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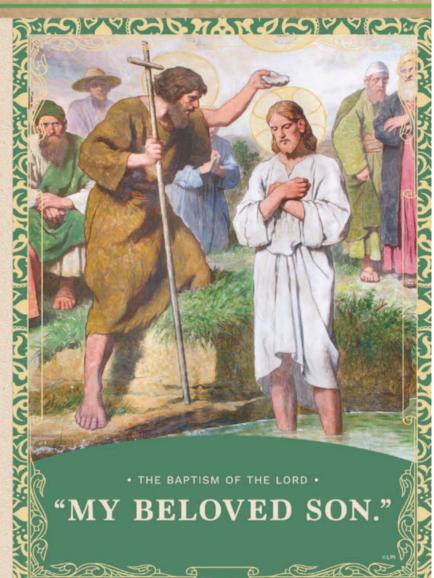
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Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm



JANUARY 12, 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.

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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 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

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 12TH

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am - John Rohe †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Mildred G. Ong † & Alicia Tan †

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 13TH

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Josephine Russell †

#### **TUESDAY - JANUARY 14TH**

8:00am - Margaret Russell †

#### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 15TH

9:00am - Diane Murray Soto †

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 16TH

8:00am - Killeen Family

#### FRIDAY - JANUARY 17TH

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00am - James McGregor †

#### SATURDAY - JANUARY 18TH

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

5:00pm - Rocco Farello †

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 Baptism of the Lord**, a moment that marks both the **end of the Christmas season** and the **beginning of Jesus' public ministry**.

#### Historical Roots of the Feast

In the early Church, the Baptism of Jesus was celebrated alongside the Epiphany on January 6th, emphasizing both His baptism in the Jordan and the visit of the Magi as revelations of His divine identity. By the 4th century, the Western Church began to separate these feasts, giving the Baptism of the Lord its own focus. After the Second Vatican Council, the Church placed this celebration on the Sunday following Epiphany, highlighting its importance as a bridge between the Christmas season and Ordinary Time.

#### Theological Significance

- Affirmation of Jesus' Identity: At His baptism, a voice from heaven declares, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). This moment reveals Jesus as the Son of God and marks the beginning of His public ministry.
- Anointing by the Holy Spirit: The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a
  dove signifies Jesus' anointing for His mission of teaching, healing, and
  salvation.
- A Model of Humility and Obedience: Though sinless, Jesus submits to baptism by John, teaching us humility and obedience to God's will.
- Sanctification of Baptismal Waters: Jesus' immersion in the Jordan sanctifies the waters of baptism, making them a source of grace for all who follow Him.

#### The Feast in Our Lives Today

This feast is not just a reflection on Jesus' baptism but also a **renewal of our own baptismal promises**. Through baptism, we are:

- Affirmed as beloved children of God.
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit to live our faith boldly.
- Called to participate in Christ's mission of love, healing, and reconciliation.

#### A Time for Reflection and Renewal

As we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, we are reminded to:

- Reflect on our own baptismal identity.
- Renew our commitment to live as disciples of Christ.
- Trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance in our daily lives.

May this feast inspire us to embrace our baptismal call with **courage**, **humility**, **and faith**, living as beloved children of God and witnesses to His love in the world.

In Christ,

Fr. Francis

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Meditation is practiced in solitude but it is the great way to learn to be in relationship. The reason for this paradox is that, having contacted our own reality, we have the existential confidence to go out to others, to meet them at their real level, and so the solitary element in meditation is mysteriously the true antidote to loneliness. Having contacted our conformity with reality, we are no longer threatened by the otherness of others. We are not always looking for an affirmation of ourselves. We are making loves search, looking for the reality of the other. In the experience of encountering the reality of the other, we discover our own existence enriched and deepened. Meditation is demanding. We must learn to meditate whether we feel like it or not, whether it is raining or snowing, or the sun is shining and whatever is on television or whatever kind of day we have had. In the Christian vision of meditation, a perspective gained from the words of Jesus, we find the reality of the great paradox He teaches: if we want to find our lives we have to be prepared to lose it. In meditating, that is exactly what we do. We find ourselves because we are prepared to let go of ourselves, to launch ourselves out into the depths which soon appear to be the depths of God. The essential message of Christianity is that God is present in the depths of each human being. That is why we must learn humility. That is why we must learn silence: because we must enter those depths of our self to encounter the otherness of God and in that encounter, to discover our essential self in union with God." Fr. John Main, The Heart of Creation.

To learn more about Christian meditation and to practice it together, 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. Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Name. It was the Archangel Gabriel who first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so the name of Jesus was given to Him by the Father in Heaven.

Saint Peter was one of the first Apostles to speak with authority in the Holy Name of Jesus when he healed a crippled man saying, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). Saint Paul also exalted the holy name of Jesus when he said, "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-10). Saint Paul preached with power in the name of Jesus so often that even some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to imitate him by commanding demons, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches" (Acts 19:13).

Source: My Catholic Life

Join Fr. Francis for

# Meet. Pray. Run.

(And Walking Tool)



According to Harvard, walking "boosts immune function. Walking can help protect you during cold and flu season. A study of over 1,000 men and women found that those who walked at least 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week, had 43% fewer sick days than those who exercised once a week or less. And if they did get sick, it was for a shorter duration, and their symptoms were milder."

If you're interested in walking/running, please join Visitation's Run/Walk Group **every Saturdays, 7-8 AM**. We meet in the O'Grady Center, open with prayer and a warm-up, and off we go! All are welcome (including non-Christians, your children, pets, etc.).

Please contact Fr. Francis if you have any questions: <a href="mailto:fkim@la-archdiocese.org">fkim@la-archdiocese.org</a>

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Please join the Knights of Columbus after the Sunday masses for Coffee & Donuts. If you don't see them in Courtyard, then they are in the O'Grady Center!

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#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?** The REPORT Act protects minors online

A bipartisan bill passed last year is helping internet platforms protect children from abuse and enticement in their online interactions. The REPORT Act, passed in May 2024, requires U.S.-based online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). To assist with this, NCMEC has issued guidelines intended to help online platforms play a crucial role in protecting children by recognizing key signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids">https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids</a>.

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### BAPTISMAL BIB

#### QUESTION:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

#### ANSWER:

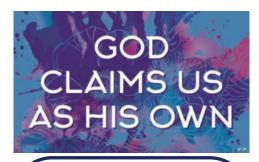
When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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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, January 26, 2025 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.





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## Prayer

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

## Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

## **Sharing the Gospel**

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said. "I'm pleased with you."

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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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 HOPE

#### GATHERING

All Creatures of Our God and King



**GLORIA** 

Mass of St Ann

PSALM The Lord will bless His people with peace.

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#### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Down to the River to Pray



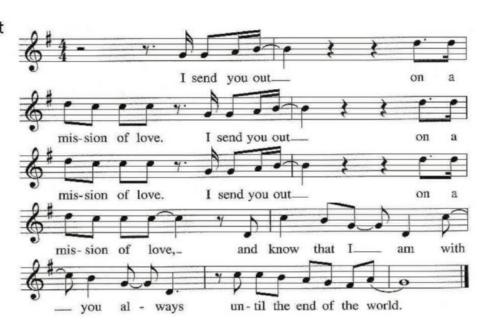
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#### SENDING

I Send You Out



I baptize you in the name of the father I baptize you in the name of the son I baptize you with the holy spirit Go out and spread good news

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