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MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

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 11:00 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

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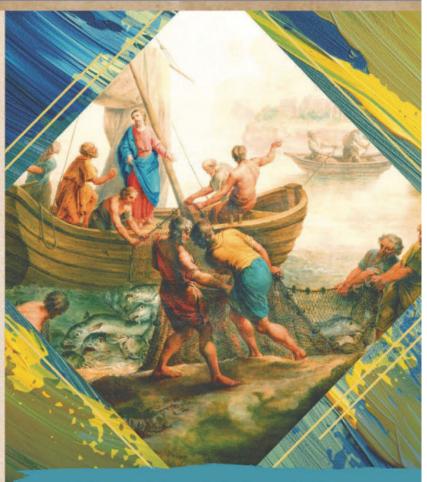
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(INSIDE THE CHURCH)

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.
- Lk 5:11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD. GLPI

FEBRUARY 9, 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 9TH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

8:00am - Carmelita Guimera †

9:30am - For the people of

Visitation Parish

11:00am - Frank Mondello †

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 10TH

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00am - Steven Rosselli †

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 11TH

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00am - Gary & Malou Francia

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00am - Msgr. Charles Hill

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00am - Mario Sales

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 14TH

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

8:00am - Esther Villalobos †

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 15TH

5:00pm - Pablo Villalobos †

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 **World Marriage Day**, a wonderful opportunity to honor the sacred bond of marriage and the love shared between husbands and wives. According to our faith, marriage is a profound vocation, rooted in God's plan for love and family, and it reflects the self-giving love of Christ for His Church.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; He impresses in them His own features and the indelible character of His love."

And as St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

On this World Marriage Day, may all married couples, whether newlywed or celebrating decades together, feel the joy of their vocation and be renewed in

their commitment to one another and to God.
May we celebrate and pray for all marriages in
our parish and around the world, that they may
be fruitful, faithful, and filled with God's
blessings. Happy World Marriage Day!

In Christ's love, Fr. Francis

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





ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"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.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Anna "I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.





If you'd like to get some steps in with others in our community, please join Fr. Francis and Visitation's Run/Walk group on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 7am-8am.

All are welcome!





SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

DID YOU KNOW? Books can help children understand difficult situations

All children are bound to experience difficult events as they grow up. When complex situations arise before children develop the ability to fully articulate their emotions, books can help them feel more at ease with feelings of anger, frustration, and sadness. While a book can't make everything better, stories can often help provide understanding and comfort. The picture book "Wildfire!" gives children a look at forest fires, firefighting and protecting natural spaces. The book can be found at https://a.co/d/7LyZzsX.



As one Catholic community of faith, rooted in prayer, let us reflect on how we can support our underserved parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Did you know that one in every five parishes and one in every four Catholic schools rely on financial assistance to continue their vital ministries? Your generosity directly impacts these communities, providing the resources they need to thrive. This year's cumulative Together in Mission goal is \$16.9 million, representing the collective efforts of our Catholic family across all five regions. Your parish's goal and progress throughout the year can be tracked on the Together in Mission Leaderboard at togetherinmission.org. Let us come together to make a difference and bring the love of Christ to those in need.

Please consider making a special Jubilee Year gift to Together in Mission today!

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PRIEST SHORTAGE

QUESTION:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage? Mary?

ANSWER:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us.

Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.



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February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an

important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick and those who provide care to them.



Feast Day: February 11

Feast Day Shared By: Saint Gregory II

Patron Saint of: Lourdes, France, Bodily Ills, Asthmatics, Protection from Diseases

Symbols: The Fleur De Lis and Roses

Decree of Approval: February 1, 1876

When God speaks to you, do you hear him? Do you expect messages from

God, and when one comes, do you believe that he really could be speaking to you?

There's nothing wrong with a healthy dose of skepticism, but too often we doubt even the *idea* of God trying to speak to us, whether it be through an answered prayer, a miraculous coincidence, or a vision of the Virgin Mary.

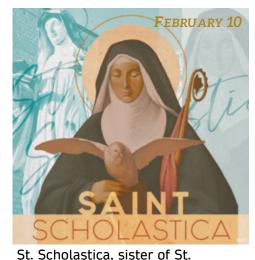
Such was the case in 1858, when Mary appeared to a fourteen-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. At first, no one believed her, not even her own mother. And Bernadette herself did not know it was Mary—she simply believed that God was speaking to her through these visions, and referred to this heavenly woman as "The Lady."

Bernadette kept returning to the place where "The Lady" had appeared, even though her family and the local government told her not to.

Eventually, "The Lady" revealed herself to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception." And on February 25, 1858, Mary told Bernadette to drink from a fountain. Bernadette was confused because there was no fountain, but she started digging. Soon, she discovered the natural spring of Lourdes, which pilgrims still travel to today for healing.

God spoke to Bernadette through Mary, and Bernadette had the faith to receive the message, even when it didn't seem to make sense. We can adopt the same attitude of openness to God and his messages. We probably won't see visions or hear voices, but we can always ask the Big Question: "God, what do you want me to do?" That is a question he will always answer.

Be open to messages from God. He is always speaking to you, and always trying to guide you. When it becomes hard to hear him, that might be a sign that your life is too loud. Go to a quiet place, and pray, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)



Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighborhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after.

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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

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GATHERING Come. Now is the Time to Worship



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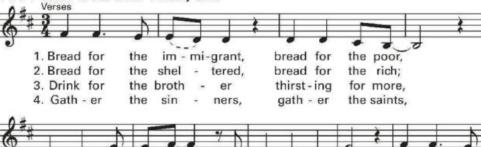
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Alleluia (Hart)

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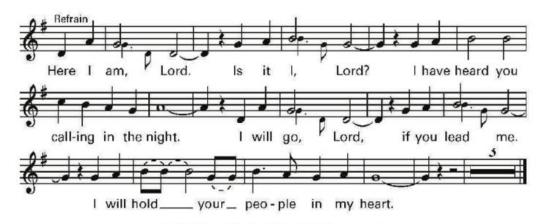
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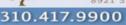
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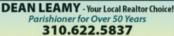


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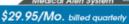
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