# 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 II: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

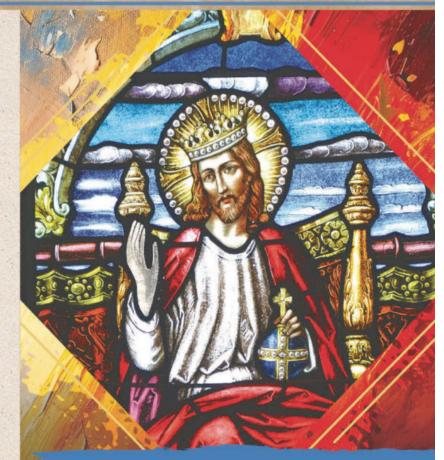
HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

#### 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



# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

#### NOVEMBER 24, 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

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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 24TH Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00am - Dr. Bob Tempestini † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Jeremias Diosomito †

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 25TH St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am - Chris Aherne †

#### TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00am - Rosemary Coda †

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 27TH

8:00am - Efrain Villalobos †

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 28TH Thanksgiving Day

9:00am - For the people of Visitation

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 29TH 8:00am - Loretta Wade †

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH St. Andrew, Apostle 5:00pm - Anthony Spodobalski †

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.



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

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# **MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS**

#### Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel from John, we encounter Jesus before Pilate, who questions Him about His kingship. Jesus explains, "My kingdom is not of this world." His words reveal the true nature of His reign—a kingdom not based on power or politics, but on truth and love. Jesus tells Pilate, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This passage challenges us to consider what it means to be part of Christ's kingdom. As members of His Church, we're called to live by His truth, even when it stands against the values of the world. It's a reminder that our true citizenship lies not in earthly allegiances but in God's eternal kingdom. We follow a King who leads with humility, who rules by love, and who calls us to lives of compassion, forgiveness, and service.

In a world often driven by division, competition, and self-interest, Christ the King invites us to reflect His truth through our actions. To belong to His kingdom is to listen to His voice—to be people of peace, hope, and integrity. This week, let's ask ourselves how we can better align our lives with His example, showing others the beauty of a life rooted in Christ's truth and love.

May we always be faithful witnesses to His kingdom, bringing His light to the world around us.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Francis



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

so our parish staff may have the opportunity to enjoy the Holiday with their families!

The parish office will re-open on Monday, December 2nd 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### THANK YOU BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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#### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

" 'Whatever you are doing put your whole heart into it, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for others, knowing that there is a Master who will give you your heritage as a reward for your service' (1 Col. 3:23-24). Put your whole heart into it. Meditation calls us to the deepest and clearest level of understanding. Once we begin to meditate, once we have taken the first step, we soon realize that we can no longer remain in the shallows. The call we have responded to is for a complete reorientation of our being, a radical conversion. The call is, above all else, to enter the mystery itself, to learn what cannot be learned anywhere else or in any other way. For this call to be answered, every part of our being has to be involved because the knowledge we come to in meditation is not of a partial or quantative type. It is not that we know more and more about God, or that we know God to be all good, all holy, all just, all merciful and so on. On the contrary, in meditation we come to realize that we know as a consequence of being known. This is not easy either to believe or to understand at first, but we need only remember that in meditation we are entering into the basic relationship of our life. God, our Creator and our Father, calls us into an intimacy with Him that arises because God first knows and loves us. And, in this act of knowing and loving us, God invites us to come into a relationship of knowing and loving Him." Fr. John Main, The Way of Unknowing.

If you'd like to learn more about Christian Meditation, please join Fr. Francis and others as we meditate together and listen to a talk by a meditation teacher via zoom. Email fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the link.



## 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. 11/30 - 12/01

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

#### FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

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

	Visitation Parish Goal: \$59,133.00
BE IMITATORS	Amount Pledge: \$57,369.00 97.0%
2024 ANNUAL APPEAL	Amount Paid: \$55,244.12 93.4%
	Difference Over (under) Goal vs Amount
MAKE YOUR GIFT	Paid (\$3,888.88) -6.6%
TODAY!	You may mail any donations/
	pledges to:
VISIT TIMGIVE.ORG	The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Annual Appeals 6th Floor
OPEN CAMERA	3424 Wilshire Blvd.
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# **LIVE THE LITURGY** Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.



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, December 8, 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 out website to register as a Visitation Parishioner.



Today we welcome all visitors and New registered parishioners to the Visitation community.

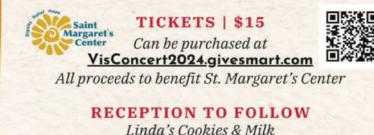
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# Vis for St. Margaret's Center Candlelit Concert Series

**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



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### DID YOU KNOW? Child pornography and artificial intelligence, part 1

Many child abusers maintain a "collection" of pornographic materials, including images, either real or fake, of their victims or intended victims. Abusers will often manipulate these images for their own purposes — for example, cropping or editing a photo or a video in a suggestive manner, or adding other elements to create a preferred image. While this is not new behavior, it has become increasingly more dangerous with the introduction of artificial intelligence. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Artificial Intelligence – Deepfakes and Child Abusers" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### SACRAMENTAL SEAL

#### **QUESTION:**

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

#### **ANSWER:**

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

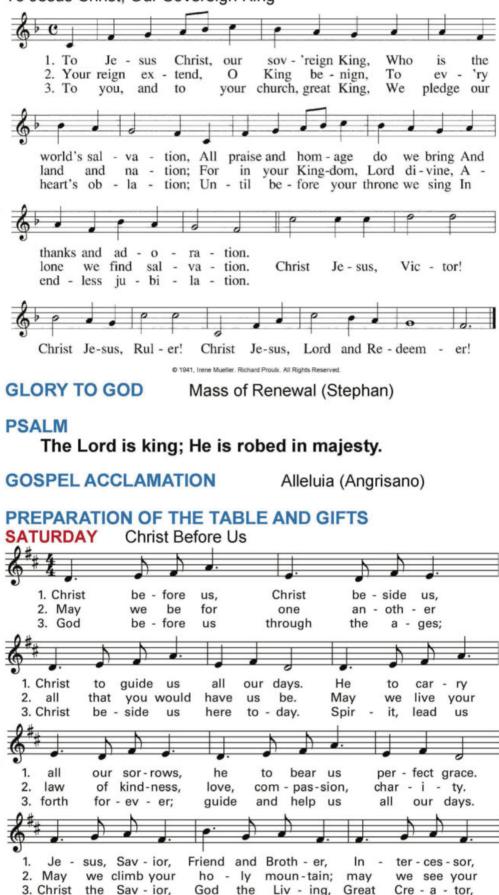
Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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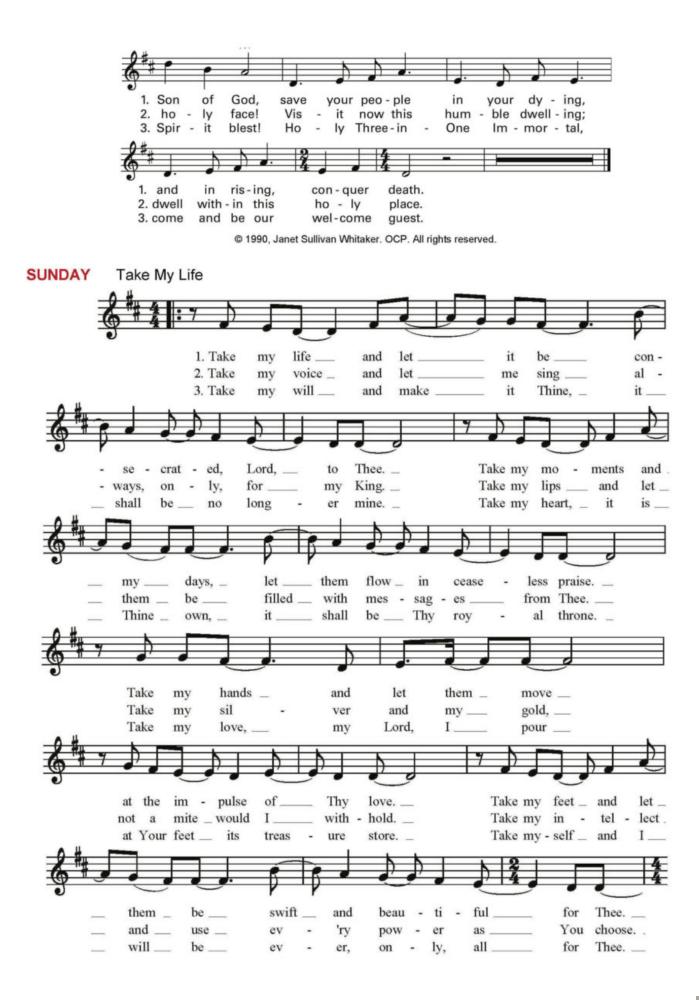
#### GATHERING

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King



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

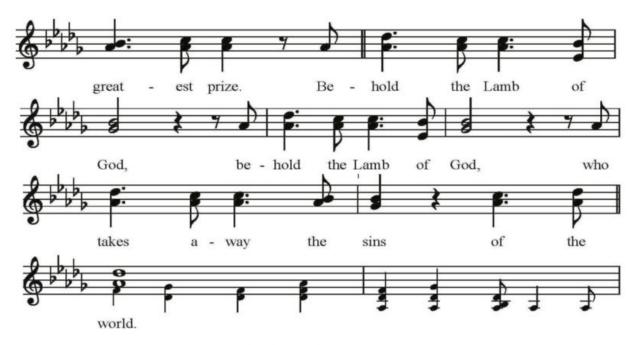
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# Food Drive for St. Margaret's Center

Visitation Parish is partnering again with St. Margaret's Center for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable food for low-income households to the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. Food items requested are rice, flour, canned goods, canned milk, peanut butter and other such items that will help feed families. You will be asked to bring up your food donations during the Offertory Procession. Monetary gifts can be given during the collection.

Please come out and support all the wonderful work done by the people of St. Margaret's Center for our neighbors in need.

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