# HURCH OF THE // ISITATION

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

#### ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Francis Kim

#### IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Jim Anguiano (Vicar General).

Fr. Timothy McGowan

## RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill 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 am., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday thru Friday following the 8 a.m. mass

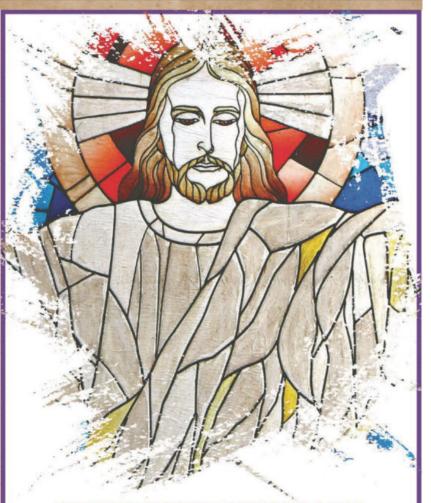
HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

#### 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



"HIS FATHER ORDERED HIS SERVANTS, 'LET US CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST, BECAUSE THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD, AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN." - LK 15:24A

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### OTP

#### MARCH 30, 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.

#### 6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

**PSALM:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING: And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

**GOSPEL:** "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

#### **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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#### 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 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 30TH 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Pablo Villalobos †

9:30am For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am Edward Reyes †

Monday - March 31st

April Fools' Day

8:00am Susan Ann Kelly †

TUESDAY - APRIL 1ST

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00am Juliet Moncayo †

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 2ND

8:00am Daly Jimenez

THURSDAY - APRIL 3RD

8:00am Carmen Gaytan †

FRIDAY - APRIL 4TH St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Susan Ann Kelly †

SATURDAY - APRIL 5TH St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

5:00pm Annella 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 If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

#### Dear Parish Family,

Today we reflect on one of the most powerful parables of Jesus—the **Parable of the Prodigal Son.** It is a story of a father's unwavering love, a son's repentance, and an older brother's struggle to forgive. At its heart, this Gospel reminds us that God's mercy knows no limits, and we are called to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness is not about forgetting the hurt or pretending that pain never happened. It is not about waiting until we "feel" ready to forgive. Rather, forgiveness is an action, a decision to refrain from resentful actions and choosing to love, even when our emotions tell us otherwise. The father in the parable doesn't wait for his son to prove his worth—he runs to embrace him. Likewise, God does not withhold His love from us, even when we have turned away.

But what about when we are the ones called to forgive? Jesus teaches us that forgiveness is not a feeling but a choice. It is a decision to say, **"I will not let this hurt control me. I will not hold onto resentment. I will entrust this to God."** We may not always feel warmth toward those who have wronged us, but we are still called to act in love, to pray for them, and act upon that love and prayer guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Like the older brother in the parable, we might struggle with the idea of forgiving someone who does not seem to deserve it. But just as the father pleads with his eldest son to join the celebration, God invites us into the joy of mercy. When we forgive, we reflect the love of our Heavenly Father, who welcomes us home with open arms time and time again.

Who in our lives do we need to forgive today? Let us ask for the grace to take that step—not because we feel like it, but because God calls us to love as He loves us.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

In Christ, Fr. Francis

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Meditation is a discipline of presence. By our stillness of body and spirit each of us must take the responsibility of sitting as quietly as we can. By that discipline we learn to become wholly present to ourselves, to our situation, to our place, and by staying in that rootedness in our own being we become present to the source of our being and we become rooted in Being itself. We become rooted in God and in that rootedness we become unshakable in all the changing circumstances of life." Fr. John Main.

If you are interested in Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 PM. Email fkim@la-archdiocese.org for the link.

HOLY HOUR



Come and spend some time with the Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour April 4, 2025 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

#### COFFEE & DONUTS

The next Coffee and Donuts will be held on **Sunday**, **April 6** and will be hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**. Please join us after the Masses to enjoy some Spring weather, yummy donuts, coffee, juice and fellowship.

Gathering together after Mass, and maybe even talking to someone new, is a great way to start your day as Easter approaches!



#### 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



Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

– 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



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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#### LENT

#### **QUESTION:**

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

#### **ANSWER:**

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

#### HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Schedule



Blessing of the palms at all Masses March 14, 15, 16

PALM SUNDAY - April 12/13

8:00am\* - Regular Mass



#### HOLY THURSDAY - April 17

7:30pm-10:00pm- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer and night prayer at 9:45pm in O'Sullivan Hall



#### GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

8:00am - Church open for silent prayer 9:00am- Tenebrae - Sung Morning Prayer 12:15pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross 7:30pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion



HOLY SATURDAY - April 19 8:00am - Church open for silent prayer 8:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass (no 5pm Mass)

> EASTER SUNDAY - April 20 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

#### VIZ SENIORS



All are invited to join

as we celebrate this Holy Year Of Hope with Fr. Jim Forsen

who will tell us all about the history and meaning of the 25 year cycle of Holy Years.

#### Come on along on Wednesday, April 2 at 1:30 in O'Grady Center.

Featuring appropriate Lenten fare for snacks, Pretzels and Ale (ginger ale that is). You're in for a learning experience about how that came about also.

Tradition calls for Holy Year Walking Pilgrimages. Due to our ages and stage in life, we will make a Very Short Walking Pilgrimage from O'Grady to the Church to pray for hope and receive a special blessing for Pilgrims.

As always, <u>free valet service</u> is graciously provided by the parish and the school. We look forward to seeing you, The Viz Senior Team

QUESTIONS: MARLENE KAUFMAN 310 365 8211

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#### ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

# Pilgrimage



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

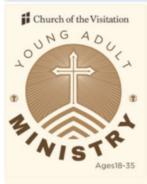
Join a 7.5 mile Pilgrimage of Hope from All Souls Church in Alhambra to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gomez.

Follow @LACatholics for more Jubilee news and events

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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?

scan here to learn more and regi

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.

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

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

#### SCHOOL NEWS



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All	skill levels welcome!
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#### 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!



#### 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

#### READINGS

1ST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

#### PSALM 23

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

#### GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see you I want to see you Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see you I want to see you I want to see you To see you high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory Pour out your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy

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#### PENITENTIAL

Stephan

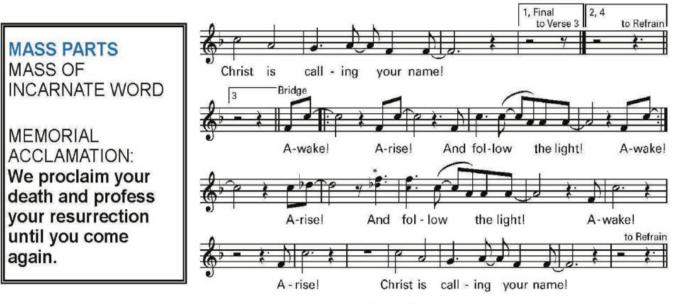
#### **PSALM**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

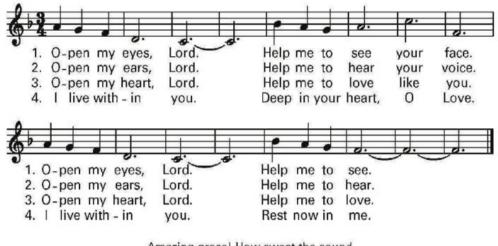




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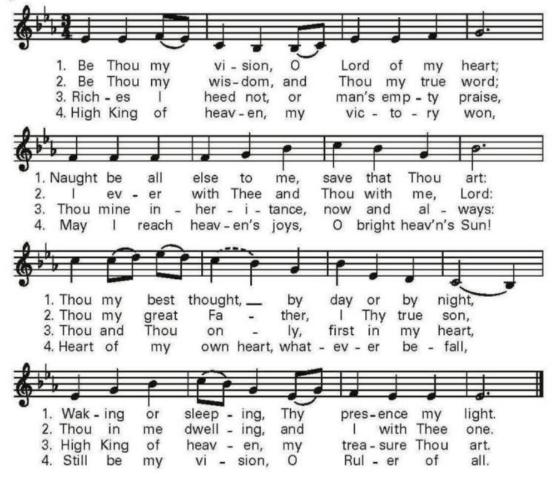
Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace



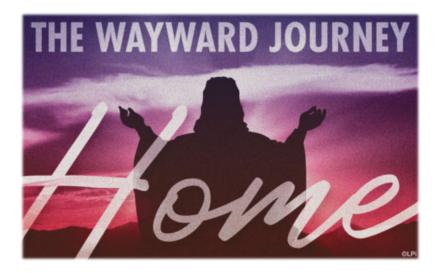
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

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SENDING Be Thou My Vision



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# Stations of the Cross at the Church of the Visitation

Please join Fr. Francis Kim and the Knights of Columbus for a special outdoor procession of Stations of the Cross.

When: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Where: Visitation Church Parking Lot 6561 W 88<sup>th</sup> Street, Westchester

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More Info: Grand Knight Mike Dorn, 310-490-4820 or Jessica, Visitation Office, 310-216-1145

# WAY OF THE CROSS

#### 7PM - 8PM Friday, April 11

A CANDLELIT PRAYER EXPERIENCE WITH LIVE MUSIC, GUIDING YOU THROUGH Mary's Sorrow, Love, and faith as she Accompanies Jesus on his path to calvary.

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**ALL ARE WELCOME** 

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