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.

SUNDAY MASS Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and II:00 a.m.

DAILY ROSARY

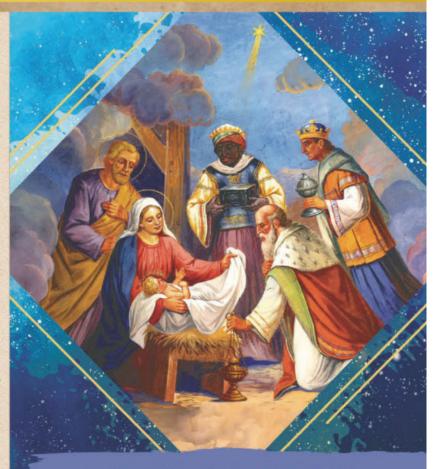
Monday thru Friday following the 8 a.m. mass

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



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star. - Mt 2:10

Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, @LJ

JANUARY 5, 2025

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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Scan the QR code now.



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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
- 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.

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<u>SUNDAY – JANUARY 5TH</u> The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am - Andrew Jusko † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Evis Coda †

MONDAY - JANUARY 6TH St. André Bessette, Religious 8:00am - Diane Tarango †

TUESDAY - JANUARY 7TH St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 8:00am - Albert Francis Ward †

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 8TH 9:00am - Belen Maldonado †

THURSDAY - JANUARY 9TH 8:00am - Bela Jozsef Szekely †

FRIDAY - JANUARY 10TH 8:00am - William Russell †

SATURDAY - JANUARY 11TH 5:00pm - Gerald "Jerry" Higbie †

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,

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**, a day that marks the revelation of **Christ as the Light of the world** to all nations. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning manifestation or revelation.

A Brief History

The Epiphany commemorates the visit of the **Magi (Wise Men)** to the infant Jesus, as told in the Gospel of Matthew. Guided by a star, these travelers from the East brought **gifts of gold**, **frankincense**, **and myrrh**, each symbolizing a truth about Jesus: **gold** for His kingship, **frankincense** for His divinity, and **myrrh** for His sacrificial death. Historically, the Epiphany has been celebrated since the 4th century, reminding Christians of Jesus' manifestation not just to the people of Israel but to **all nations and peoples**.

Why Do We Still Celebrate Epiphany Today?

The Feast of the Epiphany continues to remind us of three key spiritual truths:

- 1. **God's Light is for All:** Jesus came not for one group, but for all people, everywhere.
- 2. **Our Call to Seek Christ:** Like the Magi, we are called to seek and follow the light of Christ in our own lives.
- 3. **The Gifts We Bring:** Each of us has something unique to offer Christ–our time, resources, and love.

This Epiphany, let us reflect on how we are seeking Christ's light in our daily lives and how we can become **bearers of that Light** to others. May the Feast of the Epiphany inspire us to follow God's star with faith, to offer our own gifts with gratitude, and to see Christ's presence revealed in unexpected places and people.

Blessings on this Feast of the Epiphany,

Fr. Francis

THANK YOU to Mike Rotolo, Tom Hughes, and Michael Kramer for their hard work and dedication in **building the stage** used for both our School Christmas Concert and the Viz for St. Margaret Center Candlelit Concert. The giving of their time, effort, and craftsmanship made these events extra special. **We greatly appreciate you!**

Another heartfelt **thank you** to **Fr. Tim**, **Maryann Nguyen**, and the many dedicated **volunteers** who worked so hard to **decorate our church for Christmas**. Your time, effort, and artistic touch have truly made our celebration more beautiful and meaningful. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and care. **Thank you!**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"One of the things we have to keep in mind in meditating is that we are moving towards greater and greater simplicity. It is useful, therefore, to have very clear in your minds at all times the simplicity that the teaching gives us: to say your mantra, to say your word, from the beginning to the end, and stillness and silence are of great importance. Meditate every morning and every evening, beginning your day out of the power of the mystery of God and completing your day in the power of His love. Listen to this reading from St John's gospel: 'It is my Father's will that everyone who looks upon the Son and puts his faith in Him shall possess eternal life.'

Everyone who looks upon the Son of God ... that is what our meditation is. It is forgetting self, leaving self behind and becoming totally absorbed in the mystery, the wonder of God's revelation in Jesus. The great gift of God to us in Jesus is precisely 'eternal' life. That is the gift we are all offered: the definitive sharing in the being of God Himself and the gift we are given is to share in His unlimited capacity for life, for living, for love." Fr. John Main

To practice Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 pm. Email him at *fkim@la-archdiocese.org* for the Zoom link.



January is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul reminds us that the name of Jesus is above every other name, for it is in this name that we are all saved.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?



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

Eucharistic Miracle of Avignon, France – 1433

Contributed by: Katie Canty

In In November of 1433, a Eucharistic Miracle occurred in the small Church of the Holy Cross located in Avignon, France.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was being observed at the Holy Cross Church, and after many days of heavy rain, the Rhône river had risen to a dangerous height.

On November 30th, the Feast of St. Andrew, Avignon was flooded. The head of the order and another Franciscan friar rowed a boat to the Church in order to retrieve the Eucharist and bring it to dry land.

When they arrived, the water level was at the center of the church door. When they opened the door, they were shocked to find that from the entrance of the door all the way to the altar was completely dry. The water had retracted to the side walls on the left and right, four feet in height. Our Lord and Savior Jesus, in the Eucharistic Host in the monstrance, was completely dry.

The water had been held back in the same way the Red Sea had parted. The Friars, amazed at what they were seeing, asked others to come to the church to verify the miracle. The news spread rapidly, and many townspeople and authorities came to the church, singing songs of praise and of thanks unto the Lord.

The Franciscans wrote all that had happened in the community register which is still preserved to this day.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? Our mission to protect vulnerable adults

Nearly 1 in 4 U.S. adults report living with some kind of disability, ranging from physical limitations to diminished mental capabilities. Misunderstandings and misconceptions about a person's individual disabilities can put that person at risk for abuse. By adopting practices that aim to understand a person's unique circumstances, abilities, and challenges, we can work to protect those who are vulnerable in our communities. Some examples which can help foster safety and community include: asking questions instead of making assumptions, focusing on a person's abilities and using positive language. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Our Mission to Protect Vulnerable Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



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When:	Friday, January 10 th and 24 th
Time:	5:30pm – 7:30pm (or until we're out!)
Where:	Knights of Columbus Hall
	8049 W. Manchester Ave, Playa Del Rey
How:	call 310-821-2324 for a Take-out Order

Meal: Main: Fish, Shrimp, or Combination Side: Baked Potato, Fries, or Onion Rings (\$3) All Meals: Cole Slaw and a Dinner Roll Prices (depending on choices): \$15 to \$18

> Dinner proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program **Credit Cards Accepted** Parking in the Rear



Fr Francis led the Knights of Columbus & 40 Days for Life in recitation of a rosary for life at Holy Cross Cemetery on Saturday December 21st. It was a blessed event!

Everyday **Stewardship Recognize God in your** ordinary moments

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure - but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals - Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us. doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

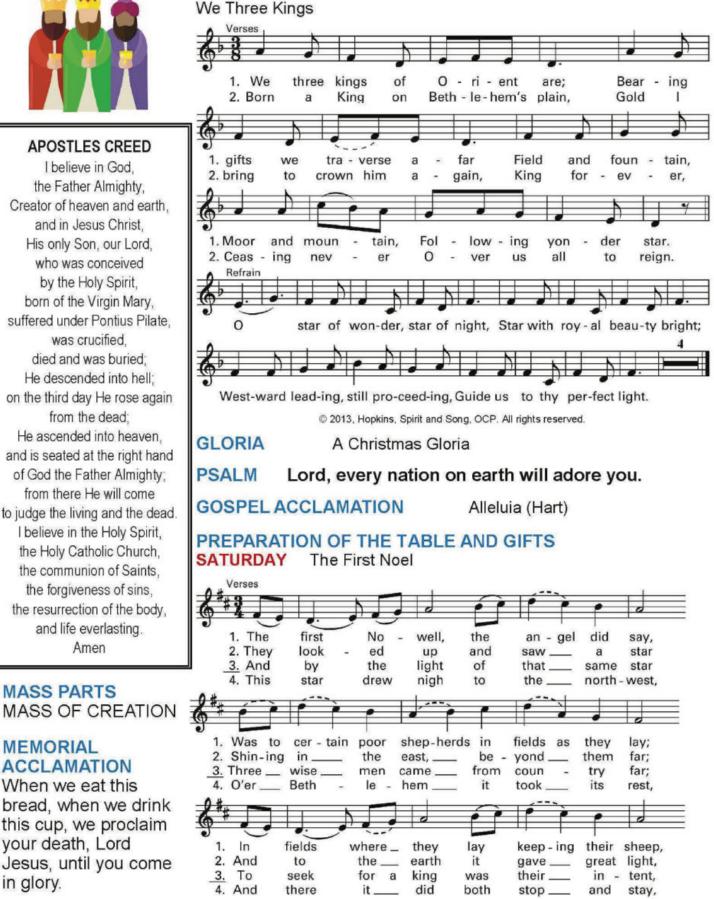
Now color the picture! - Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

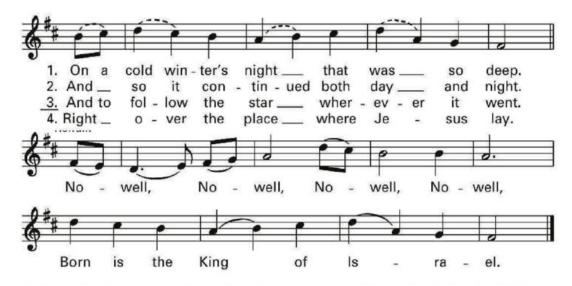
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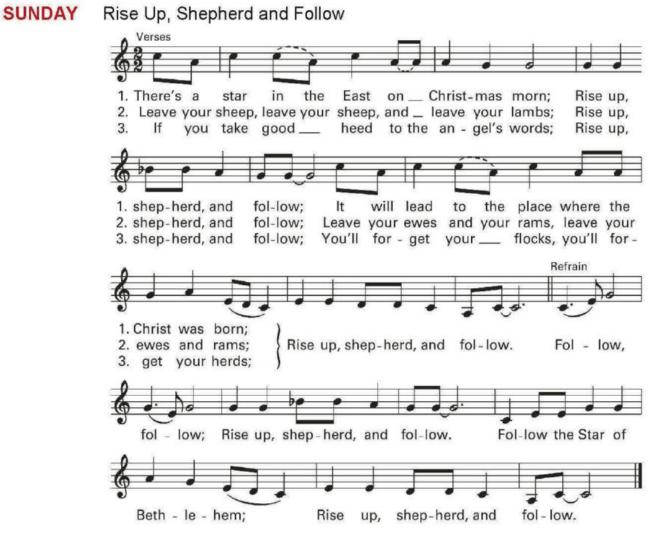


GATHERING





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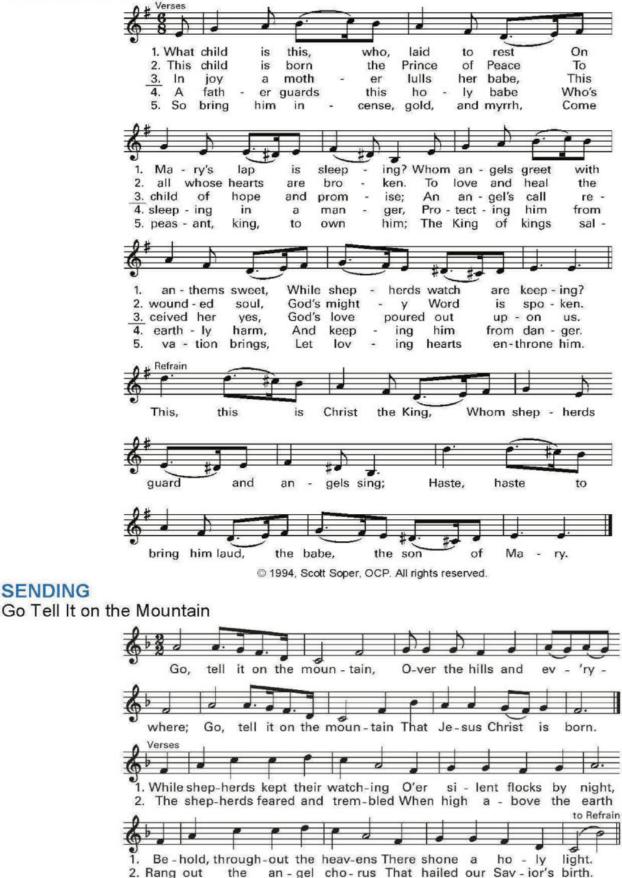


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What Child Is This



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(And Walking Too!)

SATURDAYS 7 - 8 AM MEET IN THE O'GRADY CENTER

All are welcome (kids, pets, etc.)!! Our first meetup will be January 4, 2025

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