



# 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



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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OCTOBER 20, 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

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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](mailto: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 - OCTOBER 20TH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Tony Sales †

9:30am - For the people of  
Visitation Parish

11:00am - Anthony Annecharico †

### MONDAY - OCTOBER 21ST

8:00am - Tessie Jalandoni

### TUESDAY - OCTOBER 22ND

St. John Paul II, Pope Church

8:00am - Rafael Solis †

### WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 23RD

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00am - Robert Miller

### THURSDAY - OCTOBER 24TH

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00am - Sylvia Puentes †

### FRIDAY - OCTOBER 25TH

8:00am - Betty Rae Miller †

### SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26TH

5:00pm - Steven Joy †

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](mailto: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,

The following question was asked by one of our students, Matthew, grade 5: “Why is there suffering in the world?”

Suffering exists in the world because of sin, which is our separation from God, and the choices people make, but it also has a deeper purpose. When God created the world, everything was good, and there was no suffering. However, when the first humans (represented by Adam and Eve) chose to disobey God—known as Original Sin—suffering and death entered the world. As a result, people now face sickness, pain, and difficult times. We also experience suffering when people make selfish or harmful choices, which can hurt others.

While God does not cause suffering, He allows it because it can lead to something greater. Consider the example of taking a dog to the vet. Your dog probably dislikes it, feeling scared or uncomfortable, especially if it gets a shot. From your dog’s perspective, it might not understand why you’re allowing this. But you know that the vet visit is important for its health, and even though it’s painful for a moment, it helps your dog in the long run.

In the same way, when we experience suffering, it can be hard to understand why God allows it. It may feel unfair or painful at the time. But just as the vet visit ultimately benefits your dog, suffering can lead to something greater for us as a community. The Catholic faith emphasizes the **collective good**, much like a family where adults willingly “suffer” for their children. As Jesus said, “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). If we allow it, suffering can help us grow, become stronger, and teach us important lessons both individually and as a community. God sees the bigger picture and can bring good out of our suffering, even when we don’t fully understand it at the moment.

In Christ,

Fr. Francis

- Thank you to everyone who helped with our carnival event! It wouldn’t have been possible without your hard work, time, and resources. A special thanks to Courtney O’Donoghue, Nicole Higgins, Chris Blatter, Jeff Zychowski, Natalie Shoemaker, Jose Manuel Soria, Katie Harding, Kristen Herber, Monica Jurado, Sunday Abad Mena, Elena Clemente, Vanessa Calderone, Katie Harding, Nicole Asbee, Amy Servidea, Lisa Avila, and Madison Weber. You guys are the best!

### COFFEE & DONUTS

The next Coffee & Donuts will be on **Sun., Oct 27** which will be **hosted by the PTO**. Join them after Mass as they show their appreciation for all the parishioners who helped in voting for Visitation School in the Hometown News annual survey which resulted in Visitation School being named **BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL (JK-8) for the third year in a row!!**



### PRAYER 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

### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant’s heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"More and more people are aware that somehow or other, in modern life, we have lost contact with what is essential. Contact is lost with our own essential being, our own center. The problem we face, as a consequence, is that we have ceased to look upon our religious practice or our spiritual practice in terms of a discipline. More often we look upon our religious or spiritual commitment in terms of what we get out of it. We had a young man from London staying with us last year and as we were talking one day he said something to this effect: 'You know, Father John, you'll be shocked when you hear this, but I gave up religion because I wasn't getting anything out of it. Blimey, when I think of it now I wake up in the night and cold shivers run down my spine. Imagine, I was thinking what I was going to get out of it.' He had begun to remake contact. I imagine all of us have adopted this ego-centered approach to our religious or spiritual practice at some time. We too need to examine the true nature of our religious life to find a way to begin decreasing the egotistical element in it. We need to be grasped by the truth that religious values are not to be exploited or experimented with because they – and the sacred they represent – call on us for commitment. As soon as we have begun to commit ourselves we have begun a journey. It is a journey that asks for discipline, and the challenge to us is that it is a journey away from our own egoism."

Fr. John Main, OSB.

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](mailto:fkim@la-archdiocese.org) for the link.

## 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](mailto: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.

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a separate day for each family after attendance by the parents and godparents at a Baptism zoom class. Parishioners are invited to call the office to get an appointment for these classes. The next ZOOM class scheduled is on **Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1pm**. Please register to attend by calling the parish office. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail please visit our website to register as a Visitation Parishioner.



## PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

Volunteers from the Pregnancy Help Center will be here next weekend (Oct. 26-27) to collect your baby bottle contributions before all Masses. The Center is the only licensed pro-life medical clinic in the South Bay and is surrounded by SIX abortion facilities. If you prefer to donate online, please visit [supportphctorange.org/contribute](http://supportphctorange.org/contribute). Your support saves lives!







## Called to Renew Update for September 2024

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$902,200

Total Paid: \$350,471.62

*"It is not how much you give, but how much love you put into giving."*

- St. Theresa of Calcutta

To pledge/ donate please go to:

<https://calledtorenew.org/parishes/visitation>

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Please contact Called to Renew Campaign Office

Phone: (213) 637-7555 (select option 1) for Pledge Fulfillment Specialists or

Email: [CTRFulfillment@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:CTRFulfillment@la-archdiocese.org)

If you are interested in paying your pledge via stock, please visit

<https://lacatholics.org/stock>

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

### **DID YOU KNOW?** Taking pictures or videos of a minor without permission

What can be done if a person is taking pictures of a minor in a public place? Although it is legal that a person can take pictures or videos in a public place, there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that require adults to pay more attention. Is the person taking photos acting suspiciously – focusing on only minor children, for example, or zooming in on specific body areas of their subjects? Are they hovering around groups of children with no seeming reason for being there? If you have concerns, speak up. Ask why the photos are being taken, or if the person is willing to delete the images of your child. From there, you can decide if you need to get the authorities involved. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "When People Take Photos and Videos of Minors Without Permission" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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### HONORING FR JIM (FORSEN)!

The Advisory Board Members of Catholic Charities OLA invite you to attend and/or support their annual **Spirit of Giving Fundraiser on Sat., November 16** at the Riviera Country Club. In addition to honoring Fr. Jim, we will be acknowledging volunteers of the St. Robert's Center (Venice) Saturday Program. Fr. Jim has been very supportive of CCLA through St. Margaret's Center, as well as by supporting this event. The evening includes a Silent Auction (with an opportunity to bid on your own Dodger Announcer Booth experience like Fr. Jim had earlier this season), Putting Contest, appetizers, live music, dinner and presentations, with Fritz Coleman as the MC. Please visit the website [CCLA2024.givesmart.com](https://CCLA2024.givesmart.com) or by scanning the QR code (or contact Guylaine Brosmer for questions/details: [mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net)).



OCTOBER

MONTH OF THE

*Holy Rosary*

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

## 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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:religiouseducationvc@gmail.com), or by phone/text (703) 582-9888. We welcome your interest and participation.

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### HALLOWEEN

#### QUESTION:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

#### ANSWER:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!



## GATHERING

### Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
 Open the eyes of my heart  
 I want to see You, I want to see You  
 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
 Open the eyes of my heart  
 I want to see You, I want to see You  
 To see you high and lifted up  
 Shinin' in the light of your glory  
 Pour out your power and love  
 As we sing holy, holy, holy

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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

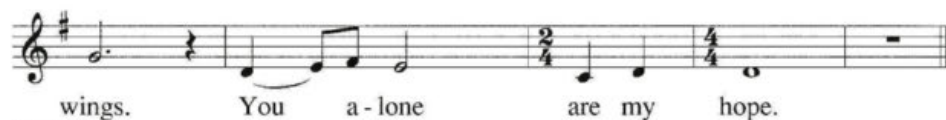
**PSALM** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Angrisano)

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

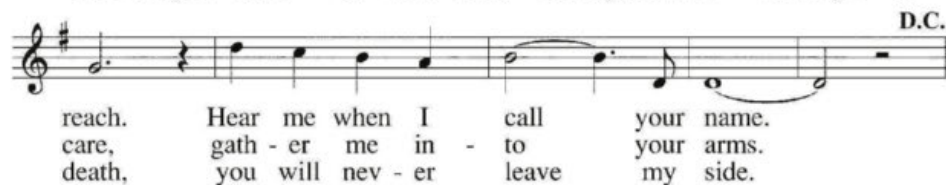
#### SATURDAY Shelter Me, O God



Verses



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



D.C.

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#### SUNDAY Lord, I Need You

##### REFRAIN

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness;  
 Oh God, how I need You.

##### VERSE 1

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
 And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

##### VERSE 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
 Where grace is found is where You are.  
 And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

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## MASS PARTS

MASS OF  
 RENEWAL



**COMMUNION**  
**SATURDAY**

**Our Blessing Cup**

Refrain




Our bless-ing cup is a com-mun-ion with the blood of Christ;



and the bread we break, it is a shar-ing in the bod-y of the


Repeat first time only  
(or ostinato as desired) Verses

Fine




Lord.

1. How can we make a re - turn
2. Pre-cious in - deed in your sight,
3. Gra-cious and mer - ci - ful God,
4. For you have heard my \_ voice,



1. for all the good-ness God has shown?	We will take the
2. the life and death of those you love.	We ___ are your
3. we give you thanks and bless your name:	with ___ all your
4. for you have heard my plead - ing.	Though _ death sur-

to Refrain (or Verse  
if ostinato is sung)



1. cup of life, and ___ call up - on God's name.
2. ser - vants, for ___ you have set us free.
3. peo - ple, praise and glo - ry to your name.
4. round-ed me, you ___ heard and an-swered me.

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**SUNDAY**

**The Lord is My Light and Salvation**



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.



Whom should I fear? The Lord is my strong - hold and my ref-



uge. How can I be a - fraid?

VERSE 1: There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord, all of my days, and all of my life.

VERSE 2: And he keeps me secure in times of great fear. He shelters my soul, and lifts me high.

VERSE 3: I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God in the land of the living.

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**Take the Word of God**

*Verses*

1. Take the word of God with you as you go.  
 2. Take the peace of God with you as you go.  
 3. Take the joy of God with you as you go.  
 4. Take the \*love of God with you as you go.

1. Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.  
 2. Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.  
 3. Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.  
 4. Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.

*Refrain*

Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.

Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

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**Go Out in the World**

Go out in the world, got-ta go out in the world.

Go out in the world, tell ev-'ry-one the Good News!

Go out in the world, got-ta go out in the world,

go out in the world, tell ev-'ry-one the Good, Good News!

*Cantor*

1. Go and make dis-ci - ples of all the na - tions.  
 2. See, the Lord is faith - ful to all his peo - ple.

*All*

1., 2. Go out in the world, tell ev-'ry-one the Good, News!

*Cantor*

1. Go and make dis-ci - ples of all his peo - ple.  
 2. See, the Lord is faith - ful! He loves his peo - ple.

*All*

1., 2. Go out in the world, tell ev-'ry-one the Good, Good News!

*To Refrain*

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World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts.

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!

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