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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.

ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Francis Kim

IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Jim Anguiano (Vicar General) Fr. Timothy McGowan **R**ETIRED: 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.

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: "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." (Acts 12:11)

PSALM: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING: The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

GOSPEL: I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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 - JUNE 28TH The immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

5:00pm Eulogia Alejo †

<u>Sunday– June 29th</u> Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

8:00am Karl Brewer †

9:30am Peggi Christie

11:00am Art Rezac †

MONDAY - JUNE 30TH The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00am Teresa Razo †

TUESDAY - JULY 1ST

St. Junípero Serra, Priest

8:00am Teresa Razo †

WEDNESDAY - JULY 2ND

8:00am Joseph Blasco †

THURSDAY - JULY 3RD

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00am Cliff Rohe †

FRIDAY - JULY 4TH

Independence Day

8:00am Maria Orozco †

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 celebrate two giants of our faith-Saints Peter and Paul-apostles who helped lay the very foundations of the Church.

Peter, the steadfast fisherman chosen by Jesus to be the rock of the Church. Paul, the brilliant former persecutor of Christians turned the greatest missionary to the Gentiles. Their personalities, backgrounds, and even their visions for the Church greatly differed. And we know from Scripture that they had real disagreements over how the Gospel should be lived and shared.

Yet despite these differences, they were united by something far greater: their shared love for Jesus Christ. It was that deep and unshakable love rooted in His truth that allowed them to serve the Church together. Though it wasn't perfect and without tension, it was grounded in humility, hope, and the grace of God.

Their witness reminds us that unity in the Church does not mean uniformity. It means holding fast to Christ, loving the Church more than our preferences, and trusting that God's grace can bring harmony even out of tension.

May Peter's boldness and Paul's passion inspire us today to be faithful witnesses in our own time, especially when differences arise. And may our love for Christ always be stronger than anything that might divide us.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

In Christ, Fr. Francis

NEW MINISTRY AT VISITATION!!!

Midlife Catholic is a brand-new ministry at Visitation for people in their 30s, 40s, and 50s who are seeking deeper faith, genuine connection, and perhaps even a few laughs along the way. (Everyone is welcome at all events—no ID check at the door). Our first event is coming mid-July—a fun, rapid-fire Q&A with **Fr. Francis** and a few other amazing priests. Think engaging, fast-paced, and full of spirit (literally)!!!

If interested in joining or learning more, please email: <u>MidlifeCatholic@gmail.com</u> Co-Leads - Steph Lee, Christina Yang, Kristina Sherry

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Meditation is important for us because it is the process whereby we keep our contact with the creative center of our being, not just open, but in a constant and continuous state of expansion. So meditation is a process whereby creative energy is released within us. In our modern secular world, we easily forget that we have a divine origin, a divine source, that the energy of our own spirit emanates from the spirit of God. We forget that God is our creator, and in this forgetting, we lose contact with our own essential nature. And because we lose this contact with our divine origin, we ourselves become de-humanized. The great task that confronts each one of us is to discover our own inner spiritual capacity. That is to say, to discover within ourselves our own potential for creativity, our potential to respond fully to the gift of our own life and to the lives of others, and to the gift of the whole of creation." -Fr. John Main, OSB.

If you're interested in Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis via Zoom on Wednesdays, 8-8:30 pm. Email Fr. Francis at <u>fkim@la-archdiocese.org</u> for the Zoom link.

SACRAMENTAL 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.



WELCOME WAGON

The Welcome Wagon hosted our first **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME** event on Friday, June 13th.

It was a great event and many ministry leaders were also in attendance and had the chance to say a few words about their ministries.

Since January 1 we have over 50 families/ individuals register as new parishioners, which is higher than usual. Some are new to the neighborhood, others have been attending Mass but recently decided to register, and some have come from a different parish. We have many new families with young children! Our Visitation family is growing!!! If you see someone you don't know, please say hello and introduce yourself.

HOLY HOUR



Come and spend some time with the Lord!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR JULY 4, 2025 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM



VIZ SENIORS



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!

ST. PAUL CONVERSION

QUESTION:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

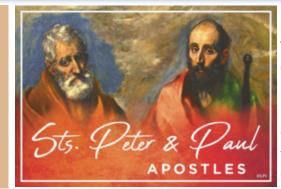
ANSWER:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, Unitatis Redintegratio, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



MATTHEW 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul? — Father John Muir

Prayer

Thanks for helping me learn about the way to heaven.

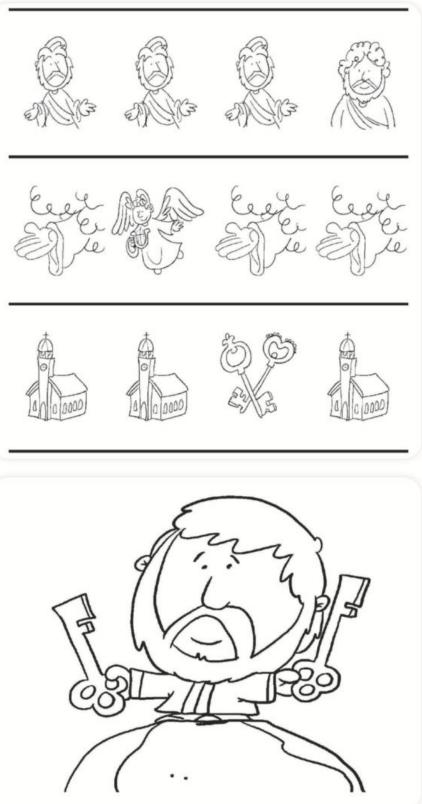
Mission for the Week

I will stand watch to keep evil out of my soul.

Sharing the Gospel

Peter told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus gave the keys to heaven to Simon Peter, Many stories show St. Peter standing watch at heaven's gate. Jesus died on the cross so that your sins could be forgiven. He called Peter "the rock" because Peter believed strongly in Jesus and his teachings. He made Peter the head of his church. Peter was the first pope

Now color the picture! - Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures





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

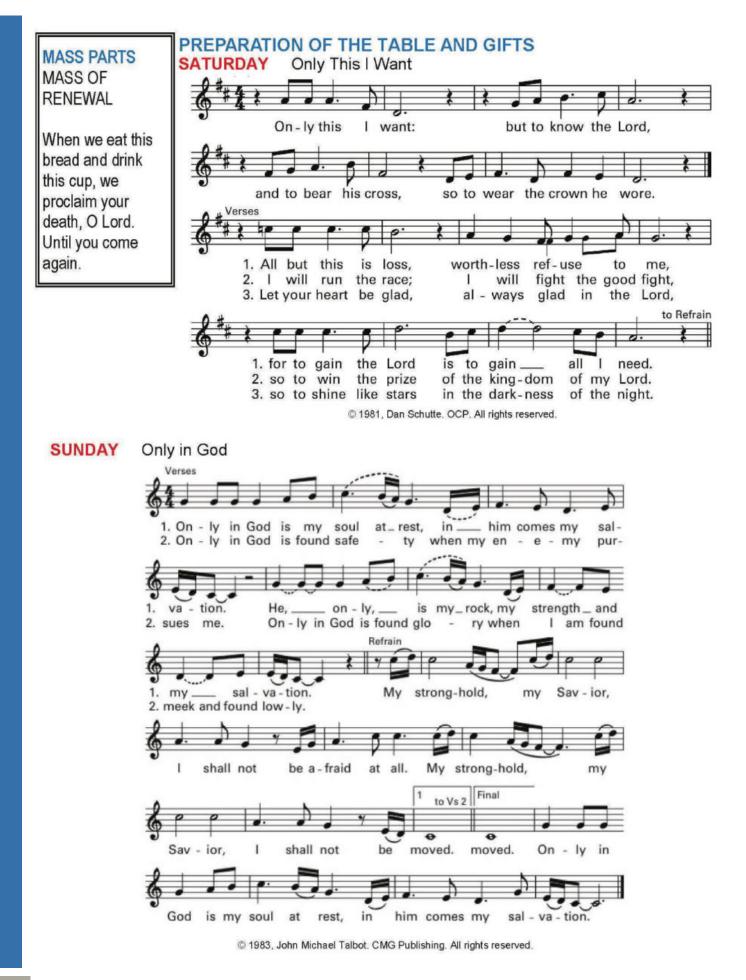
All Are Welcome (All Belong)



The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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COMMUNION Litany of Saints



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SENDING

I Know That My Redeemer Lives





WHAT IS FULLY ALIVE?

Fully Alive gives High School men the opportunity to discern where God may be leading them to and bring them into a deeper and intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Through various activities and teachings, we aim to provide these young men the tools needed in order to live out a Holy life as sons of God and be Fully Alive. For more info about discerning the priesthood call 213-637-7248



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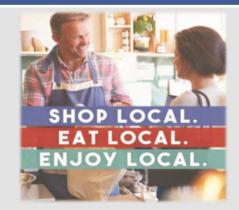


The Men's Priestly Discernment Group is intended to help direct young men toward the possibility of the vocation to the Priesthood. Join them every 2nd Saturday of every month at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 9 am- 12 pm to help answer questions, give talks on what it means to discern a vocation and give clarity on where God may be calling you to.

www.lavocations.org

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A BLESSING FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Lord God,

We are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we posses, we ask that you bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope, and strength. may they ever experience your support, love, and healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. AMEN.