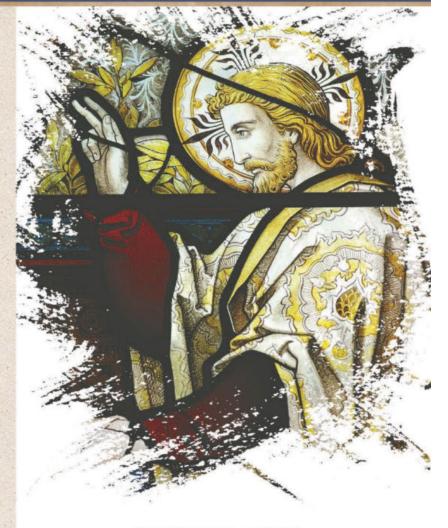
HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

CONFESSIONS

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm



"BE OPENED!" - MK 7:34

23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. #LPF

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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.

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PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Dear Father in heaven, I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you. Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion. Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. / Amen.

PARISH REGISTRATION



Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Welcome to the Viz family! You may register as a parishioner on our website or Scan the QR code now.



As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic

donations. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support us in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with Faith Direct.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to give:

- Visit faith.direct/CA772 or Scan QR code
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text \$ amount to GIVE Now! Or "ENROLL" for recurring donations 310-361-1262

SCRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Please scan the QR code to get more information regarding Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Christopher Watson cwatson@visitationschool.org

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Visitation School is a co-ed, Catholic Elementary School for students in Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade. We have been providing a quality Catholic education for students since 1947. Visit the school website; visitationschool.org for more information.

GO VISITATION BULLDOGS!

Your continued support and generosity to Church of the Visitation is greatly appreciated!



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8TH 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

8:00am - Tom Loewy † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish 11:00am - Antonia Haro †

Monday - September 9th St. Peter Claver, Pries 8:00am - Dionisio Hocson †

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10TH 8:00am - Dave Ong †

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11TH Patriot Day 8:00am - Robert Miller

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 12TH The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am - Henry& Betty Estrada †

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:00am - James & Patricia Soto

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 14TH The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 5:00pm - George Sandoval †

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

PRAYER REQUESTS (SICK OR DECEASED):

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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MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

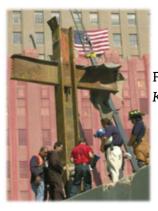
As we approach the anniversary of September 11, 2001, our hearts are drawn back to that day of sorrow and loss. We remember the lives tragically taken, the families forever changed, and the sense of security that was shattered. Yet, even in the midst of our grief, we also recall the stories of heroism, unity, and compassion that emerged from the ashes.

This day serves as a poignant reminder of the fragility of life and the destructive power of hatred and violence. As Catholic Christians, we are called to be peacemakers in a world that so desperately needs healing. Jesus teaches us in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). **Our faith compels us to respond to tragedy not with fear or anger, but with a renewed commitment to love and reconciliation.**

The events of September 11 and the continued violence in our world remind us of the urgent need for peace—not just globally, but more importantly, in our own hearts. True peace begins within, as we seek to let go of bitterness, anger, and division, and instead cultivate forgiveness, understanding, and compassion. It's in our everyday interactions, the choices we make, and the prayers we say that can make a difference.

As we remember this solemn day, let us also renew our commitment to be instruments of God's peace. Let us pray for the victims and their families, and for those who continue to suffer from the effects of violence, that we may turn away from the destructive path of hatred and walk towards the hopeful path of peace.

May our thoughts, words and actions reflect the peace of Christ, so that we may be witnesses of His love in a world that longs for healing.



Fr. Brian Jordan blesses the cross of steel beams. Oct. 4, 2001. Kathy Wikkins, AP

Don't Forget!

• Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Ministry Fair! We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have volunteered for our various ministries. It is through the generous gift of time from our volunteers and the generous support of our benefactors that our Visitation community not only sustains itself but continues to grow and thrive for generations to come.

Take good care, Fr. Francis fkim@la-archdiocese.org

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.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"We must approach our meditation realizing that 'grace,' 'mercy,' and 'faith' are not permanent inalienable possessions which we gain by our efforts and retain as though by right, provided that we behave ourselves. They are CONSTANTLY RENEWED GIFTS. The life of grace in our hearts is renewed from moment to moment, directly and personally by God in his love for us." Thomas Merton, *Contemplative Prayer*.

As Thomas Merton reminds us, "our hearts are renewed from moment to moment." Yet, too often, our thoughts drift to the past or race ahead to the future, pulling us away from the present. Being fully present in the moment (i.e. The only moment when God is present) is one of the greatest challenges in the spiritual life.

If you're interested in exploring Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 8:30 PM. We begin with a guided meditation, followed by a talk from a Christian meditation teacher. For the Zoom link, please email fkim@la-archdiocese.org.

PARKING LOT PARKING LOT A BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY EVENT SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 5:30 - 9:30 PM LIVE MUSIC FOLLOWED BY A DJ FOOD TRUCKS, BEER & WINE & MARGARITAS LOTS OF FOOD OPTIONS BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, LOW CHAIRS, AND BLANKETS

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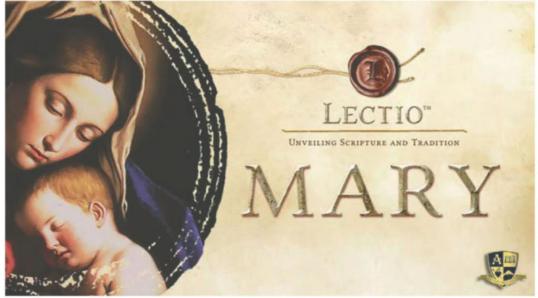
Coffee & Donuts will be served on Sunday (Sept. 8) to celebrate GRANDPARENTS DAY!!! Please join us in Mary's Courtyard after Mass, hosted by the Welcome Wagon.



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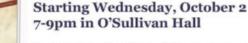
Church of the Visitation Lectio Bible Study: Mary Mother of God



Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been voted to her over the centuries? What can we learn about her from Sacred Scripture? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this Lectio series on Mary.

Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Please join us as we delve deeper into the life of Mary, Mother of God in her role in Christian life. Our Bible Study will be facilitated by Gail Gresser, Catholic Bible Institute of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



Class registration fee is \$45 per person. For more information, please visit Visitation's website at www.visitationchurch-la.com or email: religiouseducationvc@gmail.com Wednesday, October 2 Session #1: The New Eve

Wednesday, October 9 Session #2: The New Ark

Wednesday, October 16 Session #3: Mother of the Messiah

Wednesday, October 23 Session #4: The Queen Mother

Wednesday, October 30 Session #5: The Perpetual Virgin

Wednesday, November 6 Session #6: Mother of Sorrows

Wednesday, November 13 Session #7: The New Rachel

Wednesday, November 20 Session #8: Question & Answer



And Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord."

- Luke 1:46-55

* * * * FAITH FORMATION AT VISITATION *

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for students in Grades 1 - 8, including Sacrament Preparation is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year which will begin on September 15th with our Opening



Confirmation Program for Teens

Registration is open for our parish Confirmation Program which is designed for teens who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation at Visitation celebrates the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of our teenagers. The



Confirmation process, which takes place over a two-year period, is a time of discernment for our young people to explore, grow and take ownership of their Catholic Faith. If you or someone you know is in the 9th - 11th grade and are interested in joining us, **please scan the QR code to access more information and the application on our website.** We can't wait to welcome you to our first Session Retreat on Sunday, September 22nd starting with the 11:00 am Mass.

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

welcomes those who are considering becoming Catholic and adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed. The Church is where we encounter God in the Word, in the Sacraments, and in the Saints; to gain an understanding of the source of life and

salvation. If you feel called to a work in the world and in the Church, consider joining us! OCIA meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm starting September 16th. For more information, please contact our OCIA Coordinators at <u>OCIA.Visitation@gmail.com</u>



For additional information about any of our Faith Formation programs, please contact Debra Evans, Director of Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation by phone/text (703) 582-9888 or by email at <u>religiouseducationvc@gmail.com</u>

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. - Mt. 28:19

Are you looking to deepen your faith and share it with others including the next generation? Consider answering Christ's call to be a volunteer Catechist or Catechist Aide with PREP; Adult Core Team Leader or Peer Leader with Confirmation; or accompany adults on their OCIA journey! If you have a heart for Jesus, and for spreading the Good News to children, teens, or adults please contact Debra Evans, Director of Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation by email at religiouseducationvc@gmail.com, or by phone/text (703) 582-9888. We welcome your interest and participation.

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

QUESTION:

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

ANSWER:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

Prayer

Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

Mission for the Week

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.family. Heaven will be wonderful!

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine what it would be like to be deafunable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing.

Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

Now color the picture!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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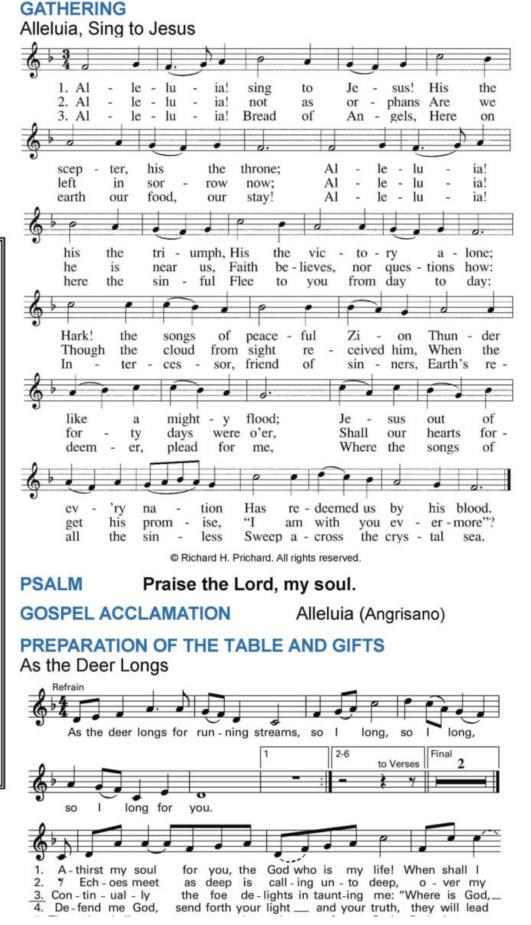


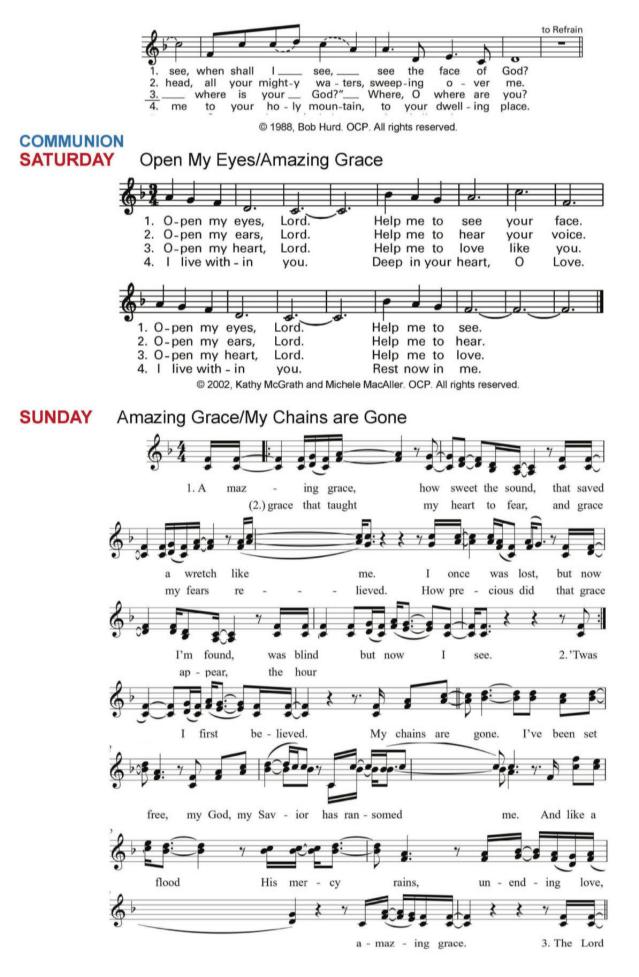
APOSTLES CREED

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

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Alleluia, Love is Alive



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<u>SWEATSHIRTS, SHOES</u> <u>& EYEGLASSES</u>



Sweatshirts, Shoes & Eyeglasses Collection for Veterans at the Westwood VA

When:	Sunday, September 15 th
Time:	9:30am – 2:30pm
Where:	Knights of Columbus Hall
	8049 W. Manchester Ave, Playa Del Rey
	Drop off items at the rear doors
