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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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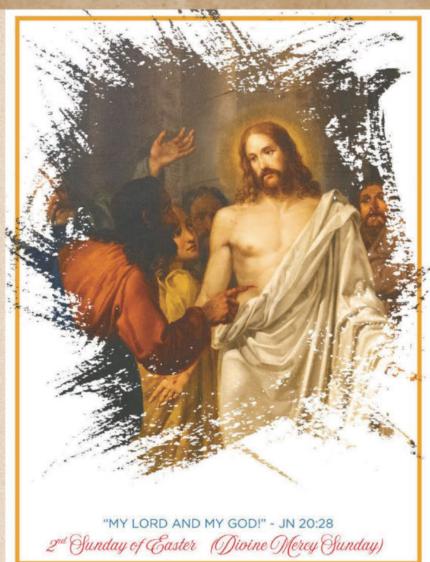
PRIVATE WORSHIP

(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 27, 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: Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING: When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17) **GOSPEL:** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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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

SATURDAY - APRIL 26TH

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00pm April Carlson †

SUNDAY- APRIL 27TH

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8:00am Coda & Brewer Family

9:30am Elisa Ruelas Lopez †

11:00am Karl Brewer †

MONDAY - APRIL 28TH

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

8:00am Karl Brewer †

TUESDAY - APRIL 29TH

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Jessica Fernandez (B-day)

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30TH

St. Pius V, Pope

8:00am Frine Velez †

THURSDAY - MAY 1ST

St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

8:00am Josephine Russell †

FRIDAY - MAY 2ND

address.

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Nancy Doll †
Sister of Maryann Long

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Parish Office 310-216-1145

PRAYER REQUESTS (SICK OR DECEASED): email them to the

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If you would like to join in praying for
the requests received, please send an
email to the prayer request email

Message from Fr. Francis

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday—a feast established by St. John Paul II and deeply embraced by Pope Francis. It is a day to rejoice in the infinite mercy of God, a mercy that knows no limits, no conditions, no end.

Mercy is not an abstract concept. It is the face of God turned toward us in love. It is Jesus standing before His disciples, wounds still visible, and saying not "Shame on you," but "Peace be with you." This is the heart of Divine Mercy: not judgment, but compassion; not condemnation, but healing. And it is offered not once, but over and over again, to anyone willing to receive it.

Pope Francis often reminded us that "the name of God is mercy." In his papacy, he consistently challenged the Church—and each one of us—not to close doors, but to open our arms wide, especially to those who feel furthest from God. He taught us that the Church must be a place of welcome and healing, a field hospital for the wounded, and that none of us is beyond the reach of God's love.

As we remember Pope Francis in these days of mourning, it is fitting that we do so during this great feast of mercy. His life and leadership were grounded in the truth we celebrate today—that the Risen Christ meets us in our wounds, not to reject us, but to restore us.

Let us not keep this mercy to ourselves. Let it shape our homes, our friendships, our conversations, and how we respond to those we find difficult to love. May our parish be known as a place of mercy, where everyone—regardless of their past—is invited to encounter the peace of the Risen Lord.

In the words of the Divine Mercy Chaplet: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

In Christ,

Fr. Francis

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"You have heard it said that meditation is the way to reality. It is first the way to the reality of our own being. We learn to be. Not to be any particular role or particular thing, but just to be. The best way of describing this being is to say that we are in a state of utter simplicity. We are not trying to act. We are not trying to apologize for being who we are or as we are. This is an ideal unfamiliar to most of us because we are trained to think that we find truth only amid complexity. Yet we all know at a deeper level. . .that truth is found in utter simplicity, in openness. [. . . .]

Meditation is a way of breaking through from a world of illusion into the pure light of reality. The great illusion that most of us are caught in is that we are the center of the world and that everything and everyone revolves around us. But in meditation we learn that this is not true. The truth is that God is the center and everyone of us has being from God. [....] Meditation is the great way of liberation. We are liberated from the past... and become open to our life in the present moment... We learn that we are because God is, [and that] simply being is our greatest gift." Fr. John Main

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



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!



to our newly initiated members at the Church of the Visitation!

On the blessed Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2025, we joyfully welcomed *Jim Licate, Emily Montalvo, Jinnah Soth, Angel Mendez, Aidan Foucher and Lidia Gonzales* into the fullness of our faith. May their journey with Christ be filled with grace, love, and light. Alleluia, He is risen!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Theme: Living the Paschal Mystery calls us to active, ongoing engagement with the Spirit of God in Christ in our hearts, our communities, the church, and the world. The abundant love of Christ stirs in us the deepest kind of hopenot optimism -but a Holy Hope.

At Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, we offer a safe, sacred space for you to come and relax for a few days and provide the environment we all crave. Peace and solitude in an atmosphere of prayer.

Please join us for a weekend with our Passionist retreat team in the San Gabriel foothills. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cost: \$295.00 (Includes a \$50.00 deposit)

Date: May 2-4, 2025

Time: 3pm (Arrival -Registration begins)

Register online at <u>www.materdolorosa.org</u> or scan QR code.

For more information, please contact nboldt@materdolorosa.org or 626-355-7188 x133 or your Visitation Team Captain – Mary Rotolo mkrotolo@gmail.com or 310-503-8949



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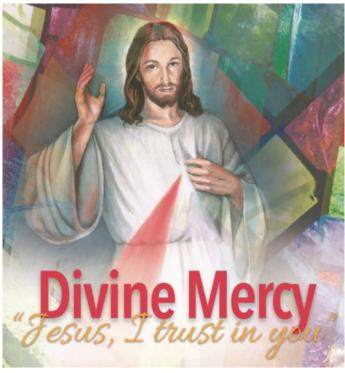
QUESTION:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

ANSWER:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!



WHERE DID THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY COME FROM?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

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HOLY HOUR



Come and spend some time with the Lord!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR MAY 2, 2025 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

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Please join the Knights of Columbus as they host

COFFEE & DONUTS next Sunday, May 4th.



THE CROSS REVEALS





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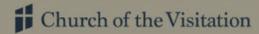
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Scan QR code to Register by May 23, 2025 This retreat is free to attend



Questions please email Mrs. Debra Evans at religiouseducationvc@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office 310-216-1145.

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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

READINGS

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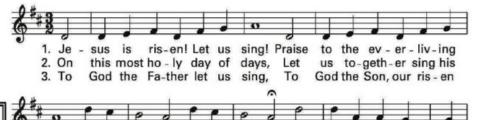
PSALM 118

2ND READING: REVELATION 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

GATHERING

Jesus is Risen





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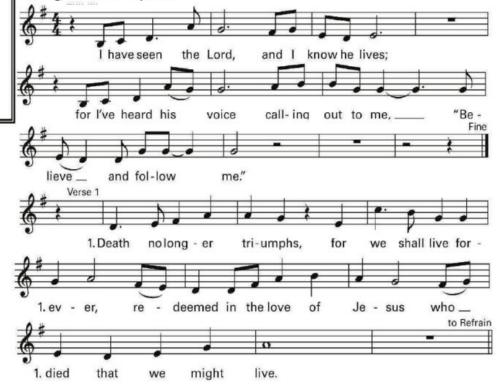
PSALM Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

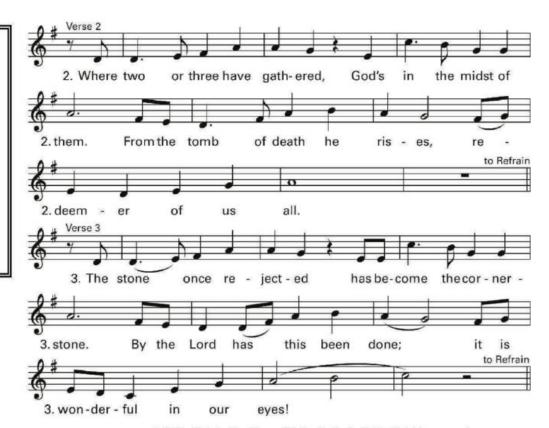
Song of Redemption





MASS OF CREATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord. Until you come again.

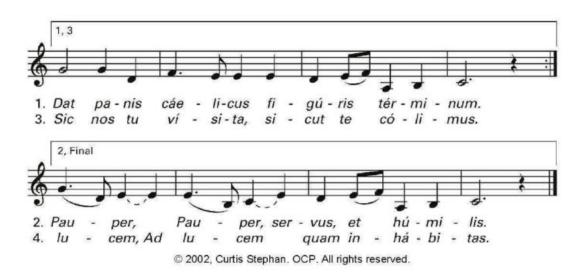


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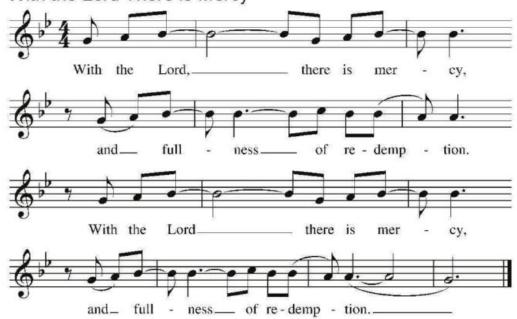
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Bread of Angels





SUNDAY With the Lord There is Mercy



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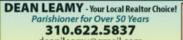


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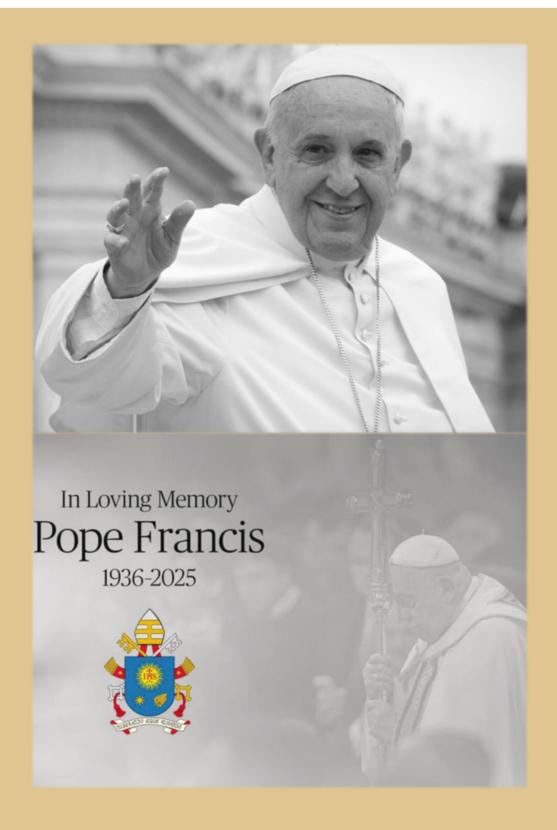
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