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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

#### RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

Msgr. James Forsen (Pastor Emeritus)

### MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

**SUNDAY MASS** 

Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. 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: No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

**PSALM:** Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

**SECOND READING:** Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

GOSPEL: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Lk 10:25)

#### 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 - JULY 12TH

5:00pm Sergio Robertson

#### SUNDAY- JULY 13TH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Juan Jose Villalobos †

9:30am Fr. Patrick Joseph Hill †

11:00am Gilbert Castro †

#### MONDAY - JULY 14TH

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00am Peter and Natalie Brewer

#### TUESDAY - JULY 15TH

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Hiromi Tanaka †

#### WEDNESDAY - JULY 16TH

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00am Rudy Garcia †

#### THURSDAY - JULY 17TH

8:00am Barbara Chambers

#### FRIDAY - JULY 18TH

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:00am Carmen Hocson

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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan. We often hear it as a call to kindness, but its real power lies in how deeply it challenges our comfort zones.

When the scholar of the law asks, "And who is my neighbor?" he's looking for limits—someone he has to love. Jesus doesn't give him a rule. He gives him a story where the true neighbor is the last person you'd expect: a Samaritan, someone despised, distrusted and looked down on by the Jewish people of that time.

And that's the point. The one who reflects the heart of God is not the religious insider, but the one who shows love and mercy—even when it crosses boundaries of culture, tribe, or belief.

We might ask ourselves: who is "different" from us today that God might be asking us to love?

- The immigrant family down the block who don't speak English.
- The person with a political viewpoint contrary to ours.
- The relative whose values or beliefs we struggle to accept.

It's easy to walk past those who are "different." It's harder to take the Christ-like action to stop, see, and love.

Jesus ends the story with a command, not a suggestion: "Go and do likewise." In a culture that urges us to build walls and take sides, Jesus invites us to build bridges and care for all humanity—even when it costs us something.

May we be neighbors not just in name, but in God's love and mercy.

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**, **July 20, 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.

#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Stop by for Coffee & Donuts in the patio area on July 13, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"The sacred word, whatever one you may choose, is sacred not because of its meaning, but because of its intent. It expresses your intention to consent to God, the Ultimate Mystery, who dwells within you. It is a focal point to return to when you notice you are engaged in the thoughts that are going by. Stick to the same word once you feel comfortable with it.1 If you are moved to choose another word, go ahead and try it, but do not shop around during the same period of prayer. The sacred word is a way of renewing your intention to open yourself to God and to accept Him as He is. While this does not prevent anyone from praying in other forms at other times, the period of centering prayer is not the time to pray specifically for others. By consenting to God, you are implicitly praying for everyone past, present, and future. You are embracing the whole of creation. You are accepting all reality, beginning with God and with that part of your own reality of which you may not be generally aware. namely, the spiritual level of your being" Fr. Thomas Keating, Open Mind, Open Heart.

If you're interested in Christian meditation, please join Fr. Francis Wednesdays, 8-8:30 pm via Zoom. Email Fr. Francis at <a href="mailto:fkim@la-archdiocese.org">fkim@la-archdiocese.org</a> 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**



#### SENIOR FUN DAY



#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)



We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for students in Grades 1 – 8, including Sacrament Preparation is now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year which will begin on September 21st with our Opening Ceremonies. **For** 

more information and an application, please visit our website or scan the QR code below. We look forward to welcoming your family to PREP at Visitation this fall.

#### CONFIRMATION



Registration is open for our parish Confirmation Program which is designed for teens who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation at Visitation celebrates the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of our teenagers. The Confirmation process,

which takes place over a two-year period, is a time of discernment for our young people to explore, grow and take ownership of their Catholic Faith. If you or someone you know is in the 9th - 11th grade and are interested in joining us, please scan the QR code to access more information and the application on our website. We can't wait to welcome you to our first Session on Sunday, September 21st starting with the 11:00 am Mass.

#### **OCIA**



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults welcomes those who are considering becoming Catholic and adult Catholics who have not yet

been confirmed. The Church is where we encounter God in the Word, in the Sacraments, and in the Saints; to gain an understanding of the source of life and salvation. If you feel called to a work in the world and in the Church, consider joining us! OCIA meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm starting September 15th. For more information, please contact our OCIA Coordinators

at OCIA.Visitation@gmail.com



For additional information about any of our Faith Formation programs, please contact Debra Evans, Director of Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation by phone/text (703) 582-9888 or by email at

religiouseducationvc@gmail.com

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### WHAT IS MAMMON?

#### QUESTION:

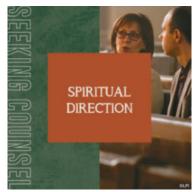
When Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon," what does he mean? What is mammon?

#### **ANSWER:**

When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.

#### **DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED!** - Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith



Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is trustworthy and learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life and for more effectively living out one's baptismal calling. All Christians are commanded, in a way, to provide spiritual aid to one another ("Go, make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" — Matthew 28:19), but a spiritual director is usually an individual who has received some form of training or formation for this specific purpose. The Catholic Church, however, does not have explicit requirements, professional standards or a formal certification process for

spiritual directors. Spiritual directors can be lay, religious or ordained persons. Spiritual direction is not to be confused with the sacrament of Penance, though the latter does usually include some spiritual counsel.

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#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### What makes a child feel safe enough to disclose abuse?

There are several factors that contribute to whether a child is comfortable disclosing abuse to an adult. Children are more likely to talk about problems when they: have access to an adult they can trust; are able to understand that what is happening to them is not normal or safe; and trust that they will be believed. Another factor that may help a child disclose abuse is when a safe adult is intentional and asks direct questions about a child's life as it communicates caring and attention to the child's life circumstances. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

### **Prayer**

Lord, let me know when it is wise to help.

### Mission for the Week

If I see someone hurt, I will stop playing to get help.

### **Sharing the Gospel**

The Good Samaritan found a beaten man along the road. He spent a lot of time and money to take care of him. In today's time, he would have called 911 and paid the ambulance and hospital. Many people are afraid to stop to help others.

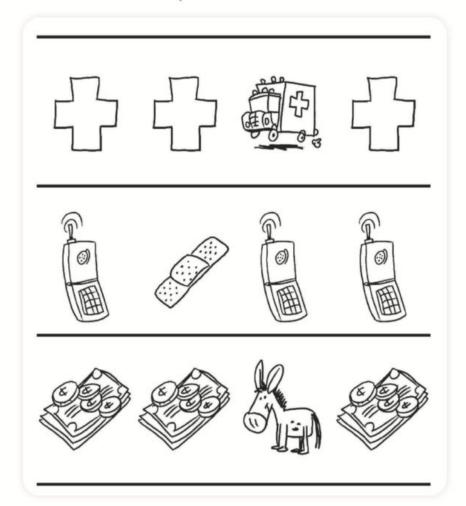
If you see someone who needs help, call 911 and explain who needs help and where.

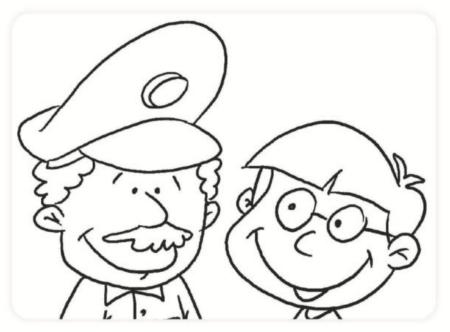
Trained police and paramedics will come to help. You can pray for the person.

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**

Come. Now is the Time to Worship



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**GLORY TO GOD** 

Stephan

PSALM Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

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### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

SATURDAY Where Charity and Love Abide U - bi car - i - tas et-De-us i - bi est, a mor De - us bi est. Where and love a-bide, there God is found, there God is found.

#### **MASS PARTS**

MASS OF RENEWAL

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



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### SUNDAY Small Things with Great Love

Not to the learned nor to the kings, But to the little ones who show the mysteries I rejoice when I am weak, For you will give me all I need

Though I cannot fly, you carry me to heaven

You have not called me to be successful, You have called me to be faithful

#### REFRAIN

I can do small things, small things with great love, That is enough I can do small things, Small things with great love And make my life something beautiful, For God

One drop in the ocean, One petal in the garden
One hidden sacrifice, One reason for my life
One dance before your throne, One child to give a home

One step towards Calvary, One touch of empathy

You have not called me to be successful, You have called me to be faithful, Refrain

Yesterday is gone, Tomorrow is not yet come, We have only today, Let us begin, *Refrain* 

Be faithful in small things, For in them our strength lies

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#### COMMUNION

### A Place at Your Table



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#### SENDING

I Send You Out

I send you out on a mission of love.
I send you out on a mission of love.
I send you out on a mission of love,
and know that I am with you always until the end of the world.

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#### 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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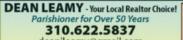


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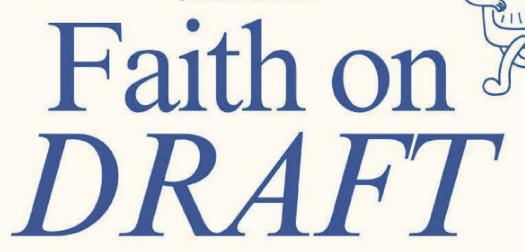
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