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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



DECEMBER 8, 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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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 Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One, Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased One at Christmas, Overcoming the Blues at Christmastime, Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies, Giving New Life to Your Christmas Celebration, Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas, and many, many more.



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ◆ **Betty Spindler** who went home to the Lord on October 29, 2024. She was 94 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, December 10th at 12:00PM at Visitation.

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8TH

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Rosemary Coda †

9:30am - For the people of
Visitation Parish

11:00am - Miguel Macaranas †

MONDAY - DECEMBER 9TH

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

8:00am - Jacqueline Maria Hoang
Castro †

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 10TH

Our Lady of Loreto

8:00am - Bill Menor †

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 11TH

St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am - Christy Hughes †

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 12TH

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am - Miguel Medina

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 13TH

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am - John Wilcoxson

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 14TH

*St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the
Church*

5:00pm - Evelyn Gavina †

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.

Dear Parish Family,

As we journey together through this season of Advent, St. Paul's words in today's 2nd Reading offer us a beautiful roadmap for preparation: **gratitude, trust, and love**. These virtues guide us as we ready our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas.

Gratitude and Prayer

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you." (Phil 1:4-5)

Advent is a time to pause and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives—our families, our friends, and our parish community. Like St. Paul, let us pray for one another with joy, lifting each other up in gratitude. Consider lighting your Advent wreath at home, sharing what you are thankful for, and praying together for those in need.

Trust in God's Work

"The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6)

Advent reminds us that God is always at work within us, shaping us into His image. Every small act of kindness, patience, or love we offer is part of the "good work" God has begun in us. As a parish family, let us trust that God's grace will bring this work to fulfillment, making us ready to receive Christ.

Abounding in Love

"My prayer is that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight." (Phil 1:9)

Advent calls us to let love abound. Through acts of service, forgiveness, and compassion, we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Whether it is volunteering in our parish ministries, offering help to a neighbor, or spending time with family, these moments of love are gifts to Christ Himself.

May this Advent season draw us closer as a parish family, fill our hearts with gratitude, and inspire us to live lives abounding in love. Together, let us prepare the way for our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Francis

Don't Forget! Monday, December 9 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We'll have two masses to accommodate your schedule: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. May we celebrate this joyous feast together.

"If you want to meditate, the first thing you require is to be serious about it. Not solemn. But serious. To see this as a serious invitation will lead you to the deepest personal actualization of your potential. If you want to learn to meditate, you must put aside the time for it every day of your life. Ideally you should find a time every morning and every evening. The morning time of meditation sets the tone for the day and prepares you to set out on your daily pilgrimage knowing better who you are. Then your evening meditation brings together all the various strands of the day's activities, and unifies them through your own concentration. So you must understand that the daily discipline is of immense importance. You cannot make the journey by just admiring the spiritual realities from a distance. You must enter. You must taste and see. The time I recommend you to spend in meditation is a minimum of twenty minutes and an optimum time of half an hour, every morning and every evening." Fr. John Main, *The Way of Unknowing*

If you're interested in Christian Meditation, please join Fr. Francis on Wednesdays, 8-8:30pm via zoom. Email fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the link.

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.



Sunday December 8, 2024, is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred to Monday, December 9 – **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Previously, when the date was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - one of our feasts celebrating Mary. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

JOIN US IN *celebrating this Christmas!*

Tuesday, Dec. 17th 7:00pm
Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve Masses
4:00pm*, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day Masses
9:00am* and 11:00am

*These Masses will be live-streamed as well

O Come, let us adore Him.



Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

LAS POSADAS

QUESTION:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

ANSWER:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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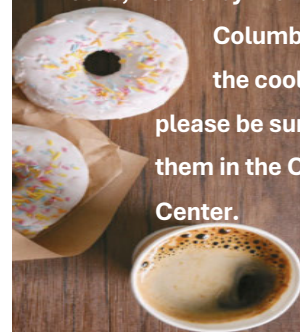

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Stop for coffee and donuts on Dec. 8, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Due to the cooler weather please be sure to join them in the O'Grady Center.



DAILY BRIEF FOR ADVENT

The Daily Brief for Advent is a series of short Advent meditations on the readings of the day by all of our very own priests at Visitation. Each 4-5 minute reflection is accompanied by piano underscore and beautiful nature photographs. Consider making The Daily Brief your 5 minutes a day for Advent. <https://www.visitationchurch-la.com/dailybrief>



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

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Our **WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE** ministry is happy to announce that plans are underway for our retreat weekend next year:
Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025.

If you have previously attended and have not heard from us, please let us know. If you are interested in attending, please email:

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Imagine the difference your donation will make to a child's Christmas.
Accepting toys (\$20-30 range preferred) through December 15th. Event taking place December 21, 2024.

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Volunteer Opportunities

There is a great need for adult volunteers on event day December 21st, and the two days preceding the event Dec. 19th, and 20th. To volunteer or to donate, or for more information, visit us at www.smcxmas.org Thank you!



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our
Angel



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Please bring your unwrapped toys from the Giving Tree to the parish by December 15th. We thank you for your support in advance!



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DID YOU KNOW? Teaching your children boundaries

Communities thrive with appropriate boundaries in place. Without them, everyone is left vulnerable, especially children, in an "anything goes" culture. As safe adults, we can empower children by defining and strengthening our own boundaries. Children learn by watching the adults around them. Seeing us make and hold boundaries will teach them this incredibly important skill. To learn more about setting and upholding boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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 HOPE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save Us, Savior of the
 world, for by your
 cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.

GATHERING

Ready the Way

1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 1. way of the Lord!" A voice ___ cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun - tain be hum -
 1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 Here is your God, com - ing with your vin - di - ca - tion.
 Look and be - hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Have Mercy (Stephan)

PSALM

God has done great things for us;
 Filled us with laughter and music.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Hart)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Hope Is Dawning

1. O - pen up the skies and rain the
 heav - ens down, the heav - ens down; - Fa - ther
 o - pen up the skies and rain the heav - ens down on
 us. 2. O - pen up our
 eyes to see ___ Your glo - ry's all a - round.

We are long - ing, hope is dawn - ing,
 heav - en's fall - ing, come - Lord Je - sus.
 2
 3. O - pen up our hearts to say,
 "Have Your way, have Your way", Spir - it,
 o - pen up - our hearts to say, "Won't You -
 D.S. al Coda
 come and have Your way".

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COMMUNION

Taste and See

Refrain
 Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the
 Verses 1, 2
 good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,
 2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,
 1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-
 2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and
 to Refrain
 1. joice in our God, who hears - the cry of all - in need. O
 2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O
 Verse 3
 3. Oh, the love of God! Be - come flesh of our flesh,

to Refrain

3. so that we might live in glo - ry. 0

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SENDING

Soon and Very Soon

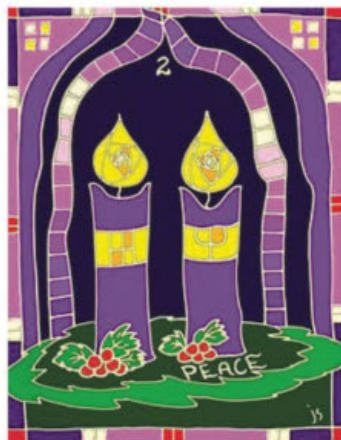
1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, Hal - le -
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

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Virgen de Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration
Sunday December 15, 2024
11 a.m. Mass

The Visitation 5th Grade Class will present the story of the Virgin Mary appearing to Juan Diego, an Aztec converted to Christianity in Mexico in 1531.

We invite everyone to wear traditional Mexican clothing and for the children to bring a flower to the Virgin as part of the opening procession.



Join us after Mass for some traditional Mexican tamales, sweet bread, champurrado, and candy while we enjoy the music of Mariachi Ausente.

