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 11:00 a.m.

DAILY ROSARY

Monday thru Friday following the 8 a.m. mass

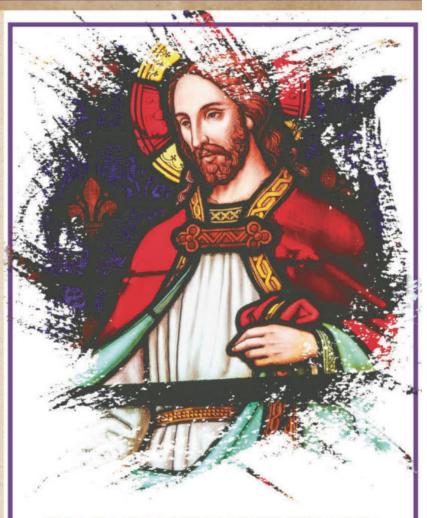
HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

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



"BUT I TELL YOU, IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH AS THEY DID!" - LK 13:3

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MARCH 23, 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: "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING: He These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

GOSPEL: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

PARISH REGISTRATION



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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 - MARCH 23RD 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Deacon Brian Conroy

9:30am John Wilcoxson †

11:00am Fouad Abdelkerim †

MONDAY - MARCH 24TH

8:00am Joe Donegan †

TUESDAY - MARCH 25TH The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00am Mary Erlandson †

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 26TH

8:00am Leah Lemelle †

THURSDAY - MARCH 27TH

8:00am John Hable †

Friday - March 28th

8:00am Victoria Soto & Jacob Messina

SATURDAY - MARCH 29TH

5:00pm Karl Brewer †

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 the Book of Exodus, we hear of the transformative experience of Moses' encounter with God through the **Burning Bush**. As Moses approached, he saw that the bush was on fire yet not consumed. It was in this moment that God revealed Himself and called Moses to lead His people. This sacred encounter reminds us that when we draw near to God, we are not diminished or consumed—instead, we are **transformed**, **strengthened**, **and given purpose**.

How often do we fear that surrendering to God will take something away from us? That giving more of our lives to Him will leave us empty? The Burning Bush reveals the opposite truth: when we are united with God, we **do not burn out or lose ourselves**, but rather, we become more fully who we are meant to be. His presence doesn't consume—**it enhances**, **empowers**, **and illuminates**.

In our daily lives, we too encounter "burning bushes"—those moments when we feel God calling us to something deeper. It may be through a challenge that demands our trust, a moment of grace that invites us to change, or a call to serve that feels beyond our capacity. Like Moses, we may hesitate, thinking we are not ready or worthy, but God reassures us: **"I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12).**

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask ourselves: What burning bush moments are inviting me to grow deeper in selfless-love for God and others? How is God asking me to come closer to Him? May we take a leap of faith and courageously approach these "burning bushes," knowing that our oneness with God does not diminish us—it **sets us aflame with His love and purpose.**

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 began the First Week of Lent on Tuesday, March 11th at 7PM and continues for the following four Tuesdays in March - April 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



The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

– Father John Muir

VIZ LENT PENANCE SERVICE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 7PM

"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you." - Pope Francis



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MORTAL VERSUS VENIAL SIN

QUESTION:

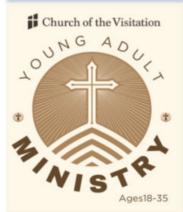
What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

ANSWER:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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

APRIL 10TH @ 7:00PM:ADORATION (In Church)

SCHOOL NEWS



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES



PILGRIMS of HOPE

24 Hours for the Lord

20 PARISHES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES will be open for 24 hours for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from the morning of March 28 through the morning of March 29.



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Pilgrimage of Hope

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join a 7.5 mile Pilgrimage of Hope from All Souls Church in Alhambra to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gomez.

Visit hope.lacatholics.org/pilgrin

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40 DAYS OF LIFE





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- · Over 150 abortion centers closed



Here's how to take part:

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:

40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

COFFEE & DONUTS

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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Stephan

PSALM If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to You, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (Stephan)



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

READINGS 1ST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8A, 13-15

PSALM 103

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



SUNDAY Lord, I Need You REFRAIN Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.

VERSE 1 Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

VERSE 2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

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"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". - Proverbs 27:17I

> 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 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.

