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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.

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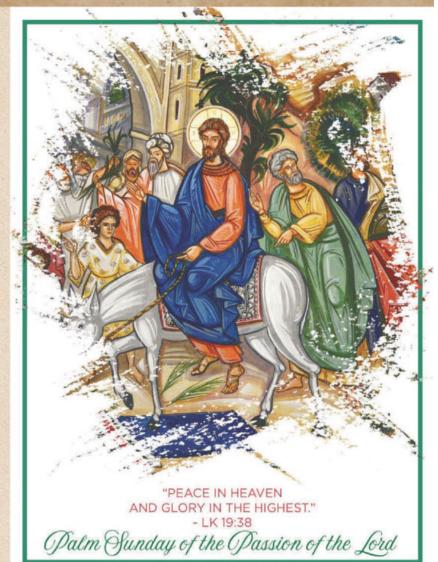
PRIVATE WORSHIP

(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



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APRIL 13, 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: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING: Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

GOSPEL: Then Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

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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 – April 13th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

8:00am Patricia McMahon Harwood †

9:30am Pam Gastelum (Birthday)

11:00am Margarita Padilla (100th Birthday)

Monday - April 14th

Monday of Holy Week

8:00am Nancy Doll †

TUESDAY - APRIL 15TH

Tuesday of Holy Week; Tax Day

8:00am Terrence Van Vliet †

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 16TH

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00am Renato & Jeannine Specchierla & Family

THURSDAY - APRIL 17TH

Holy Thursday

Friday - April 18th

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence

SATURDAY - APRIL 12TH

Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00pm For All Benefactors of Visitation Parish Past & Present

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 enter into Holy Week with Palm Sunday, a day filled with both triumph and sorrow. We recall how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Crowds laid down palm branches before Him, recognizing His presence with excitement and hope. Yet, within days, the same voices turned to cries of rejection: "Crucify Him!"

This dramatic shift invites us to reflect deeply. How often do we, too, welcome Christ into our lives with joy in moments of blessing, yet distance ourselves from Him when life becomes difficult or when His teachings challenge our comfort? In our own lives, there can be a quiet turning away — when we choose convenience over compassion, or when fear silences our witness to the Gospel message.

Palm Sunday reminds us of the fickleness of human praise and the enduring love of Christ. Even in the face of rejection, Jesus remains steadfast in His mission of mercy and salvation. As we journey through Holy Week, let us walk closely with Him, welcoming Him not just in moments of triumph but especially in times of trial. Let us be faithful companions of Christ, who never ceases to be faithful to us.

Blessings on this Holy Week,

Fr. Francis

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"All self-understanding arises from understanding ourselves as spiritual beings. And it's only contact with the spirit that can give us the depth and the breadth to understand our own experience. And the way to this is not difficult. It's very simple, but it does require serious commitment and serious involvement in our own existence: that we take it seriously, and the wonderful revelation that is there for all of us to discover if only we will set out on the path with discipline. The wonderful thing for us to discover is that our spirit is 6 rooted in God, and that each of us has an eternal destiny and an eternal significance and importance.

And that's one of the most important things for each of us to discover – the nature that we possess that has this infinite potential for development. And that development can only come if we undertake this pilgrimage to our own centre, to our own heart. Because it's only there, it's only in the depths of our own being, that we can discover ourselves rooted in God. Meditation is just this way of making contact with our own spirit. And in that contact finding a way of integration, of finding everything in our experience coming into harmony, everything in our experience judged and aligned on God." -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.

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Dear Lord,

I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen.

VIZ LENT PENANCE SERVICE



Update for March 2025

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$874,320

ED TO RENEW Total Paid: \$418,376.29

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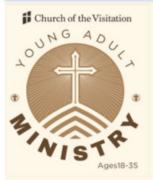
MEET. PRAY. RUN... And walking too!



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 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 7am-8am. All are welcome!



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.

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

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY

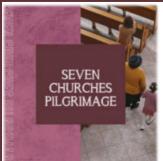


Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org



The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion.

The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St.

Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

PALM SUNDAY

QUESTION:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

ANSWER:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches - a symbol of royalty - to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.



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Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.

Mission for the Week

Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.

Sharing the Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in vour heart!

Now color the picture!



Jesus is the King, so here is a maze inside of his crown.







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

GATHERING

Hosanna to the Son of David



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READINGS

GOSPEL BEFORE

PROCESSION WITH PALMS: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 19:28-40

1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

PSALM 22

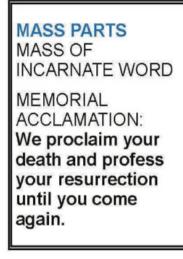
2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14-23-56

PENITENTIAL Stephan

PSALM My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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

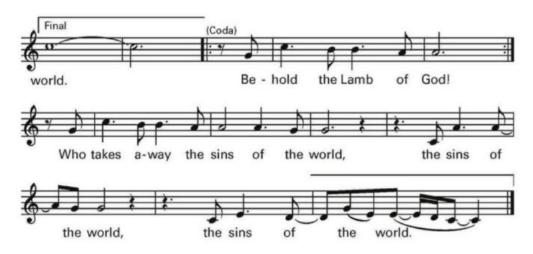




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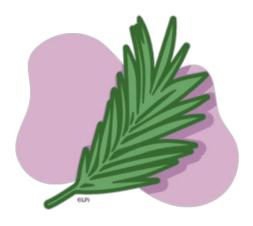
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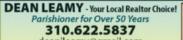


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PALM SUNDAY - April 12/13

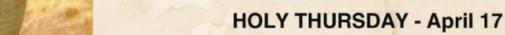
Blessing of the palms at all Masses

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - April 14 @ 7pm

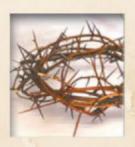


April 14, 15, 16

8:00am - Regular Mass

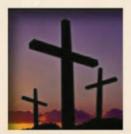


7:30pm-10:00pm- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer and night prayer at 9:45pm in O'Sullivan Hall



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