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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



DECEMBER 15, 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



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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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15TH

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Jim Kerker

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Teresa Razo

MONDAY - DECEMBER 16TH

8:00am - Lynn Gernert †

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 17TH

8:00am - Joe & Ann Vezzetti †

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 18TH

8:00am - Anna Zavala †

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 19TH

8:00am - Norma Arujo †

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 20TH

8:00am - Tony Sales †

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 21ST

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00pm - Norma Arujo †

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.



MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Dear Parish Family,

Pope Francis' latest encyclical, Dilexit Nos, invites the faithful to reflect deeply on the boundless and personal love of Jesus Christ. Released on October 24, 2024, this significant teaching document takes its inspiration from John 15:9—"I have loved you as the Father has loved me; remain in my love." The Holy Father calls us to recognize the transformative power of Jesus' love in our lives and the way it shapes how we relate to one another.

An encyclical is a formal teaching letter written by the Pope, addressing matters of faith and morals. It serves as a guide not only for Catholics but for all people of goodwill, offering reflections and insights to inspire faith-filled living. In Dilexit Nos, Pope Francis emphasizes that Christ's love is unconditional and unchanging, a gift that invites us into a personal relationship with Him. Through this relationship, we are called to become witnesses of that love in our families, communities, and the broader world.

In a society often consumed by materialism and fleeting pursuits, Pope Francis challenges us to turn inward, rediscovering the heart as the center of authentic love. True happiness and fulfillment, he teaches, do not come from accomplishments or possessions but from living in the light of Christ's love. This love compels us to act with compassion, understanding, and mercy toward others, especially those most in need.

Dilexit Nos is a powerful reminder that love is not just a feeling but a commitment—a daily decision to remain rooted in Christ and to extend His love to others. As we reflect on this encyclical, let us strive to deepen our relationship with Jesus, allowing His love to transform us and flow through us in our actions and interactions.

May this message inspire us to build a parish community marked by kindness, generosity, and a shared commitment to live out the love of Christ in all we do!

In Christ's love.

Fr. Francis

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 - 1) Please check the email address to see that it's indeed sent from fkim@la-archdiocese.org
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Would you like to receive our weekly "Parish Post" via email? It's sent every Sunday with a different spiritual message from Fr. Francis. If so, please email aservidea@visitationschool.org to be added. God bless.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Meditation is concerned not so much with thinking as with being. And in contemplative prayer we seek to become the person we are called to be: not by thinking about God but by being with Him. Simply to be in His presence is allsufficing. Simply to be with Him is to be drawn into being the person He calls us to be. This is the message of Jesus's injunction to seek the kingdom first and then all else will be given. But this is no easy task for those of us reared in our contemporary Western culture. We have all been conditioned by this culture's excessive regard for cerebral activity. And we have defined ourselves far too narrowly as 'rational creatures'. It seems to me that this is one of the principal reasons for the impoverishment of our prayer life. The response of the whole person to God has been shattered and only the cerebral, verbal splinters are active in our very much attenuated understanding of prayer. Our aim in Christian prayer is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, one of several to which we give what Cardinal Newman called 'notional assent', but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are. And so, prayer is not the time for words, however beautifully and sincerely phrased. All our words are wholly ineffective when we enter into mysterious communion with God whose Word is before and after all other words." Fr. John Main

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.

Join us for a Rosary at the Shrine to the Unborn

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Bring a rosary, a chair, and flowers to place at the shrine if you like.

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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

CHRISTMAS QUESTION:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

ANSWER:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? "No" is a complete sentence.

A critical boundary to learn for yourself and for your children is the word "no." Saying "no" to something you are uncomfortable with, or that you know is wrong, is sometimes the hardest thing to do, but it is so important. "No" is a complete sentence and should be honored by anyone listening. This is a great way to teach children how to listen to their friends and respect what they hear. This teaches children personal autonomy, which can extend to a child saying "no" to unwanted touches or behavior and potentially protect them from abuse and harm. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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.visitationchurchla.com/dailybrief

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.



FEAST DAY DEC. 21ST

Born in Holland, St.
Peter Canisius (May
8, 1521 – December
21, 1597) was a
preacher, teacher,
and writer
throughout his
whole life. At the age
of 19, he received a
master's degree
from the university
at Cologne. Soon
afterwards, St. Peter
met Peter Faber, the

first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St.

Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

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

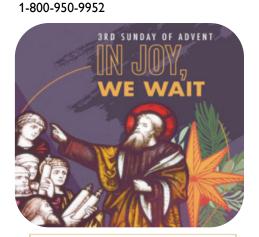
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Bolores Gernert and family would like to thank all of those who volunteered at her loving husband Lynn's funeral and reception. Your time, words, thoughts and prayers were and are very much appreciated.

Thank you very much!



Called to Renew Update for November 2024

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

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

Total Paid: \$379,393.28

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- St. Theresa of Calcutta

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NOTE: As we approach Christmas and New Year, **December 31st is the IRS** deadline for yearly tax deduction eligibility. Therefore any donations/gifts should be sent out for processing no later than **December 28**, 2024 and this will ensure that you receive tax credit for gifts made during the 2024.

*Please keep in mind you're your local post office hours.

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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



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

Christ in Me Arise



PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Have Mercy (Stephan)

PSALM Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Hart)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Hope is Dawning

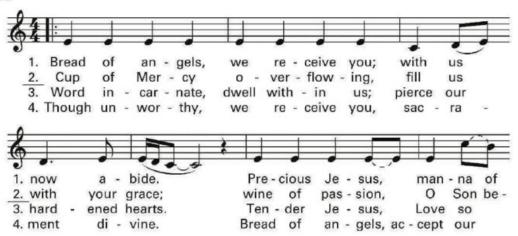




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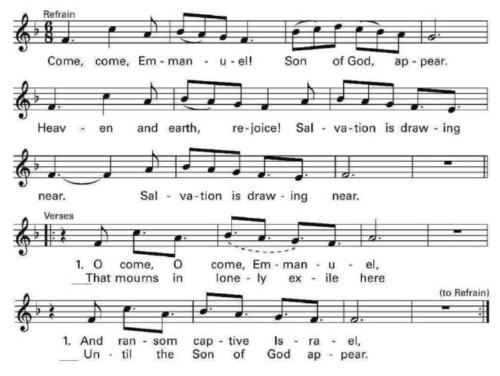
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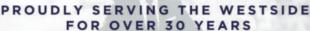
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