



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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

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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 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 RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME." - MK 9:37A

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

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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.

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.



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



Mass Intentions

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 22ND

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

8:00am - Robert Miller

9:30am - For the people of
Visitation Parish

11:00am - Marie Polatewicz †

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 23RD

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week

8:00am - Robert McCreary †

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:00am - Robert Chaplin †

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:00am - Steven Arroyo †

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 26TH

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00am - Mariano Laureola †

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 27TH

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am - Paul Sakamoto †

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 28TH

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

5:00pm - Karl Brewer †

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.



MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's second reading from St. James, we receive advice that is deeply relevant for our time. St. James reminds us that excessive jealousy creates disorder and negativity in our lives. Whether it's in the workplace, among friends, or even within our families, we all know how selfish ambition can poison our relationships. When we let these feelings control us, we lose the peace that God wants us to have. St. James calls us to let go of these desires, as they not only harm our connection with others but also pull us away from God's plan for our lives. Instead, he invites us to seek God's wisdom, which brings qualities like peace, gentleness, and mercy into our hearts.

James also offers a reality check when it comes to prayer. He reminds us that sometimes, our prayers aren't answered because we're asking for the wrong things, focused more on what will make me happy and comfortable as an individual, rather than what God wants for us as a community. This is a call for us to rethink how we approach our lives. True fulfillment doesn't come from focusing on me, myself, and I, but from living a life of humility, love, and service to others. Whether it's in our families, at work, or our community, when we strive to be kind and generous, we are reflecting God's wisdom and bringing ourselves closer to Him and to each other. So let's remember that peace and true happiness come not from competition or comparison, but from living out the love and selflessness that Christ calls us to.

Don't Forget!

- **Pray, pray, pray!**

"Prayer is as necessary as the air we breathe, as the blood in our bodies, as anything to keep us alive – to keep us alive to the grace of God."

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts."

"I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence – we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but what He says to us and through us that matters."

- Mother Teresa



HOSPITALITY

Coffee & Donuts
will be served
Sunday,
Sept. 22nd.

Please join us in Mary's
Courtyard after Mass,
hosted by the Knights
of Columbus.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Shop safely with your children

When you are with your children in a crowded shopping area – think mall, grocery store, farmer's market – it is important to have a plan of action to keep your group together and your children safe. Keep children as close as possible, ideally either in a cart or holding hands. Always go as a group to the bathroom, or at least in pairs, and have a designated spot to meet back up. For more tips, visit missingchildrensnetwork.ngo.

LIVE THE LITURGY ~ Inspiration of the Week

The apostles argue, each one claiming to be the greatest of Christ's followers. But Christ shows them who is truly the greatest – a child, one who has no thought of his own importance, one who has no ambition. Let's seek to be like that child.

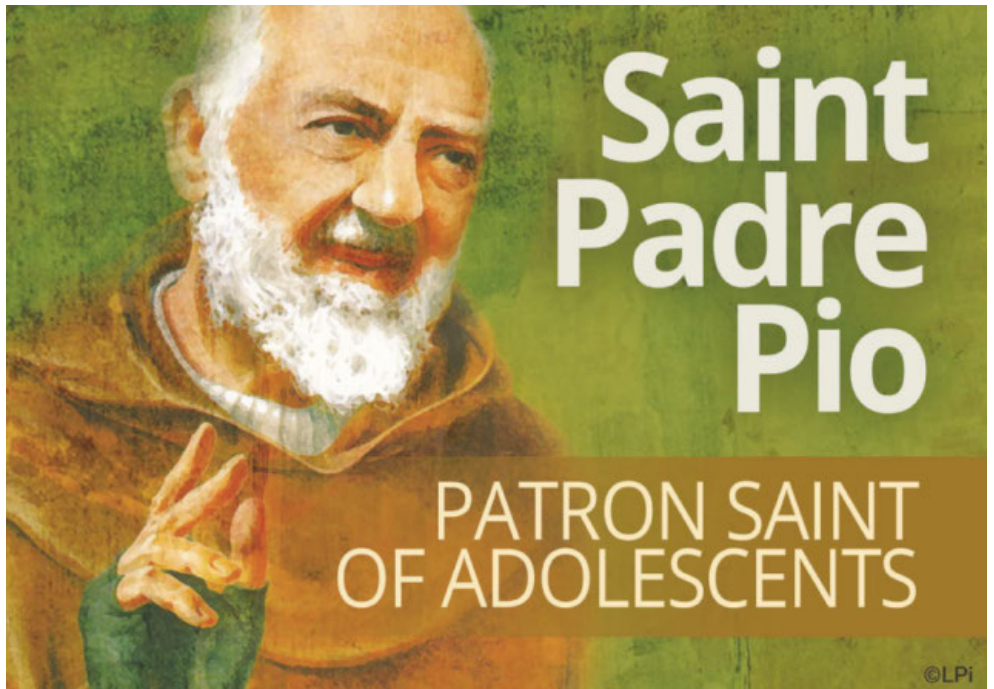
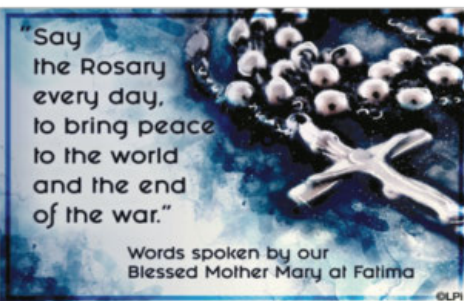
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The findings about meditation's positive impact on brain health, particularly its effects on the prefrontal cortex and amygdala, come from several neuroscientific studies conducted over the past decade. One notable source is research from Harvard University, specifically from Dr. Sara Lazar and her team at Massachusetts General Hospital. Their studies used MRI scans to show that regular meditation practices lead to structural changes in the brain, such as increased cortical thickness and reduced size of the amygdala, which is associated with stress and fear responses.

If you're interested in exploring meditation in the Christian tradition, 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.

PRAYER FOR AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I adore you deeply and I offer you the precious Body, Blood and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacle on earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, for the infinite merits of his most holy Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask you for the conversion of poor sinners. /Amen



Saint of the Week: St. Pio of Pietrelcina, died September 23

Saint Pio, also known as Padre Pio, a beloved saint of the 20th century, was known for his deep faith and spiritual gifts like the stigmata, reminds us of the power of perseverance in faith despite suffering. His devotion to prayer and the sacraments, especially confession, encourages us today to trust in God's will and seek healing through the Eucharist. In a world full of challenges, his example calls us to stay anchored in God's love and remain faithful in our relationship with Christ.

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions, you should only speak to Him with your heart." -Padre Pio



WHAT IS FULLY ALIVE?

Fully Alive gives High School men the opportunity to discern where God may be leading them to and bring them into a deeper and intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Through various activities and teachings, we aim to provide these young men the tools needed in order to live out a Holy life as sons of God and be Fully Alive. For more info about discerning the priesthood call 213-637-7248



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 devoted 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.

- 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



Starting Wednesday, October 2
7-9pm in O'Sullivan Hall

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



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

- Luke 1:46-55

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Men's Priesthood Discernment Group

The Men's Priestly Discernment Group is intended to help direct young men toward the possibility of the vocation to the Priesthood. Join them every 2nd Saturday of every month at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 9 am-12 pm to help answer questions, give talks on what it means to discern a vocation and give clarity on where God may be calling you to.

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

CHURCH DIVISION

QUESTION:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

ANSWER:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded." Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC."

Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle.

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Prayer

Dear God, when I am tempted to fight with my friends, show me ways to help them instead.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family members how you can help each of them this week. When you help them with a cheerful heart, God smiles.

Sharing the Gospel

Even though they were friends, sometimes the disciples fought with each other. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important.

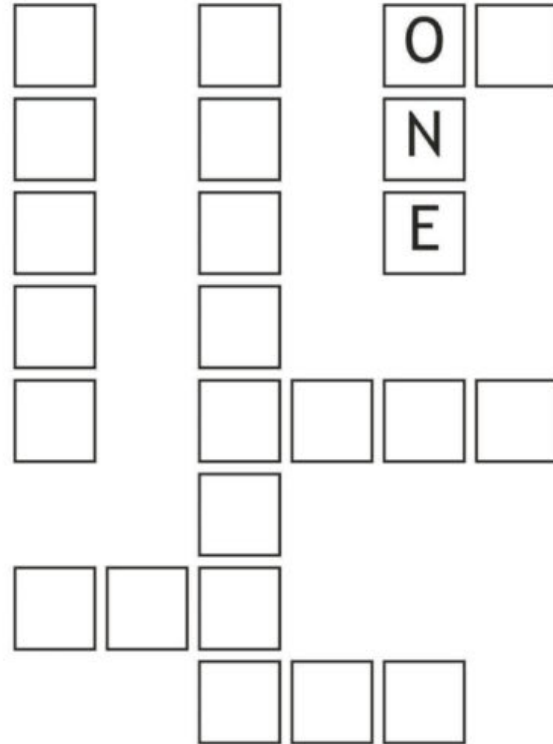
All twelve of them wanted to be number one—the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a secret. The best disciple is the one who helps other people.

Now color the picture!



Fit this gospel message into the empty squares:

Which one of them was the greatest?



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GATHERING

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
2. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

1. light, my strength, — my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
2. pow'r of Christ — in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

1. ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and storm. What heights of
2. breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

1. love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
2. hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

1. cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
2. hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

1 to Verse 2 | 2, 3

1. love of Christ — I stand.
2. pow'r of Christ — I'll

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PSALM The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia (Angrisano)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Litany of Humility

Refrain

O Je - sus, meek and hum - ble heart - ed, hear my prayer,

hear my prayer. O Je - sus, meek and hum - ble

heart - ed, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

- From my desire to be loved, from my desire to be extolled,
From my desire to be honored, from my desire to be praised,
From my desire to be preferred to, from my desire to be consulted,
From my desire to be approved, deliver me, Jesus.

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

2. And from the fear to be humbled, from the fear to be despised,
 From fear of suffering rebuke, from the fear to be defamed,
 From the fear to be forgotten, from the fear of ridicule,
 Fear to be wronged or suspected, deliver me, Jesus.

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COMMUNION
SATURDAY

Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Verses



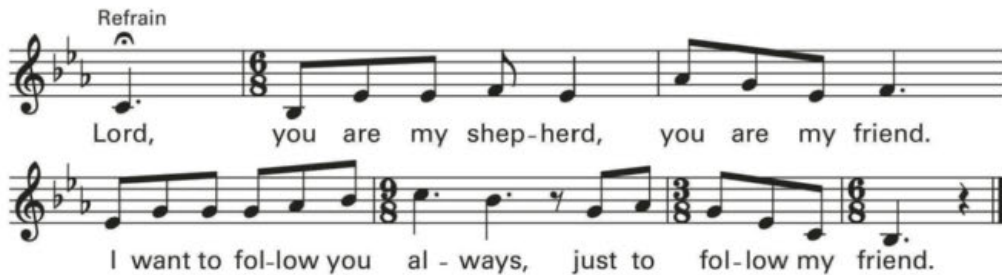
1. Be - cause — the Lord is my shep - herd, I have
 2. And when — the road leads to dark - ness, I shall
 3. In love — you make me a ban - quet for my
 4. Your good - ness — al - ways is with me and your

1. ev - 'ry thing — I need. He lets me rest in the
 2. walk there — un - a - fraid. E - ven when death is close —
 3. en - e - mies — to see. You make me wel - come, —
 4. mer - cy — I know. Your lov - ing kind - ness —

1. mead - ow and leads me to the qui - et streams. He re -
 2. — I have cour - age, for your help is there. You are
 3. pour - ing down hon - or from your might - y hand, and this
 4. strength - ens me al - ways as I go through life. I shall

1. stores — my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right:
 2. close — be - side me with com - fort, you are guid - ing my way:
 3. joy — fills me with glad - ness; it is too much to bear:
 4. dwell in your pres - ence for - ev - er, giv - ing praise to your name:

Refrain




Lord, you are my shep - herd, you are my friend.
 I want to fol - low you al - ways, just to fol - low my friend.

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SUNDAY

Shepherd Me, O God



Shel - ter me, O God; hide me in the shad - ow of your
 wings. You a - lone are my hope.

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me high a - bove their
 2. As a moth - er gath - ers her young be - neath her
 3. Though I walk in dark - ness, through the nee - dle's eye of

reach. Hear me when I call your name.
 care, gath - er me in - to your arms.
 death, you will nev - er leave my side.

D.C.

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SENDING

How Can I Keep From Singing?

1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring - ing. All things are mine since

far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing?
 gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing - ing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm

cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,

How can I keep from sing - ing?

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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 began 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 religioueducationvc@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 religioueducationvc@gmail.com, or by phone/text (703) 582-9888. We welcome your interest and participation.