# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

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

## ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Francis Kim

IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Jim Anguiano (Vicar General) Fr. Timothy McGowan

RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen (Pastor Emeritus)

### 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



## **31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

perpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

### **NOVEMBER 3, 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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## 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.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to give:

- Visit faith.direct/CA772 or Scan QR code
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text \$ amount to GIVE NOW! Or "ENROLL" for recurring donations 310-361-1262

## 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.



#### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•Carmen Martinez who went home to the Lord on October 4, 2024. She was 83 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Saturday, November 16th at 1:30PM at Visitation.

Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 3RD 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

8:00am - Raymond Agala † 9:30am - For the people of

**Visitation Parish** 

11:00am - Jacqueline Maria Hoang Castro †

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 4TH St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00am - Gilbert Soto †

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH

#### Election Day

8:00am - Kathy McGrath (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 6TH

8:00am - Elvis Coda †

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 7TH

8:00am - Jacqueline Maria Hoang Castro †

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 8TH

8:00am - Jacqueline Maria Hoang Castro †

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 9TH The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 5:00pm - Annela Dorn †

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.

Find this bulletin and other announcements online: visitationchurch-la.com

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Dear Parish Family,

The U.S. Surgeon General recently issued an important advisory on the mental health and well-being of parents, addressing the growing challenges that many face today. Factors like financial stress, social isolation, and the struggle to balance work and family life have left **nearly 70% of parents** feeling overwhelmed, leading to increased anxiety, depression, and burnout.

The report emphasizes the importance of creating supportive environments for parents, offering specific recommendations for parish communities like ours:

1. **Fostering Social Connections**: Parents benefit from strong social networks. We can help by creating more opportunities for parents to connect, whether through parish groups, family-friendly events, or small acts of fellowship.

2. **Encouraging Healthy Habits**: Mental and physical health are closely linked. The advisory encourages parents to prioritize self-care, including adequate sleep, exercise, and time for spiritual renewal. As a parish, we can remind parents that caring for themselves allows them to care better for their families.

3. **Providing Practical Support**: Communities are encouraged to offer tangible support, such as childcare assistance or meal preparation for families going through tough times. These small acts of kindness can significantly reduce stress for parents.

4. Seeking Professional Help When Needed: The report reminds parents that seeking help from counselors or mental health professionals is a sign of strength, not weakness. As a parish, we can help by creating a welcoming atmosphere where discussing mental health is accepted and encouraged.

As we reflect on this important message, let us remember our role in lifting one another up. Let's offer our prayers and practical support to parents who may be struggling, and help build a strong, loving community where everyone can thrive.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Francis

#### **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.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN Question:** What does salt symbolize during a Baptism? See page 5

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## **LIVE THE LITURGY** Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

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You are invited to join us for our next **BRING A FRIEND** and **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME** weekend on November 23 and 24. Start thinking about someone....a friend, neighbor or your child's classmate, to invite to join you at Mass. We will also be welcoming some of our newest parishioners.

We will also be holding our very first **HOBBY FAIR!!!** What is a Hobby Fair? We are looking for anyone who is interested in sharing a hobby with other parishioners: running, walking, hiking, book club, knitting, crochet, music, painting. Please let us know if you have a hobby you'd like to share and we will have a sign-up sheet ready - email Courtney at development497vc@gmail.com



It's National Vocations Awareness Week!

What's YOUR vocation story?

#### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

"In the silence of meditation, when you go beyond thought and imagination, you begin to experience and later to understand that being is what life is about and that in meditation you are learning to be. To be is to live as the person you are, without trying to justify your existence or make excuses for your personality. Just to be, as you are. The wonder of it is that the more simple you become, the more you are able to enjoy to the full the gift of your being. But when you begin you have to begin in faith. You cannot come to meditation saying, 'If I can get something out of this I will do it for a trial run for three or six months.' You cannot come to it with demands.

As St. John of the Cross described it, 'The way to possession is the way of dispossession.' You have to let go of your thoughts, of your ideas, of your conscious and hidden ambitions and you have to be. The way to do it is to say your word. If all your attention is directed to saying your word and if you are neither lazy nor impatient, then gradually you are unhooked from all the thoughts and words and ideas and hopes and fears. You are free." Fr. John Main, The Heart of Creation

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

## **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Stop by for Coffee & Donuts next Sunday, Nov. 10th which will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Please join them in the courtyard.



# Eucharistic Miraele of Alboraya, Spain

Contributed by: Katie Canty

In 1384 a priest from Spain took the Holy Eucharist to a dying man. After completing his mission, the priest began to make his way home, but a powerful storm arose.

The priest was on a mule crossing the stream as a violent storm arose unleashing its fury. The priest held the Ciborium containing the three consecrated Hosts to his chest. Suddenly, he was swept of his mule by a rushing wave. The priest fell into the water along with his Ciborium. The Hosts fell out and were carried away by the current towards the mouth of the river.

The priest who had nearly drowned, tried to find the sacred Hosts but to no avail. Nearby, some fishermen were calling to him, beckoning him closer to the shore. As he approached the shore, he saw three fish with round white discs in their mouths which appeared to be Hosts.

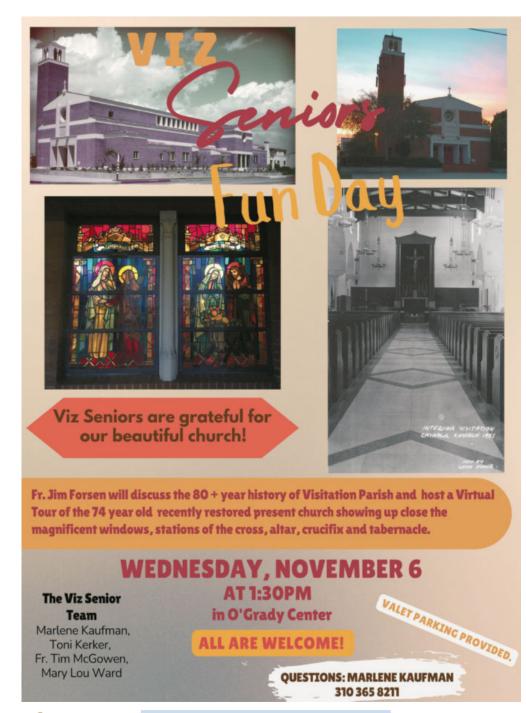
He quickly dashed back to the church to retrieve another Ciborium. He was filled with joy as he saw three fish lifting the Hosts, intact, with their mouths, almost completely out of the water. He fell to his knees and extended the chalice and prayed. The fish deposited the Hosts into the chalice and then dove back into the water. Surrounding the priest, were a group of men and women who had witnessed everything. Today it is still possible to consult numerous documents testifying to the miracle.



## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **DID YOU KNOW? Signs of potential abuse**

A child who has experienced sexual abuse may exhibit one or many of these common behaviors: sleeping troubles, including nightmares, fear, withdrawal from family and friends, anger, anxiety, or depression. Children who have been abused may speak or behave in a manner that indicates sexual knowledge inappropriate for the child's age. They may also show signs of guilt or self-blame. If any of these behaviors are present, it does not automatically mean abuse is happening, but it does mean you should address the situation, and talk with the child about what is going on. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



## HONORING Fr JIM (FORSEN)!

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. 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. **See back cover for invitation.** Please visit the website CCLA2024.givesmart.com or by scanning the QR code (or contact Guylaine Brosmer for questions/details: mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.



## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

## **QUESTION:**

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

## **ANSWER:**

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN Answer: Wisdom

## Prayer

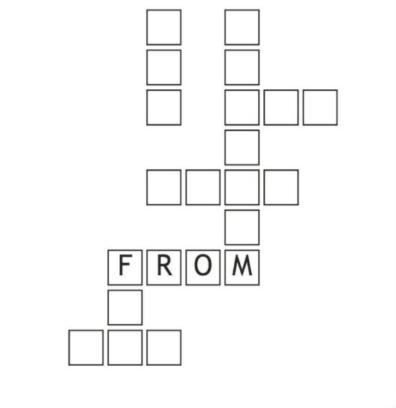
Dear God, help us to love you and love others the way you want us to.

## **Mission for the Week**

Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.

## Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



Now color the picture!



#### In Christ Alone 1. In Christ a lone hope is found, he is my . my 2. No guilt life, death. this is the in no fear in . 1. light, sol - id my strength, my song: this cor ner-stone, this 2. pow'r of Christ in me: from life's first cry to fi - nal firm through the 1. ground, fierc - est drought What heights of and storm. 2. breath. Je - sus com-mands my des ti - ny. No pow'r of -b 1. love, what depths when striv - ings when fears stilled, of peace, are 2. hell, no scheme of pluck me from his man, can ev - er all all, the 1. cease. Mv com fort - er. mv in here in -2. hand; till he re - turns or calls me home. here in the 2,3 1 to Verse 2 1. love of Christ I stand. Christ 2. pow'r I'll of © 2001, Getty and Townsend. Thank You Music. All rights reserved.

PSALM

GATHERING

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

Alleluia (Angrisano)



## 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

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## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

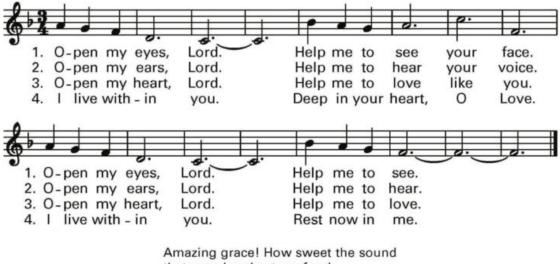
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation



- 1. There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord, all of my days, (all of my days,) and all of my life.
- 2. And he keeps me secure in times of great fear. He shelters my soul, (shelters my soul,) and lifts me high.
- 3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

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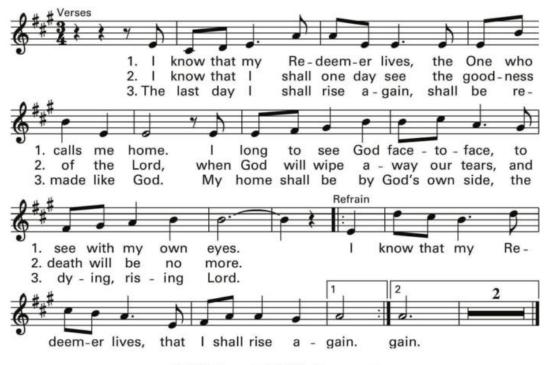
## COMMUNION Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace



Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

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# Saturday, November 16, 2024 The Riviera Country Club

1250 Capri Dive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

# 6:00 p.m.

Cocktails, Silent Auction and Putting Contest

# 7:30 р.м.

DINNER AND PROGRAM



SISTER PEG DOLAN SPIRIT OF GIVING AWARD

MONSIGNOR JAMES FORSEN, PASTOR EMERITUS

VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

THE VOLUNTEERS AT ST. ROBERT'S CENTER

# R.S.V.P.

\$300 PER PERSON \$3,000 PER TABLE

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