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Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m.

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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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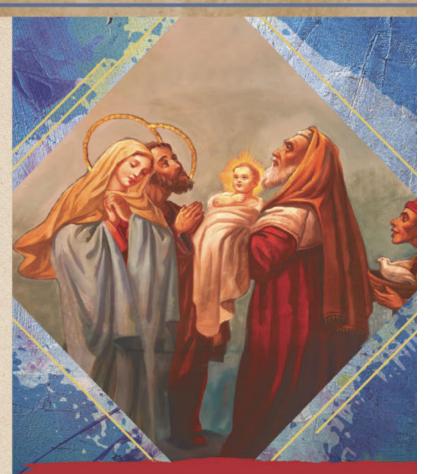
PRIVATE WORSHIP

(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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34

FEBRUARY 2, 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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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 - FEBRUARY 2ND The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Visitation Parish

8:00am - Purita Lopez † 9:30am - For the people of

11:00am - Patricia Kautz†

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 3RD

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:00am - Ken Santoro †

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 4TH

8:00am - Angel Romano †

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 5TH

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00am - Carlo Romano †

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 6TH

8:00am - William Russell †

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 7TH

8:00am - Josephine Russell †

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 8TH

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

5:00pm - Eileen Crowley †

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 Presentation of the Lord, a significant moment in the life of Jesus and in our faith tradition. This feast, also known as Candlemas, occurs forty days after Christmas and commemorates the day Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, in accordance with Jewish law.

The Gospel of Luke (2:22-40) recounts this event, where Jesus is presented to God, and Mary undergoes the rite of purification. It is here that Simeon and the prophetess Anna recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon's proclamation—"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel"—is central to this celebration.

This feast is rich in meaning for Catholics:

1. Fulfillment of the Law:

Mary and Joseph's adherence to Jewish customs reminds us of Jesus' connection to the Old Covenant and His mission to fulfill the law and the prophets.

2. Jesus, the Light of the World:

The Church may bless candles on this feast, symbolizing Christ as the light who dispels darkness and brings hope to the world. This tradition gives the day its name, Candlemas.

3. Dedication to God:

The Presentation reflects how Jesus was consecrated to God's service. It reminds us to dedicate our lives to God and allow His light to shine through us.

4. Our Own Encounter with Christ:

Just as Simeon and Anna encountered Christ in the Temple, we are invited to seek and recognize Him in our lives, especially in the Eucharist and in one another.

As we celebrate today's feast, let us reflect on how we can carry Christ's light into the world as we go about our day. May it be a reminder of the hope, joy, and salvation Jesus brings to all.

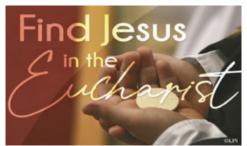
In Christ, Fr. Francis



"You have heard it said that meditation is the way to reality. It is first the way to the reality of our own being. We learn to be. Not to be any particular role or particular thing, but just to be. The best way of describing this being is to say that we are in a state of utter simplicity. We are not trying to act. We are not trying to apologize for being who we are or as we are. This is an ideal unfamiliar to most of us because we are trained to think that we find truth only amid complexity. Yet we all know at a deeper level. . .that truth is found in utter simplicity, in openness. [. . . .]

Meditation is a way of breaking through from a world of illusion into the pure light of reality. The great illusion that most of us are caught in is that we are the center of the world and that everything and everyone revolves around us. But in meditation we learn that this is not true. The truth is that God is the center and everyone of us has being from God. [. . . .] Meditation is the great way of liberation. We are liberated from the past. . . and become open to our life in the present moment. . .We learn that we are because God is, [and that] simply being is our greatest gift." Fr. John Main, Moment of Christ.

If you'd like to practice Christian meditation with a community, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 PM. Email him at *fkim@la-archdiocese.org* for the Zoom link.



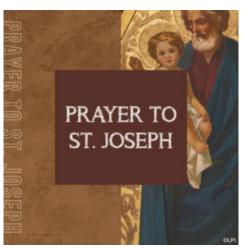
PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

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





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, February 9, 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.



Eucharistic Miracle of Salzano, Italy - 1517

Contributed by: Katie Canty

In 1517, in the town of Salzano, Italy, a priest was called and asked to urgently bring the Eucharist to an invalid on the brink of death. There wasn't time to arrange a full procession, so the priest took one altar boy with him and made his way toward the home of the sick person.

As they arrived at the meadows that surround the Muson River, several donkeys that were grazing, turned and faced themselves in the direction of the priest and the altar boy, and the Blessed Sacrament. They approached the priest and bowed down on their knees and followed the Most Holy Sacrament all the way to the home of the infirm, and resumed genuflecting as the priest carried the Eucharist inside. Afterwards, they accompanied the priest on the way home and returned to the pasture.





For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph." It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.

For a full text of this prayer, visit HYPERLINK: https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865





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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

QUESTION:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

ANSWER:

Charles February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

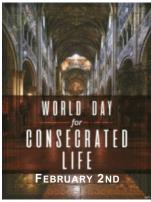




If you're interested in walking/running, please join Visitation's Run/Walk Group **every Saturdays, 7-8 AM**. We meet in the O'Grady Center, open with prayer and a warm-up, and off we go! All are welcome (including non-Christians, your children, pets, etc.). Please contact Fr. Francis if you have any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

fkim@la-archdiocese.org





PRAYER

God of all goodness,

you have called people to follow you faithfully.

Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits;

some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows;

while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. / Amen.

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Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts



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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

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uge.

- There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord, all of my days, (all of my days,) and all of my life.
- And he keeps me secure in times of great fear. He shelters my soul, (shelters my soul,) and lifts me high.

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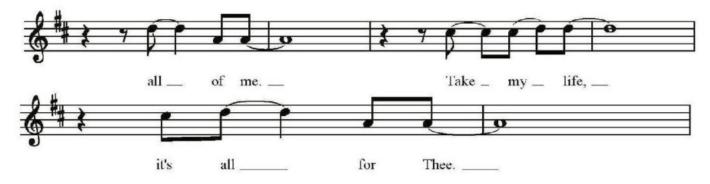
I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

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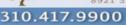
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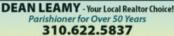


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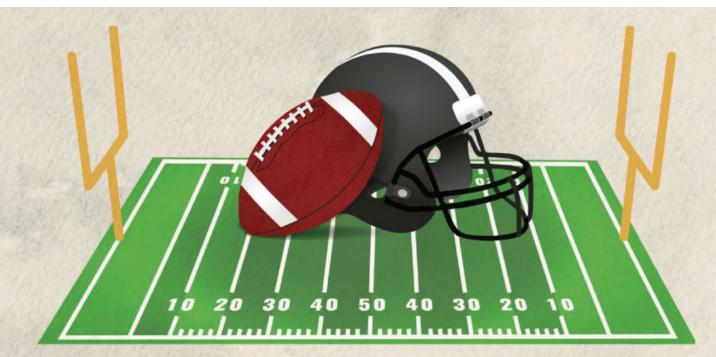
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