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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

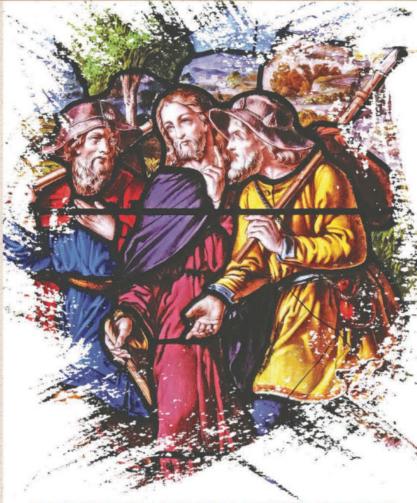
PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE

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



"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME." - MK 8:34

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

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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!



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15TH 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

8:00am - Fr. Bill Caffrey† 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish 11:00am - Gary Higbie†

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 16TH

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am - Richard Topete †

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 17TH

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Robert Miller †

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00am - Ernesto Aragon Trevino

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 19TH
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am - For the Intentions of the Priests of Visitation

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 20TH

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - Tony Sales †

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

5:00pm - Geremy Brosmer (Birthday)

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Children often ask some of the deepest philosophical and theological questions. So, I decided to ask a few of our Visitation students if they had any questions about their faith.

Dear Fr. Francis.

"What is God?" "How was God made?" "What is God made of?"

Sincerely,

Natanya, Isabella, Mason, 2nd graders in Ms. Rojas' class

Dear Natanya, Isabella, and Mason,

Thank you for these amazing questions! I'll do my best to explain, but remember, God is always greater than anything we can fully understand. St. Augustine once said, "God is closer to us than we are to ourselves." That's a great reminder that while we can know and experience God, He will always remain the most beautiful and elusive mystery.

So, "What is God?"

God is our loving creator who made everything in the world. God exists as three-in-one (Father+Son+Holy Spirit=One God). Our minds can't make complete sense of this, and that's why theologians call God "Ultimate Mystery," "Holy Mystery," "The Unknowable," "The Wholly Other," etc. And we acknowledge this Ultimate Mystery every time we make the sign of the cross: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But even though God is this Wholly Other, "God is within us, and we do not need to seek Him outside ourselves" (St. Teresa of Avila), "God is in everything, and He is as close to us as the soul is to the body" (St. Julian of Norwich), "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), "...you know God, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:17). And we acknowledge our intimacy with God every time we make the sign of the cross: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"How was God made?" "What is God made of?"

God was never made. He is eternal, meaning He has no beginning and no end. God always existed and is the source of all creation, but He Himself was not created. God is pure spirit and not made of physical matter. He is beyond what we can see or touch, existing in a perfect, eternal nature that is purely spiritual, without any material form.

Hope this helps, and I look forward to many more questions from our students!

In Christ.

Fr. Francis

fkim@la-archdiocese.org

A Special Thanks!

• A BIG thank you to Courtney O'Donoghue, our amazing volunteers and everyone who helped make our "Concert in the Parking Lot" such a success!

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

"Sometimes it seems that our many words are more an expression of our doubt than our faith. It is as if we are not sure that God's Spirit can touch the hearts of people: we have to help Him out and with many words, convince others of His power. But it is precisely this wordy unbelief which quenches the fire." Henri Nouwen, The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Ministry, p. 47.

Christian meditation is an apophatic form of prayer (i.e. imageless prayer, contemplative prayer) in contrast to cataphatic prayer (e.g. the Rosary, Ignatian Exercises, etc.). Of course, there's nothing wrong in praying with words, but if we're not careful we can end up with a prayer life that's excessively wordy and we end up "babbling like the pagans," which Jesus commands us not to do (Matt. 6:7).

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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

◆ Maria Gladys "Tata" Rodriguez who went home to the Lord on August 30, 2024. She was 87 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Saturday, September 21st at 10:00AM at Visitation.

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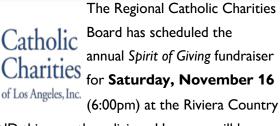
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If your child is using a tablet, iPad, or phone for school this year, you need to be aware of what they can access online. While many school devices may have safety controls in place, children are pretty creative, and may be able to maneuver around these safeguards. Consider making a "tech space" in your home, where all devices live when they are not in use — and make it centrally located, so you know whenever someone takes a device. Consider also having your children use their devices in the main area of the house, with supervision. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "5 Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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Club AND this year the religious Honoree will be our very own **FR. JIM!!!** Specific details to follow soon. For questions, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at:

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







LIVE THE LITURGY ~ Inspiration of the Week

"Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us.

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



Ceremonies. For more information and an application, please visit our website or scan the QR code below. We look forward to welcoming your family to PREP at Visitation this fall.

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 OCIA. Visitation@gmail.com



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 religiouseducationvc@gmail.com

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

HOLY WATER

QUESTION:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

ANSWER:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism. ©LPi



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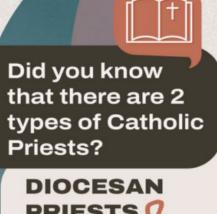
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RELIGIOUS PIZIEST FACTS:

- These priests choose a religious community or an order, based on charism, lifestyle, and mission.
- They take a vow of poverty alongside their vows of chastity and obedience and only "own" things communally.
- Some examples of the many religious orders are Dominican, Jesuit, and Carmelite.



DIOCESAN PIZIEST FACTS:

- Diocesan priests serve in parishes/schools assigned to them in a specific diocese by their local bishop.
- They take a vow of chastity and obedience but not a vow of poverty.
- They are allowed to own property and a vehicle and live independently.

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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

MASS OF RENEWAL



PSALM I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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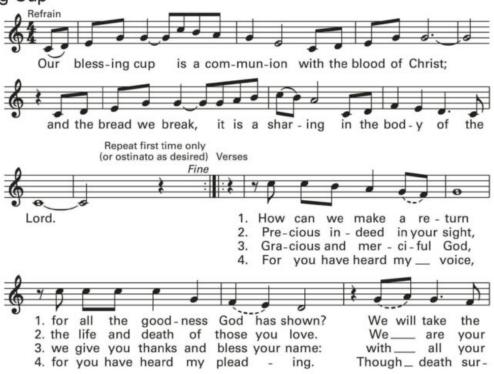


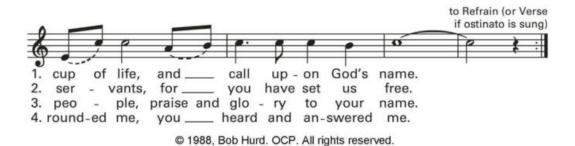


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