

# HURCH OF THE



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

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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

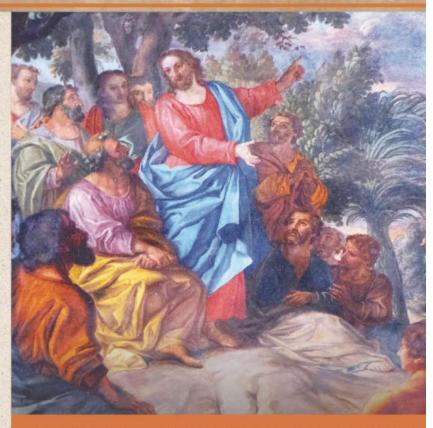
PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE

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



# 27<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."- Mk 10:3-6

#### **OCTOBER 6, 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!

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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!



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6TH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8:00am - Gary Pelka †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Jan Ray †

#### **MONDAY - OCTOBER 7TH**

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am - Albert Ward †

#### **TUESDAY - OCTOBER 8TH**

8:00am - Robert Miller

#### WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 9TH

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:00am - Selim Tamer †

# THURSDAY - OCTOBER 10TH

8:00am - Gary & Malou Francia

#### FRIDAY - OCTOBER 11TH

St. John XXIII, Pope

8:00am - Jim Van Dusen †

#### **SATURDAY - OCTOBER 12TH**

5:00pm - Bobby Diver †

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Parish Office 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,

On October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a saint beloved for his deep humility, love for the poor, and profound respect for all of God's creation. St. Francis reminds us that everything in creation—whether it be the earth, animals, or human beings—is a reflection of God's love and deserves our care and reverence.

As the patron saint of animals and ecology, St. Francis' life calls us to see the beauty and dignity in all creatures and to protect and care for the world God has entrusted to us. He saw the natural world as a gift from God, referring to the elements of creation as "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon," emphasizing that we are all connected in a great family under God's loving gaze.

#### Our Responsibility to Creation

In honoring St. Francis, we are reminded of our own responsibility to safeguard the environment. Pope Francis, in his encyclical Laudato Si', has called on Catholics to embrace an "integral ecology," where caring for the environment is inseparable from caring for each other, especially the poor and vulnerable. We are called to be stewards of the earth, living in harmony with nature and ensuring that future generations inherit a world that reflects God's goodness.

#### Practical Ways to Honor St. Francis' Legacy

- **Live Sustainably:** Consider how your daily actions impact the environment. Small steps like reducing waste, conserving water, and choosing eco-friendly products can make a big difference.
- Care for Animals: St. Francis had a special love for animals. You can honor his legacy by treating animals with kindness, supporting animal shelters, or participating in the Blessing of the Animals.
- **Pray for Creation:** Spend time in prayer, thanking God for the beauty of creation and asking for the strength to protect it.
- **Support Environmental Causes:** Get involved in local or global efforts to protect the environment, whether through volunteering, advocacy, or financial support.

This Feast Day is a time to reflect on how we, as a parish community, can work together to care for our common home. Let us be inspired by St. Francis' example of simplicity, peace, and love for all creatures, and recommit ourselves to being faithful stewards of God's creation.

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us." — From the "Letter to the Faithful" of Saint Francis of Assisi

Take good care,

Fr. Francis

#### Don't Forget!

- Next Sunday, October 13, 11:00 AM, Fr. Francis and Fr. Tim will be celebrating a "Teaching Mass." It's a great opportunity to learn a little bit more about the mass. And the best part? It'll only take about an hour!
- Also next Sunday at the 11:00 AM mass, our school students will be singing!







In honor of Respect Life Month, the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser is this

weekend! The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance provides free services, including ultrasound exams, to women facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. Please support them by picking up a baby bottle after Mass. You can put in coins, bills or a check and return your bottle before all masses the weekend of October 26-27. You can also donate online at supportphctorrance.org/contribute. Your support saves lives!

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"What all of us have to understand about meditation is that we are not meditating in order to make something happen. We are not meditating in order to get some sort of insight. In fact, we are not meditating to gain any possession whatsoever. Quite the reverse. We are meditating so that we can dispossess ourselves - not just of our ideas and insights but to dispossess ourselves of our very selves. The essence of Christian meditation is that we become absorbed in God, where we lose all sense of ourselves and find ourselves only in God. As the great woman mystic St Catherine of Genoa wrote, 'I know myself only in God.' Now that is a very difficult concept for us to come to terms with, because we are all brought up to be such materialists. We are all brought up to be such controllers, such possessors and to sit down and to voluntarily make ourselves poor – dispossess ourselves as we enter into the presence of God - is a real challenge for us." - 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 <a href="mailto:fkim@la-archdiocese.org">fkim@la-archdiocese.org</a> for the link.

# Eucharistic Miracle 1902 – The Miracle at the Church of Saint-Andre

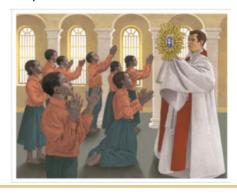
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On January 26, 1902, in the parish church of Saint-André, a city on the island of La Réunion, a Eucharistic Miracle occurred. Abbot Henry Lacombe, the pastor of the church, was witness to this miracle. The face of Jesus appeared in the Host which was for many hours witnessed by thousands of people.

During a 40-hour devotion of perpetual Adoration, Abbot Lacombe began to say Mass. After the elevation, during the Our Father, Lacombe reported that he saw a bright halo around the rays of the monstrance. As he continued on with the Mass, perplexed, he looked again toward the exposed host in the monstrance and saw a human face with lowered eyes and a crown of thorns on the forehead.

Not believing his own eyes, after Mass the Abbot went to the sacristy and summoned the older children from the choir to go to the altar and report back what they saw in the monstrance. The children raced back and said: "Father, we see the head of a man in the Host. It is the good Lord revealing Himself! At that moment, Abbot Lacombe knew the vision was authentic.

Eventually the entire town went to the church to see the miracle along with journalists and people from the capital city of Saint Denis. The face on the Host suddenly became animated and the crown of thorns disappeared. Later on, the vision changed again and a crucifix appeared which covered the entire Host from top to bottom. After the Eucharistic blessing, the vision disappeared.







By: Wines from Triangle Wines of Westchester
When: Sunday, October 13th from 2pm - 6pm

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

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How: purchase tickets at kofc3744.org

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# GRIEF WORKSHOP: WHAT IS PROACTIVE GRIEVING AND HOW TO GET THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSING A LOVED ONE

WHAT: The holidays are fast approaching and this two hour workshop will help you navigate the holidays. We will discuss what proactive grieving looks like and why it's important in the first hour, the second hour will give you sound practical suggestions and spiritual guidance on how to cope during this difficult holiday season.

WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: O'Grady Center, Parking lot of Visitation Church;

6561 W 88th St., Westchester, CA 90045

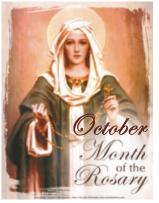
WHY: Anyone who has lost a loved one recently or years

before.

WHO: Candy Blankenship (Bereavement Minister)

COST: \$10.00 per person to be donated to Church of the Visitation (Cash or check)

Please RSVP to blank8840@gmail.com or call 310-338-9043 for accurate count and for class materials. Please also bring your own drinking water and notebook for note-taking.

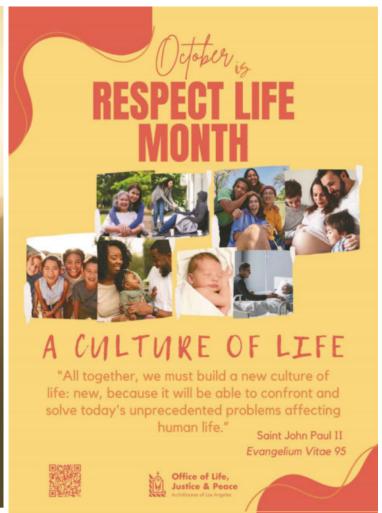


#### COFFEE & DONUTS

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

Join us Monday thru Friday following the 8AM mass to pray the rosary in the church.



The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month every

October. As Catholics we are called to embrace, proclaim, and defend life. Every life is precious and must be loved and protected from conception until natural death. As children of God made in his image, every person has a sanctity and dignity that cannot be diminished by illness or disability, and cannot be limited by race, age, sex, or social condition.

The Office of Life, Justice and Peace has worked on putting together Respect Life Month resources. Please scan the QR code above to view the different services for Respect Life Month.

# SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?** Why are personal boundaries important?

following the

morning Masses.

Consider Personal boundaries are critical for every relationship and interaction we have in ministry or volunteer work. We set boundaries to protect ourselves and the people with whom we are interacting. As an employee or volunteer in ministry, you have an inherent, perceived power over those you serve. Because of this position of authority and power, the employee and volunteer's priority should be the best interest of the person to whom they are ministering. To learn more about setting appropriate boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "Ministerial Boundaries, Power and Authority" at <a href="lacatholics.org/did-you-know/">lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</a>.

#### **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.



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



# OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Coordinators at OCIA. Visitation@gmail.com

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



**■** 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**

#### ANNULMENTS

#### QUESTION:

I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?

#### **ANSWER:**

Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble. You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644). This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647). Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown. It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.

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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 May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia (Angrisano)

# PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Endless is Your Love



#### COMMUNION

# Take My Life

#### Verse 1

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

#### Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mile would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.

#### Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

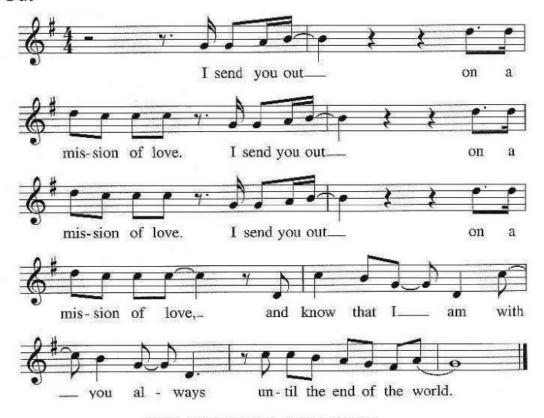
Take my I ove, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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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: <a href="mailto:secreatry497vc@gmail.com">secreatry497vc@gmail.com</a>. 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.