## 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

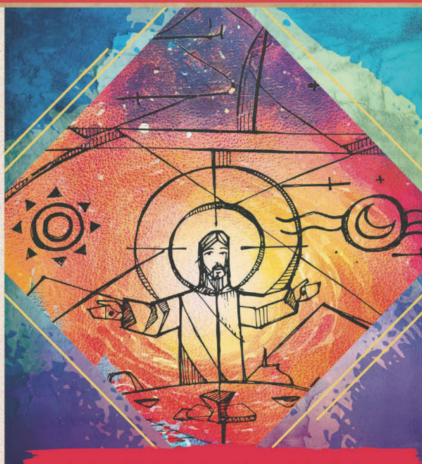
#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSID'E 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



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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#### NOVEMBER 17, 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.

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- Visit faith.direct/CA772 or Scan QR code
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- Text \$ amount to GIVE Now! Or "ENROLL" for recurring donations 310-361-1262

### SCRAMENTAL PREPARATION



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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.



#### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◆Lynn Gernert who went home to the Lord on October 26, 2024. He was 88 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Thursday, November 21st at 9:30AM at Visitation.

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





SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 17TH 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Andres Francia † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Bobby Diver †

#### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 18TH The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00am - Benigna Del Rosario †

#### **TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 19TH**

8:00am - Angie Fitzpatrick †

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00am - Tony Sales †

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 21ST** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Paul Sakamoto †

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 22ND St. Cecilia, Virgin and Marty

8:00am - Michael Joseph Eberhardt†

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 23RD St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

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.

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

## MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

#### Dear Parish Family,

Today's First Reading from the Book of Daniel offers us a timeless message of hope and new life. In a time of trial, the archangel Michael rises to protect God's people, reminding us that we are never alone—God is actively present in our lives, especially in our struggles. The passage also brings the promise of new life: "many who sleep in the dust will awake"—some to everlasting life and others to shame. This contrast calls us to live in alignment with God, for "those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky." Our pursuit of justice and righteousness has lasting value, as we are called to reflect God's light.

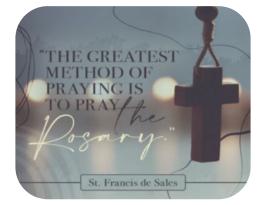
In a world often clouded by despair, this scripture invites us to remain hopeful. The resurrection of Christ is the ultimate light dispelling all darkness, giving us a vision of the new creation to come. As believers, we are called to live this hope in our communities, guiding others toward the light of Christ. Today's reading from Daniel is more than a prophecy; it is a call to action. Let us live with purpose, seek wisdom, and trust in God's promises, knowing that our lives can reflect a divine light that leads to eternal life and joy.

#### Blessings,

#### 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.



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

It sometimes feels like God is silent, like he sets himself apart from us and our struggles on earth. But Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. Listen.

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#### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

"A step that each of us has to take as we follow a Christian way of prayer, the first step, is to find ourselves. As St Augustine puts it, 'We must first be restored to ourself and then making of ourself, as it were, a stepping stone, we rise thence to God.' That is, each of us is invited to discover our own inner reality, our own essential being. This is the first step. To many in our society this might seem to be the ultimate goal. But in the experience of prayer, once this first step is taken we are swept beyond ourselves into the infinite mystery that is God. If you consider it, it is hardly surprising. All that is required is that we be ourselves, that we be who we are, and for this what is required is honesty and integrity. And this is simply the essential prerequisite: for the journey beyond, the journey into the otherness of the Other. His absolute integrity can only be encountered by our own integrity. This is of supreme importance because religion can so easily keep honesty at bay. We can be so busy with our rituals, with our rites, that we never take that first step into honesty, integrity, openness. But how can we do this? How can we - weak, fallible creatures that we are - come to this absolute integrity? As we already know, the power, the energy necessary for this journey of discovery is given to us and is to be found within our own hearts. What the practice of Christian prayer teaches us is that we are summoned to the centre and we are summoned from the centre, by the centre." Fr. John Main, OSB.

If you'd like to learn more about Christian Meditation, please join Fr. Francis and other meditators via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 pm. Email fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the link.



ST. CECILIA

FEAST DAY

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the



Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

## MARY AND THE SAINTS

## **QUESTION:**

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

## **ANSWER:**

We One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to



## St Margaret's Center Needs Your Help

St. Margaret's Center, a program of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Inc., has been providing help and creating hope for hundreds of thousands of poverty-level households since 1987.

## MERCY BAG HYGIENE KITS

One way we are answering the call to serve the poor at Visitation, is to assist St. Margaret's Center in providing hygiene bags for the homeless and working poor that they serve.

Please consider contributing 3-5 Mercy Bags that you assemble in a Ziplock bag at home and bring to church next weekend.

## FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Razor and Shaving Cream
- · .Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Socks (Unisex tube socks)
- Comb
- Chapstick

St. Margaret's Center has an urgent need for feminine hygiene products (pads). Each week feminine hygiene products are handed out to needy women. In the past year, over 1900 women benefited from this essential service, and the Center is running low on supplies.

Bring your donations to church next weekend. There will be bins at the back of the church to collect them.

Contact Dan Smith at dsmithwestchester@gmail.com if you have questions

other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



## Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$874,100 (correction from previous bulletins)

Total Paid: \$373,474.95

"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

Questions about your pledge? Need to update payment information? Please contact Called to Renew Campaign Office for Pledge Fulfillment Specialists Phone: (213) 637-7555 (select option 1) or Email: CTRFulfillment@la-archdiocese.org

If you are interested in paying your pledge via stock, please visit https://lacatholics.org/stock



Church of the Visitation

# Vis for St. Margaret's Center Candelit Concert Series

**CONCERT #3** Celebrating the Holidays with the Metropolis String Quintet

Thursday, December 19th 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visitation Church 6561 W. 88th St. / Los Angeles, CA

All proceeds to benefit St. Margaret's Center

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW** Linda's Cookies & Milk

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

### DID YOU KNOW? Strive to manifest trauma-informed sensitivity

What are some practical ways we can interact with others that are traumainformed? We can be mindful of what we talk about and how, recognizing that certain topics can trigger a trauma memory. We can also take those topics seriously, refusing to participate in jokes or disrespectful comments. Another thing to consider is how we touch others, even casually or in a friendly manner – we can never know how a well-intentioned hug or pat could be taken by someone who has suffered abuse or trauma. For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Being Trauma Informed" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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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

## 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

> To see you high and lifted up Shining in the light of your glory Pour out your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy (holy, holy, holy) We cry holy, holy, holy You are holy, holy, holy, I want to see you Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy You are holy, holy, holy, I want to see you © Paul Baloche. All rights reserved.

## PSALM

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

## You are my inheritance, O Lord.

## Alleluia (Angrisano)

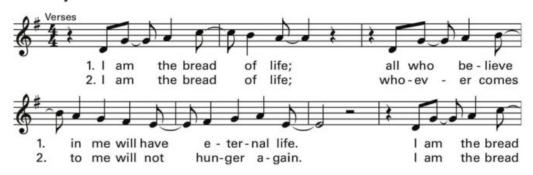
PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTSSATURDAYThe Lord is My Light





## COMMUNION

Do This in Memory of Me





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## SENDING

I Send You Out

I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love. I send you out on a mission of love, and know that I am with you always until the end of the world.

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Welcome New Parishioners & Bring a Friend to Mass

# Weekend

November 23 and 24

SATURDAY 5:00 PM (RECEPTION FOLLOWING)

SUNDAY 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM (COFFEE & DONUTS)

You are invited to join us for our BRING A FRIEND WEEKEND. Invite a friend, neighbor or your child's classmate to join you at Mass.

We will also be **WELCOMING** some of our newest parishioners.



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