



# CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.

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## RETIRED:

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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 a.m., 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

### 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



## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you."

- Lk 6:38

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### 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



Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Welcome to the Viz family! You may register as a parishioner on our website or Scan the QR code now.



As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic

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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- ♦ 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](mailto: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 23RD

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Amparo Hocson †  
9:30am For the people of Visitation Parish  
11:00am Martha & Socorro

### MONDAY - FEBRUARY 24TH

- 8:00am Fortunio Sales †

### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 25TH

- 8:00am Carmen Soto Wyllie †

### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26TH

- 8:00am Deirdre Rogers

### THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 27TH

*St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

- 8:00am Karl Brewer †

### FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 28TH

- 8:00am Peter Brewer

### SATURDAY - MARCH 1ST

- 5:00pm Anne Gervais 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](mailto: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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us one of His most challenging commands:

**"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."**

These words are just as radical today as when Jesus first spoke them. We don't have to look far to see how divided our world is—politics, social issues, personal conflicts. The instinct to fight back, to return hate for hate, is strong. **But Christ calls us to be more—more merciful, more generous, more loving.**

True discipleship means loving not just when it's easy, but when it's hard; not just those who love us, but even those who oppose us. Love, for a Christian, is not just a feeling—it's a choice to will the good of the other and to act on it. It means forgiving instead of seeking revenge, showing kindness even to those who are unkind, and giving without expecting anything in return.

**The world may see this as weakness, but it's not. It's the strength of Christ working in us.**

As we reflect on this Gospel, let's ask ourselves:

- Who in my life do I struggle to love?
- How can I show mercy even when it's not deserved?
- In what ways can I be more generous with my time, patience, and forgiveness?

Jesus reminds us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." May we take His words to heart and strive to reflect His love in our daily lives.

This week, let's pray for the grace to love as Christ loves—boldly, mercifully, and without limits.

Take good care,  
Fr. Francis

P.S. Please keep in your prayers the women who will be making their Cornerstone retreat here at Visitation. May they open their minds and hearts to God's grace, will, and love.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE BABY BOTTLE  
CAMPAIGN IN OCTOBER.

You helped raise **over \$6,5000** for the Pregnancy Help Center. All funds raised go towards providing free services, including ultrasound exams, Bright Course online lessons, and community resources to help even more abortion-vulnerable women to make life-affirming choices about pregnancy. If you'd still like to donate, go to [supportphctorange.org/contribute](http://supportphctorange.org/contribute).

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Silence is God's first language."

*St. John of the Cross*

"Through the practice of meditation, we are invited to a deep relationship with the living God, who speaks in the silence of our hearts."

*Pope St. John Paul II*

If what St. John of the Cross says is true, that God's first language is silence, then God's "native" language is silence. And if that's true, then it means God speaks "best" in silence.

Therefore, all the more important for us to develop our capacity to listen to our God whose "native tongue" is silence.

Please join us Wednesdays, 8-8:30 PM as we cultivate our capacity for silence, not for the sake of silence, but to increase that all-important skill to listen to God's silent speech in a world filled with noise.

Email Fr. Francis at [fkim@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:fkim@la-archdiocese.org) for the Zoom link.

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

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## DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

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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. Let us come together to make a difference and bring the love of Christ to those in need.

**Church of the Visitation**  
Goal \$62,490

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

*Meet. Pray. Run.*  
*And walking too!*



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 7am-8am.

All are welcome!

## GRIEF WORKSHOP: A LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF AND HOW THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS HELP US THROUGH THAT JOURNEY

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and lasts until the Triduum starting Thursday, April 17, 2025.

**WHAT:** The Lenten season is a perfect time to help us memorialize our beloved. In the first hour, we will talk about our own garden of Gethsemane of grief and moving thru the different stages of the Lenten timeline. The second hour we will discuss some amazing things you may not know about the Communion of Saints and how they help us in our grieving journey.

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** O'Grady Center, Parking lot of Visitation Church; 6561 W 88th St., Westchester, CA 90045

**WHY:** Anyone who has lost a loved one recently or years before.

**WHO:** Candy Blankenship (Bereavement Minister)

**COST:** \$10.00 per person to be donated to Church of the Visitation (Cash or check)

Please RSVP to [blank8840@gmail.com](mailto:blank8840@gmail.com) or call 310-338-9043 for accurate count and for class materials. Please also bring your own drinking water and notebook for note-taking.

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### QUESTION:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

#### ANSWER:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

## IT'S TIME . . . BE A BETTER MAN 2025 MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening March 28th and Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> right here on campus. It is presented by the men of our parish who have experienced it. If you speak to a Cornerstone Brother, he'll tell you the experience has enhanced his life in many ways – he is a better husband and father to his family, he is a better friend, he is more grounded in his work, and, most importantly, he has discovered new dimensions in his relationship with Christ.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another".

Proverbs 27:17



SCAN ME

Call Mike Rotolo at 310.505.3052 with questions, or register on our Parish web site, [www.visitationchurch-la.com](http://www.visitationchurch-la.com). There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.

## Prayer

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.

## Mission for the Week

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

## Sharing the Gospel

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.

Now color  
the picture! →

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

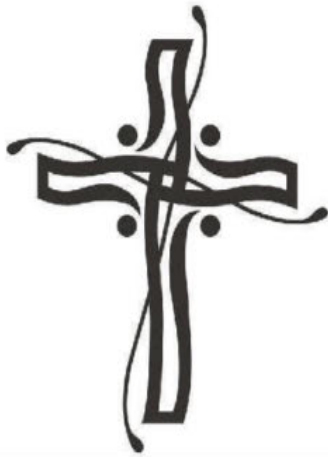
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## GATHERING

### I Rejoiced

I re - joiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord. I re - joiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

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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 ANN

## PSALM

### The Lord is kind and merciful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia (Hart)

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

### Litany of Humility

#### Verse 1

From my desire to be loved, from my desire to be extolled,  
 from my desire to be honored, from my desire to be praised,  
 from my desire to be preferred to, from my desire to be consulted,  
 from my desire to be approved, deliver me, Jesus.

#### Refrain

O Je - sus, meek and hum-ble heart-ed, hear my prayer, hear my prayer. O Je - sus, meek and hum-ble heart-ed, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

#### Verse 2

And from the fear to be humbled, from the fear to be despised,  
 from fear of suffering rebuke, from the fear to be defamed,  
 from the fear to be forgotten, from the fear of ridicule,  
 fear to be wronged or suspected, deliver me, Jesus.

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## COMMUNION

### Where Charity and Love Abide



U - bi car - i - tas et — a - mor De - us i - bi est,



De - us i - bi est. Where char - i - ty and



love a-bide, there God is found, there God is found.



1. No great-er love is there than this: — than to  
2. The love of Christ has made us one. — Let us  
3. As we are gath-ered in - to one — may we  
4. And with the saints may we sing praise — to —



1. lay down your life, than to lay down your life. —  
2. re - joice in him, let us re - joice in him. —  
3. be one in heart, may we be one in mind. —  
4. Christ, our — God, to — Christ, our — God. —



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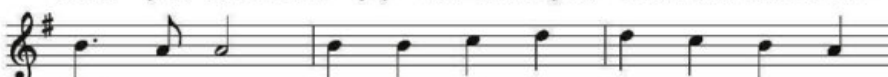
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## SENDING SATURDAY

### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re -



1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,  
2. flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,



1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,

1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 2. vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,

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!

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**SUNDAY** Canticle of the Turning

1. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 2. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the

work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
 God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the

depths of the past to the end of the age to  
 won - drous things that you bring to the ones who

be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my

those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
 weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my

strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?

**Refrain**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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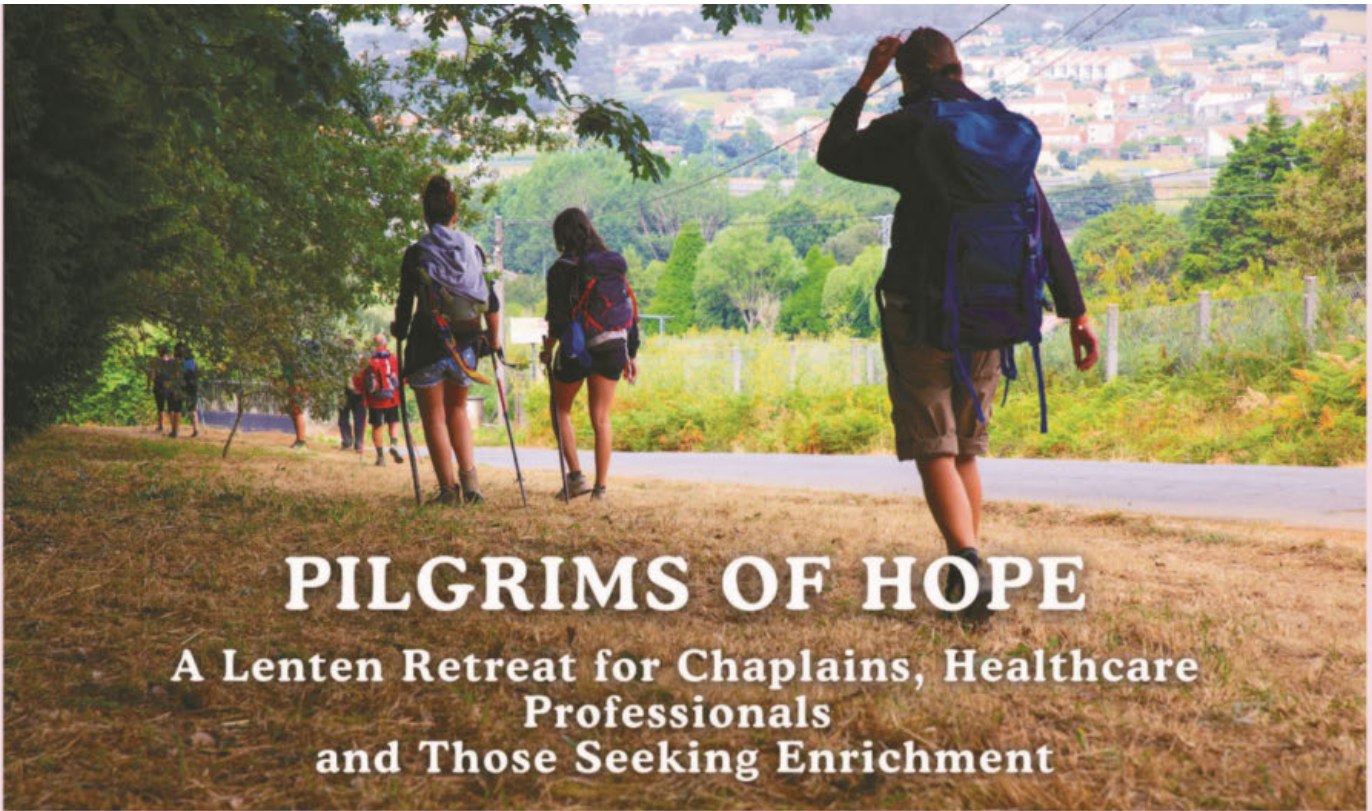
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A Lenten Retreat for Chaplains, Healthcare Professionals and Those Seeking Enrichment

**Saturday, March 8, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Visitation Catholic Church | 6561 W 88th St, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

## Retreat Description:

This retreat given by Fr. Parker Sandoval will consist of conferences, quiet time for personal prayer and reflection, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy Mass. Fr. Parker will guide us in this retreat toward being Pilgrims of Hope in our world today. This retreat is a wonderful way to begin our Lenten journey in this Jubilee Year.



## Retreat Director

Fr. Parker Sandoval was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2015, first serving as Associate Pastor of Resurrection Church in Boyle Heights and then as Archdiocesan Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His passion is the ministry of the word; he resides at Incarnation Church in Glendale.

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