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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.

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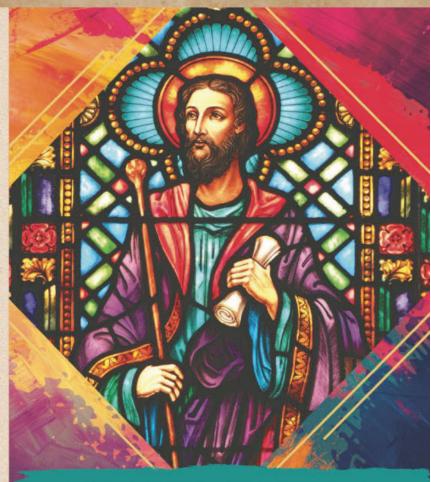
PRIVATE WORSHIP

(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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPI

JANUARY 26, 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 26TH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

8:00am - Fr. Jim O'Grady † 9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Alice Hopkins †

MONDAY - JANUARY 27TH

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00am - Patricia Soto

TUESDAY - JANUARY 28TH

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Mary Deblock †

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 29TH

9:00am - Karl Brewer †

THURSDAY - JANUARY 30TH

8:00am - John Deblock †

FRIDAY - JANUARY 31ST

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00am - Lorna Laureola †

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 1ST

5:00pm - Annella Dorn †

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,

For the next six weeks, the 2nd Reading will be coming from the First Epistle (i.e. Letter) of St. Paul to the Corinthians. It was written by St. Paul around AD 55, and it addresses the Christian community in Corinth, a major Greek city known for its cultural diversity, wealth, and moral challenges. Corinth was a busy trade hub, but it was also marked by divisions, immorality, and spiritual confusion, which had crept into the life of the early Church there.

Paul wrote this letter to address various issues troubling the community, including:

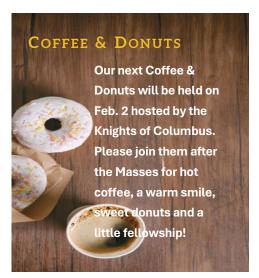
- Divisions among believers over leadership.
- Moral and ethical problems, such as sexual immorality and lawsuits among Christians.
- Questions about worship, including the Lord's Supper and the use of spiritual gifts.
- Doctrinal concerns, especially about the resurrection of the dead.

Through this letter, Paul emphasizes the centrality of Christ, the importance of unity in the Church, and living lives of love and holiness. One of its most famous passages is what's known as the "Hymn of Love" found in 1 Corinthians 13, which highlights love as the greatest virtue. It's a verse that's worth repeating here and perhaps in our own lives and with family and friends:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Cor 13:4-7)

In Christ,

Fr. Francis



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"We...possess the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16).' The ongoing pilgrimage of meditation leads us to an ever-deeper encounter with the essential theology of prayer. What does St Paul mean when he says we possess the mind of Christ? We know from the doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that the fullness of God is to be found in our own hearts. We know that the full life of the Trinity is lived in our hearts. This is because Jesus Christ dwells in our hearts. His human consciousness is to be found within each of us. The journey of prayer is simply to find the way to open our human consciousness to His human consciousness and to become, on that way, fully conscious ourselves. The way passes beyond all dividedness, for there is no longer any subject or object, there is only full consciousness containing both.

This is the wonder of the doctrine of the Incarnation. Jesus being man and possessing a human consciousness, is our way to the Father. Humanly it is possible for us to open our human consciousness to His. That is the marvel, indeed the perfection, of the Christian revelation, that He is the Way, and He is the One Way because His love embraces all human ways. He is the universal redeemer and the universal sanctifier. He can be so for us because His human consciousness is fully open to the Father in the Spirit of love. When in the silence of prayer, and the concentration of our meditation, we open our human consciousness to Him, we go beyond Him, to the Father. We go beyond Him by His power of self-transcending

Fr. John Main, The Way of Unknowing.

To learn more about Christian meditation and to practice together, join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 pm.
Email him at fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the Zoom link.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.



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

HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW GREEN LITURGICAL BANNERS?

They were graciously made by Deacon Nguyen (Maryann's father). Thank you, Dn. Nguyen, for the giving of your time and talent to help make our parish more beautiful and conducive to prayer.





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: fkim@la-archdiocese.org



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? Facts about the Missing Children hotline

Since the Missing Children hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) launched 40 years ago, countless children have been safely found and brought home. The hotline has received over 5 million calls in the last 40 years. During national emergencies and disasters, the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children has helped find lost children, working with emergency responders to reunite families. For more information about the Missing Children hotline, visit https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/millions-of-calls-the-impact-of-1-800-the-lost.



Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school? It is a question I always consider when people ask me about Catholic Schools Week, though you might look at that opening question and ask, "What?"

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does. It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community. All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith. That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.

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VISITATION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 29, 2025

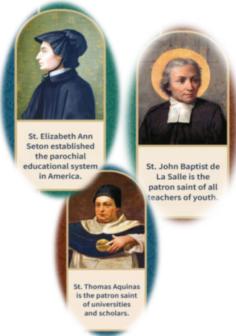
Prospective Families, discover what makes Visitation so special!

Current Families, explore the classrooms and projects to see what your Bulldogs have been learning!

6 PM: Prospective Families

7 PM: Everybody!

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Did you know that the following saints were also educators?



Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

LOVE AS A THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE

QUESTION:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

ANSWER:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

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Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Now color the picture!



Circle these words from today's Gospel:

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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 ANN

GATHERING

In Christ Alone



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PSALM Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

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Taste and See



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SENDING SATURDAY







- 1. Giv er of im mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!
- 2. Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Prais-ing you e ter nal-ly!
- 3. Teach us how to love each oth er, Lift us to the joy di-vine

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SUNDAY Hallelujah Is Our Song



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