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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

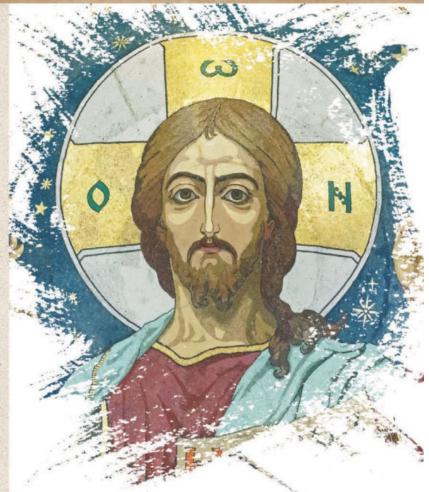
PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE

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



"THERE IS NO ONE WHO PERFORMS A MIGHTY DEED IN MY NAME WHO CAN AT THE SAME TIME SPEAK ILL OF ME." - MK 9:39

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS #2001, 1996, 1970 CCD. #LPI

SEPTEMBER 29, 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



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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!



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29TH 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood

Sunday

8:00am - Karl Brewer † 9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - James Rajsich †

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 30TH

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - April Carlson †

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 1ST

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Kevin McFarland †

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 2ND

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am - Alicia Sales †

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 3RD

8:00am - Amparo Hocson †

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 4TH

St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am - Michelle Marie Byrne †

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 5TH

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

5:00pm - Annela Dorn †

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 Parish Family,

As we approach important times in our society and continue to reflect on our role as faithful citizens, I invite you to take part in a special opportunity for reflection and education. This Sunday, we will be providing a printed handout based on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' document Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. This resource provides guidance on how we, as Catholics, can approach civic responsibilities with a well-formed conscience and with a heart rooted in the teachings of Christ. The handout will be available at the church doors. I encourage you to take a handout, prayerfully read through it (along with its subsequent articles), and consider how we can contribute to building a just and compassionate society. Let us continue to pray for our nation, our political leaders, and one another as we strive to live out our faith in the public square.

"Engaging in politics is an obligation for a Christian. We Christians cannot 'play the role of Pilate,' washing our hands of it; we must get involved in politics because politics is one of the highest forms of charity, for it seeks the common good."

- (Pope Francis interview with La Vanguardia, 2014)

"It is important that people feel the responsibility to vote according to their conscience, well-informed, and to make sure they are choosing those who will promote the dignity of the human person and the common good."

- (Pope Francis speech to the Faith and Politics Institute, 2015)

Blessings,

Fr. Francis

• **Don't Forget!** On Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM, we'll have a special blessing for animals in Mary's Courtyard. This event is in honor of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his profound love and care for all of God's creation, particularly animals, whom he saw as his "brothers and sisters," reflecting the harmony of nature and God's presence in all living things.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? STAR safety for parking lots

Consider using the STAR method to keep your children safe in parking lots. The organization Connecting for Kids offers the STAR method to remind children of simple steps when they are in a parking lot. S: STOP as soon as you get out of the car. T: TOUCH a safe space on your car and do not move. A: Pay ATTENTION to the cars around you and the directions an adult gives you. R: Wait for an adult to tell you that you are READY to go! For more tips, visit <u>bagintheback.org</u>.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Our meditation is always concerned with another step deeper into the present moment, another step into the eternal now of God. Every time we meditate, we take a step further into the divine life, wholly present and yet wholly expansive and expanding. Like all growth, this involves pain. It is the pain of maturing, of ripening and it means leaving earlier stages of development behind. Part of the difficulty is that we have to learn to leave behind not just part of ourselves but the whole of ourselves that was the past.

We can only become fully present to the now of this moment if we can leave the past behind. What we try to do instead is to maintain observation points, base camps, along every stage of our growth. At each of these observation points we are loath to let go of any part of ourselves in favor of the new stage of growth. It becomes simpler, and even easier, if we recognize that it is not part of ourselves we need to be concerned about leaving, but our whole self. If we refuse this, opting instead for piecemeal surrenders, then instead of life being an experience of growth we find our lives contracting."

The Heart of Creation, Fr. John Main.

If you'd like to learn more about Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via zoom on Wednesdays, 8:00-8:30 PM. Email fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the link.

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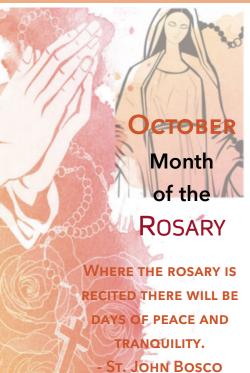
Join in on the fun! BANDS ON TWO STAGES . FAMILY FRIENDLY

COFFEE & DONUTS

Our next **DONUT DAY** will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Oct. 13. Please join them in the Courtyard for some donuts and coffee/juice following the morning Masses.









For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. - PSALM 91:11 -

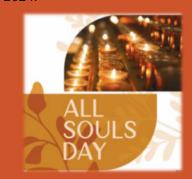
The Holy Guardian Angels October 2nd

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen



Every year in the month of November, the Catholic Church honors all those who have died and live now in the Kingdom of God. At visitation, we have the custom to offer special prayers for those who have died in the past year, from October 2023 through October 2024. We honor them by prominently displaying their names and/ or pictures in a picture frame that will be displayed on our Dia de Los Muertos Altar of Remembrance. We will also be praying for them by name at the weekend masses on November 2nd & 3rd. There will also be mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00 a.m. We invite you to attend this mass and/ or any of the Sunday masses and join our congregation as we pray for our beloved and entrust them to the Lord.

We would be honored to display your loved one's picture and name. If you would so wish, please email a picture to: secreatry497vc@gmail.com. If you are not able to email us the picture, you may drop of the photo with the person's name on the back at the parish office. If you want the picture back, we will be glad to scan the photo and return the original back to you. We hope to have everything ready by early November, so please send us this information by October 18, 2024.



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 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.



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. First Session Retreat on Sunday, September 22nd starting with the 11:00 am Mass. There's still time to



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



enroll.

■ 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**

ORDINARY TIME

QUESTION:

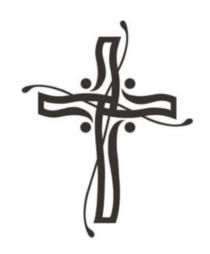
Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

ANSWER:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, tempus ordinarium, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

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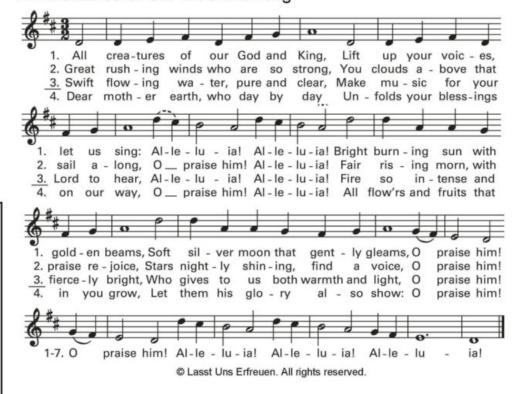
I believe in God. the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. died and was buried: He descended into hell: on the third day He rose again from 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

GATHERING

All Creatures of Our God and King



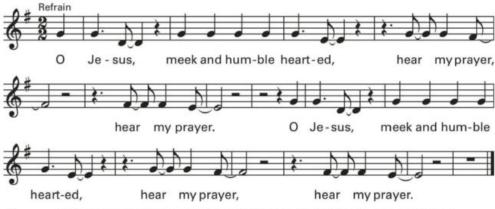
PSALM The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Angrisano)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Litany of Humility



- 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.
- 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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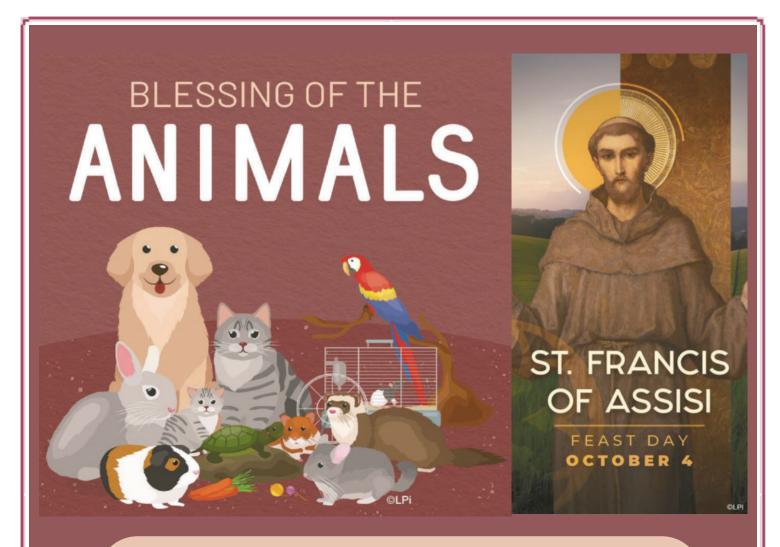
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