HURCH OF THE // ISITATION

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

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MASS TIMES

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

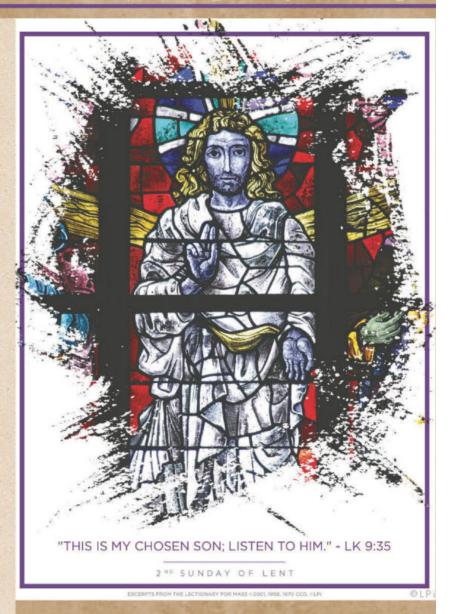
HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 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



MARCH 16, 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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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST **READING**: It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING: He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

GOSPEL: Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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.

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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 - MARCH 16TH 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mary Rezact

9:30am John Wilcoxson †

11:00am Jim Van Dusen †

MONDAY - MARCH 17TH St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day

8:00am Mary Lou Ahearn †

TUESDAY - MARCH 18TH St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Franco Borgese †

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 19TH St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am For the Health of Pope Francis

THURSDAY - MARCH 20TH

8:00am Tony Sales †

Friday - March 21st

8:00am Fely De Guzman

SATURDAY - MARCH 22ND

5:00pm Howard Prochaska †

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,

In today's first reading from Genesis, we encounter a powerful moment between God and Abram. Despite Abram and his wife, Sarai, being childless and well beyond childbearing years, Abram places his trust in God's promise. And in that trust, God makes a covenant (an agreement) with him, assuring him of a future far greater than he could imagine.

This passage invites us to reflect on **faith and trust in God's timing.** Abram does not yet see the fulfillment of the promise, but he has faith. His faith is counted as righteousness, not because he understands everything, but because he surrenders to God's plan.

How often do we struggle in truly placing our trust in God? When difficulties arise, when our prayers seem to go unanswered, and when the future seems uncertain—do we still have faith that God is at work? Lent is a time to strengthen our faith, to remember that God is faithful, even when His plans unfold more slowly than we would like.

May we take comfort in this: **God always keeps His promises**. Just as He led Abram, He is leading us. May this Lenten season be a time of renewed trust, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

Reflection Questions:

- Where in my life do I struggle to trust in God's plan for me? With relationships? Work? Health?
- How can I strengthen my faith during this Lenten season?
- As I look back at my life, in what ways has God already been faithful to me?

May we, like Abram, step forward in faith, trusting that God's promises are always fulfilled in His perfect time.

In Christ, Fr. Francis

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"There has always been a great danger, but one that exists especially for us today in our self-conscious and narcissistic society, of mistaking introversion, self-fixation, self-analysis, for true interiority. The great prevalence of psychological woundedness and social alienation exacerbates this danger while calling for gentle tact and compassion in dealing with it... To be truly interior is the complete opposite of being introverted. In the awareness of the indwelling presence our consciousness is turned around, con-verted, so that we are no longer, as we have habitually been doing, looking at ourselves, anticipating or remembering feelings, reactions, desires, ideas, or daydreams....

It would be easier, we think, to turn away from introspection if we knew what we were turning towards. If only we had a fixed object to look at. If only God could be represented by an image. But the true God can never be an image. Images of God are gods. To make an image of God is merely to end up looking at a refurbished image of ourselves. To be truly interior, to open the eye of the heart, means to be living within the imageless vision that is faith, and that is the vision that permits us to "see God." In faith attention is controlled by a new Spirit, no longer the spirits of materialism, self-seeking and self-preservation, but the ethos of faith which is by its nature dispossessive." *The Selfless Self*, Fr. Laurence Freeman.

If you would like to learn more about Christian meditation, the prayer of "dispossession"/letting go, please join Fr. Francis and other meditators on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 PM. Email Fr. Francis at fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the Zoom link.

LENT IS HERE!

Take a look at these opportunities to make your Lenten observance:

DAILY BRIEF

The Daily Brief is a series of daily Lenten meditations based on the day's readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. Starting with Ash Wednesday and throughout all of Lent, we invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect. Watch in full screen or close your eyes. The meditations will be available under the Resources tab on the church website.

LENT UNPLUGGED

Our popular 'Lent Unplugged' meditation series is back in person. It begins the First Week of Lent on Tuesday, March 11th at 7PM and continues for the following four Tuesdays in March until Holy Week. These drop-in, candlelit meditation evenings in the church are designed to help us slow down, unplug, and create the inner quiet we need to hear God's voice. Please consider attending.

LENTEN CHALLENGE



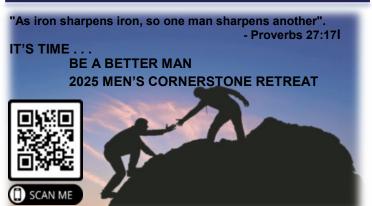
This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



MEN'S CORNERSTONE



Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening March 28th and Saturday March 29th 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.

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

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LENTEN READING

QUESTION:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

ANSWER:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team — successful or not —will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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WOMEN'S CORNESTONE

After our 5-year hiatus, not only are we back, but we had a beautiful retreat last weekend!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our newest Cornerstone Sisters who were able to join us. A huge thank you to everyone who helped as part of the team whether "up front", in the kitchen, behind the scenes and the Cornerstone Brothers who helped as well. For those who did not get in or had to cancel at the last minute, we hope to see you next year!!!

COFFEE & DONUTS

Our next Coffee and Donuts will be held on March 23. Although it will be hosted by the WELCOME WAGON,

WE EXPECT TO BE JOINED BY

REPRESENTATIVES O'GRADY GOLF TOURNAMENT

(& PICKLEBALL !!!) as well. Please

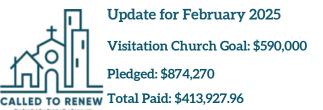
join us after the Sunday Masses in the Courtyard.





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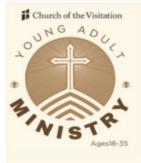
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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



Are you a young adult looking to grow in your relationship to Christ and The Church? Do you desire friendship grounded in God and his goodness? Have you been hoping to spend more time in prayer, reading sacred scripture, and conversing about your faith? If you answered yes to any of

these questions, then we warmly encourage you to consider joining Visitation's Young Adult Group for one of their upcoming meetings. Below you can find the group's schedule for this upcoming Spring. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Aidan Foucher @ afoucher@lion.lmu.edu.

MARCH 20TH @ 7:00PM:LECTIO DIVINA (In lower O'Grady Center) APRIL 10TH @ 7:00PM:ADORATION (In Church)

MARCH 27TH @ 7:00P: ADORATION (In Church) APRIL 24TH @ 7:00 PM: ADORATION (In Church)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

The Pregnancy Help Center, a pro-life medical clinic in Torrance, is hiring a Nurse Manager. Part-time, 30-32 hrs/wk with some flexibility. Performs pregnancy testing, STI screenings, and limited obstetric ultrasound exams. Training provided. Supervises volunteer nurses. Bilingual in Spanish and English preferred. Qualifications: Current CA RN or NP license. Must be non-judgemental, compassionate, and possess a desire to provide mothers with the information they need to choose life. Call Victoria at 310-320-8976 or email resume to nursemanager@phctorrance.org.

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You can protect mothers, fathers, and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, we have inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 1,000 cities across 66 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk makes a difference!

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- · Over 250 abortion workers converted
- · Over 150 abortion centers closed



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Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm Daily, March 5th – April 13, 2025 Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com

Get involved ...learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:

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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

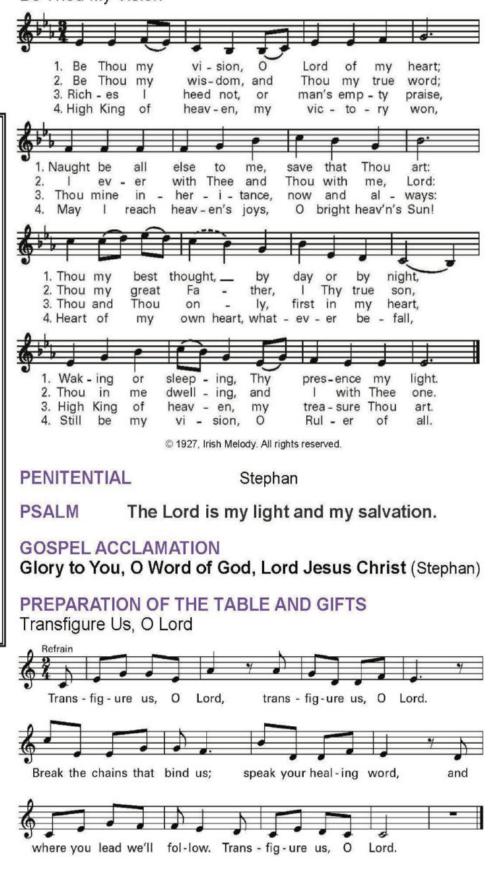
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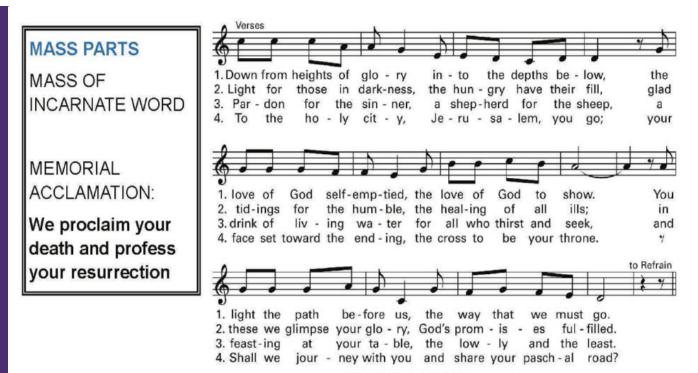
PSALM 27

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28B-36

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SENDING Christ in Me Arise



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