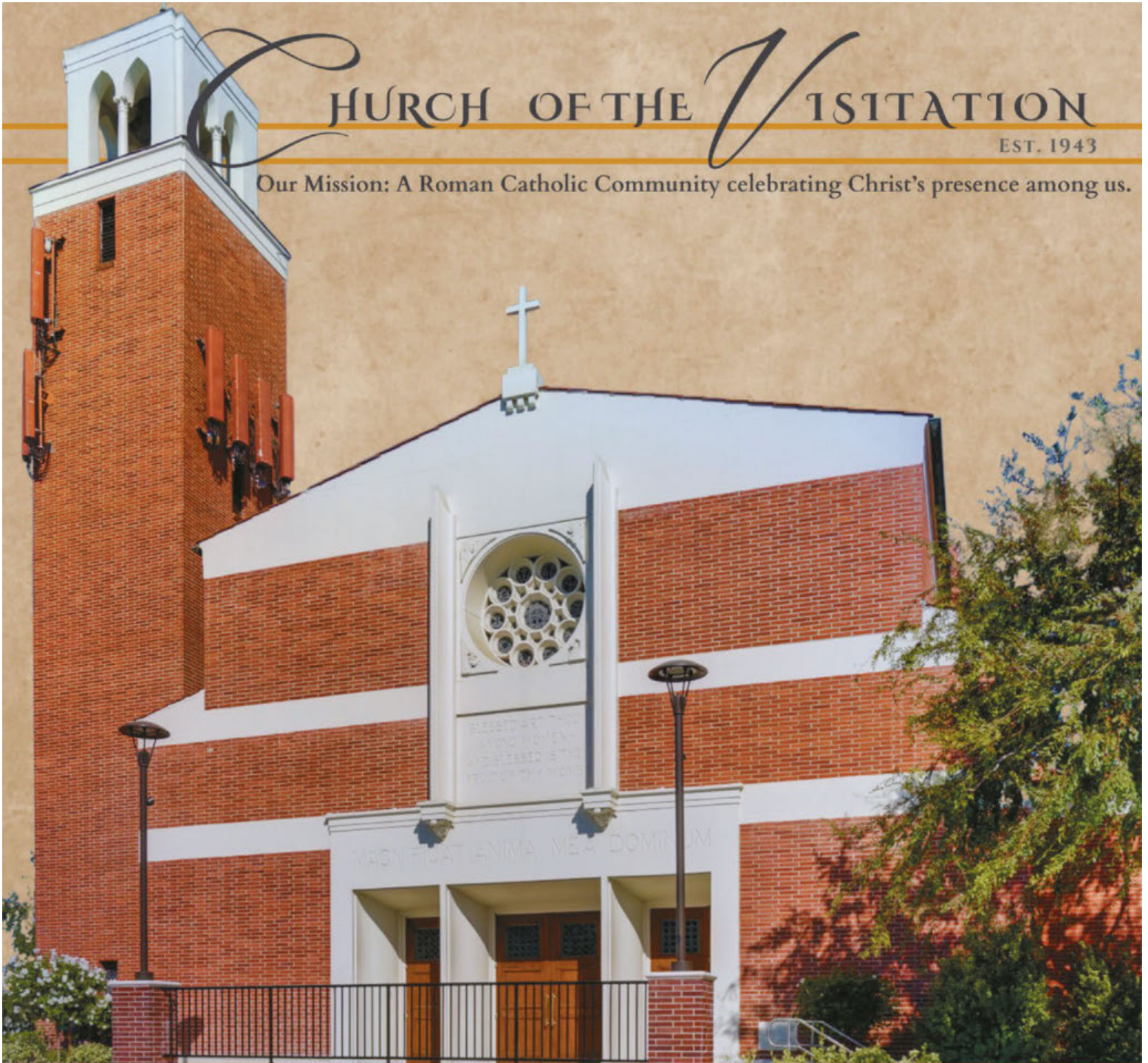


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WELCOME TO VISITATION CHURCH!

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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MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m.

SUNDAY MASS

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

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and
11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR (Inside the church)

First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

DAILY ROSARY:

Monday thru Friday following the 8 a.m. mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING: I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

GOSPEL: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

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 17TH

Armed Forces Day

5:00pm Mary Erlandson †

SUNDAY - MAY 18TH

5th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Joseph Kassar †

9:30am Irene Nooney †

11:00am Liz Presogna

MONDAY - MAY 19TH

8:00am Dr. Richard Kennedy

TUESDAY - MAY 20TH

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am Tony Sales †

WEDNESDAY - MAY 21ST

*St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs*

8:00am Lee Sena †

THURSDAY - MAY 22ND

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00am Jim Van Dusen †

FRIDAY - MAY 23RD

8:00am Sonia Quintana †

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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, we hear of Paul and Barnabas returning to the Christian communities they helped form and to help them build up their faith. Their journey wasn't easy for they faced hardship, opposition, and danger. Yet they pressed on, not for worldly recognition, but because they had been sent. Christ had commissioned them, and they knew their mission wasn't just about spreading information—it was about building up God's Church.

And here's the truth we sometimes forget: that same commission belongs to us. Through our baptism, every one of us has been sent into the world as Christ's witnesses. We may not travel to distant cities like Paul and Barnabas, but we are called to bring the message and love of God into our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and parishes. We are the Church in motion.

This week, as we reflect on their courage and dedication, we might ask ourselves: How can I share the love and message of God in my daily life—in my home, in my work, and in my parish community? Like those first disciples, we are called not only to believe, but to go and make disciples.

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"The way of prayer is the way of ever deeper, ever more generous silence. And to learn this silence, to be open to the gift of it, we must learn to say our mantra. Our times of meditation immerse us in this silence, and we emerge from it refreshed, renewed, and re-baptized in the power of the Spirit...All of us must address our own lack of discipline; we must bring our restless, wandering minds to stillness. And it's one of the first great lessons in humility that we must learn, to realize, that we come to wisdom, we come to stillness, we pass beyond distraction, only through the gift of God. His prayer is his gift to us. All we have to do is to dispose ourselves, and we dispose ourselves by becoming silent. Silence is the essential human response to the mystery of God, to the infinity of God. And we learn to be silent by being content to say our mantra in humble fidelity." Fr. John Main, OSB

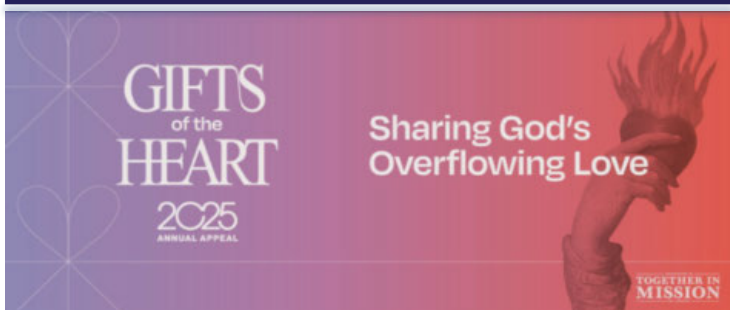
If you are interested in learning more about Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays 8-8:30 PM.

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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!!! All are welcome.

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GOOD AND EVIL

QUESTION:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

ANSWER:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



HAIL MARY – MAY 18, 2025

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus” — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.

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Prayer

I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.

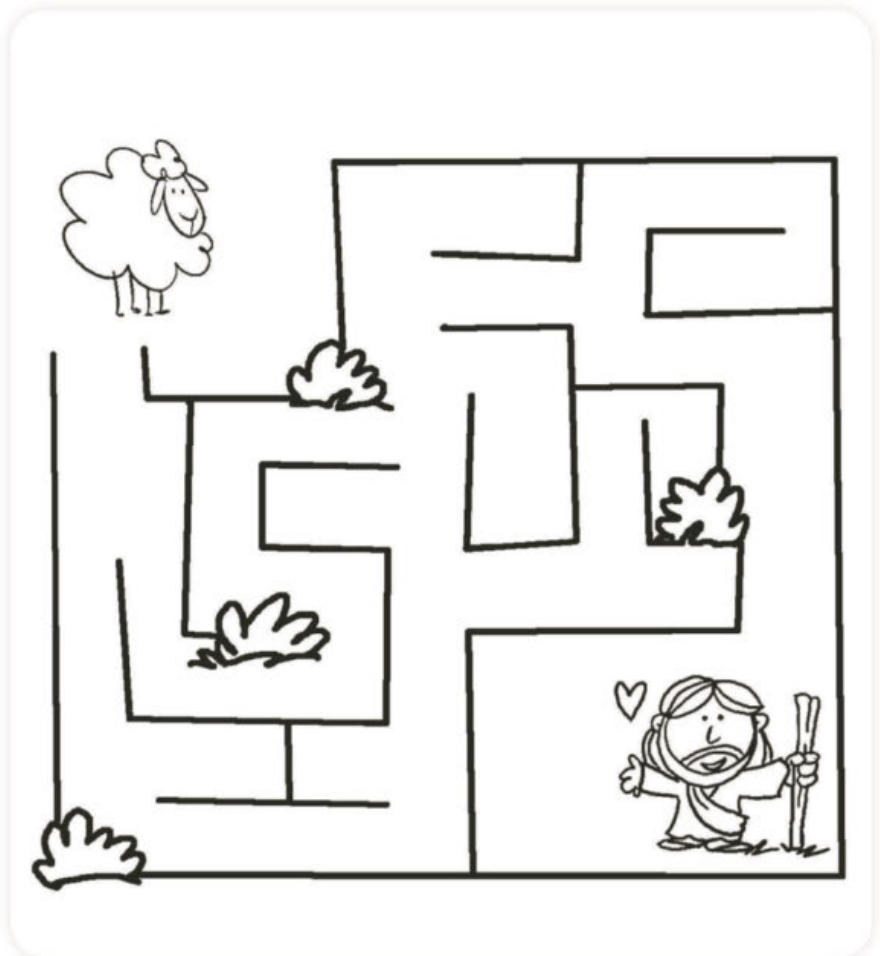
Sharing the Gospel

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father wants you to recognize his voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to him.

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Help the sheep find Jesus.





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 14:21-27

PSALM 145

2ND READING:
REVELATION 21:1-5A

GOSPEL:
JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

GATHERING

Alleluia, Love is Alive



- Verses
1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ♪ rise from your
 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ♪ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp - ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ♪ Here now is mer - cy em -
3. world! He is a - live! ♪ Hear the good news of this



1. prom - ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac - ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore -
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con - quered the grave and de - feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a - live! The Son has a - ris - en for



all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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PSALM I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia

MASS PARTS MASS OF CREATION

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

I Am the Vine

I am the vine, you are the branch-es. Re - main in
me, you shall be fruit - ful. Love for the world,
hope for the hope - less.
1. If you love, then you must root your - self
2. If you give, then you must give your - self
in to me; For the branch will
to me; For the well will
D.C.
fail and die with-out the tree.
soon run dry with-out the sea.

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COMMUNION Taste and See

Refrain
Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the
Verses 1, 2
good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,
2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,
1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-
2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and
to Refrain
1. joice in our God, who hears _ the cry of all _ in need. O
2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O

Verse 3

3. Oh, the love of God! Be-come flesh of our flesh,

3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O

to Refrain

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SENDING

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1. My life flows on in end - less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What though the tem - pest 'round me roar, I

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 hear the truth it liv - eth. What though the dark - ness

far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing?
 'round me close, Songs in the night it giv - eth.

No storm can shake my in - most calm, While to that rock I'm

cling - ing. Since love is Lord of heav - en and earth,

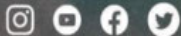
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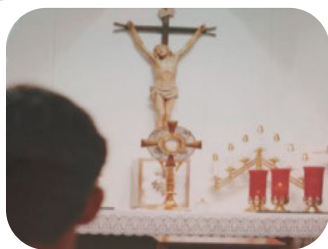
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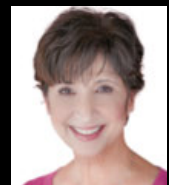
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