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MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 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:

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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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 Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

PSALM: We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

GOSPEL: Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SATURDAY - MAY 10TH

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

5:00pm Irene Zvanovec †

SUNDAY - MAY 11TH

4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

8:00am Rosemary Coda †

9:30am For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am Jeanne Brewer †

MONDAY - MAY 12TH

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00am Joann A. Miracco †

TUESDAY - MAY 13TH

Our Lady of Fatima

8:00am Paul Chen †

WEDNESDAY - MAY 14TH

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00am Pope Francis †

THURSDAY - MAY 15TH

St. Isidore

8:00am Juan Jose Villalobos †

FRIDAY - MAY 16TH

8:00am Carlos Cano †

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

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, and in the Gospel we hear Jesus say: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." These words remind us that we are never alone. We are known personally and loved deeply by Christ, our Good Shepherd, who leads us with tenderness, patience, and strength.

In a world filled with so many voices—voices of fear, division, confusion, and noise—the voice of the Good Shepherd stands out. His voice is steady and sure, calling us to trust, to peace, and to eternal life. Our task is to listen carefully and to follow His lead, especially when the world's voices grow loud.

We also celebrate Mother's Day, giving thanks for the many women—mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers—who help us recognize the voice of love through their sacrifices, wisdom, and compassion. Through them, we often hear echoes of the Good Shepherd's voice, reminding us that we are cared for and never forgotten.

Today, we lift all mothers in prayer, asking God to bless them with His grace, strength, and peace.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday and Happy Mother's Day!

In Christ,
Fr. Francis

BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a separate day for each family after attendance by the parents and godparents at a Baptism zoom class. Parishioners are invited to call the office to get an appointment for these classes. The next ZOOM class scheduled is on **Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 1pm**. Please register to

attend by calling the parish office. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail please visit our website to register as a Visitation Parishioner.

PRAYER TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Beloved Shepherd,

You guide in a way often beyond my understanding. You lead to paths yet undiscovered. Keep me in Your care, as together we seek green pastures and still waters. Amen.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"To know ourselves, to understand ourselves, and to be able to start solving our problems – to get ourselves and our problems into perspective – we simply must make contact with our spirit...Meditation is simply a way of coming to your own center and remaining in your center awake, alive, and still...All growth that endures must be thoroughly rooted. And it's the summons of each one of us, to be thoroughly rooted in Christ. To begin to meditate requires nothing more than the determination to begin, to begin to discover our roots." Fr. John Main, OSB.

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.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Happy MOTHER's DAY to all of you Moms on this special day!

Next Sunday, May 18 please join the Welcome Wagon in Mary's Courtyard for Coffee and Donuts. Say hello if you're new to the parish OR try introducing yourself to someone new!!!



Please also be sure to **CONGRATULATE** Fr. Francis on being named Administrator for another year with us!!!

CALLED TO RENEW



Update for April 2025

Visitation Church Goal: \$590,000

Pledged: \$875,570.00

Total Paid: \$429,269.62

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead and please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

THE CROSS REVEALS

THAT GOD

IS LOVE.

**TRUTH
TRUTH
TRUTH
OF THE
CROSS**

Truth of the Cross is a retreat experience for adults that explores the liberating truths found in Jesus' death on the Cross and His glorious resurrection from the dead.

Saturday, May 31, 2025 • 8:00am - 4:45pm
in the O'Sullivan Hall
Morning hospitality & Lunch provided

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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Church of the Visitation

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!

THE TRADITION OF GENUFLECTION

QUESTION:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

ANSWER:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass.

But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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DEVOTIONS *EXPLAINED!* – Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith

RETREAT, *EXPLAINED*

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from one’s daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning to that daily life transformed.

It was Christ himself who was the greatest and earliest advocate of spiritual retreat. In the Gospels, he is constantly depicted as withdrawing from other people to be alone in prayer. Likewise, participants in a modern retreat most often go somewhere like a retreat center to seek silence, solitude and communion with God. There are many different varieties of retreats; they can be guided and take place in a group setting, or they can be undertaken alone by just one person. Some are focused on a specific topic or theme; some are defined by periods of total silence. Though clerics are compelled by canon law to go on retreat regularly, all faithful are encouraged to make retreat part of their spiritual life.

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Congratulations

To everyone that received First Holy Communion





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:
ACTS 13: 14, 43-52

PSALM 100

2ND READING:
REVELATION 7: 9, 14B-17

GOSPEL:
JOHN 10: 27-30

GATHERING

I Rejoiced



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PSALM We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

The Lord is My Shepherd



Verses



MASS PARTS

MASS OF CREATION

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

1. guides me in his ways. He re-news his prom -
2. will not be a - fraid. ‡ You will pro - tect

1. - is - es each day.
2. me I'll be saved.

to Refrain

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COMMUNION SATURDAY

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

1-3, 5, Final to Vss 1-3, 5 4 to Verse 4
death in - to life. life.

Verses 1-3
1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

1. rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
2. lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my
3. fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

to Refrain
1. walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
2. spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your Name.
3. rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

Verse 4
4. You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

to Refrain
4. ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Verse 5
5. Sure - ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my

to Refrain
5. life; I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

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SUNDAY

Make Your Home in Me

Verses

1. Ev - ery fox, a den; ev - ery bird, a nest; but the
 2. Lord, you come to me in your home - less - ness; burn-ing

1. Son of Man has no place to rest. Ev - ery heart, a man; ev - ery
 2. in your eyes, such a great dis-tress. Who will heal your wounds? Who will

1. king, a throne; but the Word Made Flesh, no earth - ly home.
 2. make your bed? I will com - fort you, I will share my bread.

Refrain

Your bur-den's light and your yoke is eas - y. Your name is
 love and your grace is free. My heart was locked but
 you had the key. Make your home in me, make your
 home in me. home in me.

1, Final to Verse 2 2

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SENDING

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Verses

1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
 2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
 3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-

1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
 2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
 3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain

1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re -
 2. death will be no more.
 3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.

1 2 2
 deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

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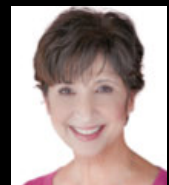
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 - *Mothers that are grieving their mom*
 - *Mothers that are alone*
 - *And to all that are a Mother figure*

Heavenly Father from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers for their tenderness, care, and compassion for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen

