

CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

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Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

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

Msgr. James Forsen (Pastor Emeritus)

IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Jim Anguiano (Vicar General)

Fr. Timothy McGowan

RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

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: For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

SECOND READING: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

GOSPEL: Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

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 - AUGUST 2ND

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

5:00pm Annella Dorn †

SUNDAY - AUGUST 3RD

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Darren Massey †

9:30am Greg and Nelia Pornillosa

11:00am Asuncion Laureola †

MONDAY - AUGUST 4TH

St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00am Thomasin Clack †

TUESDAY - AUGUST 5TH

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am Filomena Macaranas †

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 6TH

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00am Eva Velez Loo †

THURSDAY - AUGUST 7TH

St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

8:00am Joe Collins †

FRIDAY - AUGUST 8TH

St. Dominic, Priest

8:00am Carlos Matus †

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.

WELCOME WAGON



THANK YOU to all who attended and to all of the helpers who made our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** a wonderful success. It was estimated that 200 servings of ice cream were scooped (yes, some people may have returned for seconds!!). The ice cream, root beer floats, cookies, music, conversations, photo ops and conversations with Fr. Francis made for a great summer afternoon!

COFFEE & DONUTS

As summer starts to wind down, if you're not vacationing, please plan to stop in the Courtyard for Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, Aug. 10 (Hosted by Knights of Columbus) and Sunday, Aug. 24 (Hosted by our newest ministry Midlife Catholics). You are encouraged to introduce yourself and/or to find out more about whatever group is hosting Coffee & Donuts whether it's the Welcome Wagon, K of C, the school or another ministry group!!!



SATURDAY MEET. PRAY. RUN... *And walking too!*

A couple of the "regulars" have graciously offered to keep this group going despite Fr. Francis' departure!!! It will continue on the 1st & 3rd Saturday with the 7:30am start time. If you are already on the email list, you should be receiving reminders as before. For those who might be curious, the walkers out-number the runners!! For info, please contact Christina at may_may3@hotmail.com OR Kristina at kristee.sherry@gmail.com

MIDLIFE CATHOLICS

Our newest ministry held their first event: **FAITH ON DRAFT** in July and it was very well attended. About 25 people gathered at Three Weavers Brewing Company for socializing and a great Q&A with Fr. Francis. So far, the group has over 20 registered members. **AUGUST 7 at 7:00pm** will be their first regular meeting, which will feature a Lectio Divina session. For more information about the group or to get the registration link please email: midlifecatholic@gmail.com

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.

AUGUST — MONTH OF



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion?

August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is surrounded by a saintly glow. Her heart is crowned with flowers, pierced with a sword, and has the Holy Spirit's fire flowing out of it. It is certainly full of grace, purity, and carries the sorrows of Christ's Passion.

We sin because we love something, at least temporarily, more than we love God. This month it's time to ask Mary's intercession for a pure heart. Just like Mary was a tabernacle, sacred and pure, for Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to be temples of the Holy Spirit.

Mary, Immaculately Conceived, was pure and saw God Incarnate. As Matthew 5:8 tells us, the pure in heart will see God. I would even say that we can see God in others who are pure in heart.

Draw her heart on your calendar and anywhere else to remind you of this month's goal: a pure heart!

Eucharistic Miracle of **Chirattakonam, India – 2001**

Contributed by: Katie Canty

A unique Eucharistic Miracle occurred in the parish church of St. Mary of Chirattakonam in India. On April 28, 2001, the priest noticed an amazing image that appeared on a consecrated host. His deposition was eventually taken and this is what the parish priest stated:

"At 8:49 a.m., I exposed the Most Holy Sacrament in the monstrance for public adoration. After a few moments I saw what appeared to be three dots in the Holy Eucharist. I then stopped praying and began to look at the monstrance, also inviting the faithful to admire the three dots. I then asked the faithful to remain in prayer and reposed the monstrance in the tabernacle ... On Saturday morning, the 5th of May 2001, I opened the church for the usual liturgical celebrations. I vested for Mass and went to open the tabernacle to see what had happened to the Eucharist in the monstrance. I immediately noted in the Host, a figure, to the likeness of a human face. I was deeply moved and asked the faithful to kneel and begin praying. I thought I alone could see the face so I asked the altar server what he noticed in the monstrance. He answered: "I see the figure of a man."

Eventually the image became very clear and was of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. Photographs were taken, and the miraculous image was investigated by the Archbishop of the Diocese of Trivandrum, and the monstrance with the host remains enshrined in the church to this day.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH?

Our parish Faith Formation programs are seeking enthusiastic and caring volunteers to help guide children, teens, and families on their journey with Christ. Faith Formation is at the heart of our parish mission—and **we can't do it without you!**

We are in need of volunteers (adults and teens) to serve as:

- **Catechists** (teachers of the faith)
- **Classroom Aides**
- **Confirmation Team Leaders**
- **Administrative and Event Assistance**

No prior experience is needed—just a love for our Catholic faith and a desire to serve. All training and materials will be provided.

Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me."* By volunteering, you can help bring that invitation to life—nurturing the next generation of Catholics through teaching, prayer, and joyful service.

Together, let's build a vibrant and faith-filled community!

For more information or to get involved, please contact: **Debra Evans, Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation** at religiouseducationvc@gmail.com or call 310-216-1145.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

WATCHING MASS ON TV

QUESTION:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

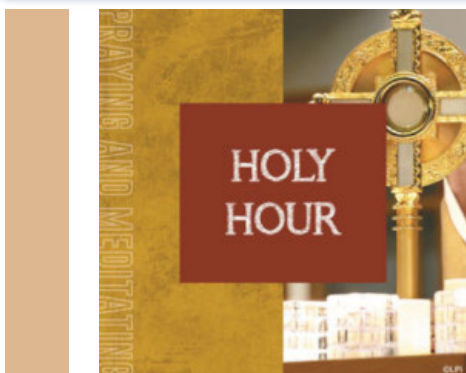
ANSWER:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

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DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED! – Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith



A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.

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PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Dear Father in heaven, I come before your sacred altar to assist the divine sacrifice of your Son Jesus. Fix my mind on you and by his precious blood wash away all my sins as I repent of having offended you. Grant that we may celebrate this holy mystery with strong faith and devotion. Send us the Holy Spirit of love to ignite our hearts to receive devoutly the Holy Eucharist. Bless our family, our parish, and our community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. / Amen.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

♦Luz Maria Dempsey who went home to the Lord on July 15, 2025. She was 65 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Friday, August 8th at 1:00PM at Visitation.

Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

All Grieving Mothers & Grandmothers are invited to join Sacred Sorrows for: New Things: A Retreat Day of Renewal

Please join us (or sponsor a participant) for this gentle Day of Renewal for grieving mothers and grandmothers - no matter how long - or how recent - it's been since loss. We'll focus on the topic of "New Things", as we find hope & healing by opening our hearts to the peaceful invitations of God. Through intentional presentations, experiential activities, and connection with other grieving mothers, this retreat will offer a different perspective to the grief journey. Sign up today to find new hope and healing in the company of the women of Sacred Sorrows.



Fr. Jim Clarke, Ph.D.
Fr. Jim has served in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in several capacities, including: seminary professor, senior lecturer, workshop facilitator, and spiritual director. Recently retired, Fr. Jim is a popular speaker, author, retreat master, and friend of Sacred Sorrows.



Ms. Rita Morton
Sacred Sorrows helps bereaved mothers integrate their deep grief through encounters with the mystery of grace. After losing her son in 2019, Rita felt called to utilize 20+ years of experience in women's ministry programs to found Sacred Sorrows.

For questions, or to light a memory candle, visit sacredsorrows.org or email rita@sacredsorrows.org

Saturday, August 30, 2025



American Martyrs Church
700 15th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA
Saturday, August 30, 2025
9:30 am - 4:00 pm (Breakfast & Lunch)

Reservations are required
Suggested fee: \$120
Financial Assistance Available
(Please consider sponsoring a participant)

TO REGISTER

CLICK HERE

or Scan QR Code



Sacred Sorrows

VIZ Seniors FUN DAY

Come have some fun, have some snacks and plan more Senior Fun Days.

IN O'GRADY CENTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH

AT 1:30PM

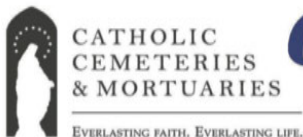
VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS & MEET NEW FRIENDS

QUESTIONS: MARLENE KAUFMAN
310 365 8271

VALET PARKING PROVIDED.

Cards and games to choose from.

The Viz Senior Team
Marlene Kaufman,
Toni Kerker,
Fr. Tim McGowen,
Mary Lou Ward



CAREER FAIR

Wednesday
August 13, 2025
Time
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Calvary Cemetery - LA
4201 Whittier Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90023

Wednesday
August 20, 2025
Time
9:00AM - 2:00PM

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11160 Stranwood Avenue
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November 23, 2024 (8:00am-2:00pm).

Several tables are still available.
They are on a first come first serve basis
and are \$80.00. If interested please call
Joan Hoffman :310-670-7801.



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

Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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GLORY TO GOD

Stephan

PSALM If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Only In God



1. On - ly in God is my soul at - rest, in — him comes my sal -
2. On - ly in God is found safe - ty when my en - e - my pur -



1. va - tion. He, — on - ly, — is my rock, my strength — and
2. sues me. On - ly in God is found glo - ry when I am found



1. my — sal - va - tion. My strong-hold, my Sav - ior,
2. meek and found low - ly.

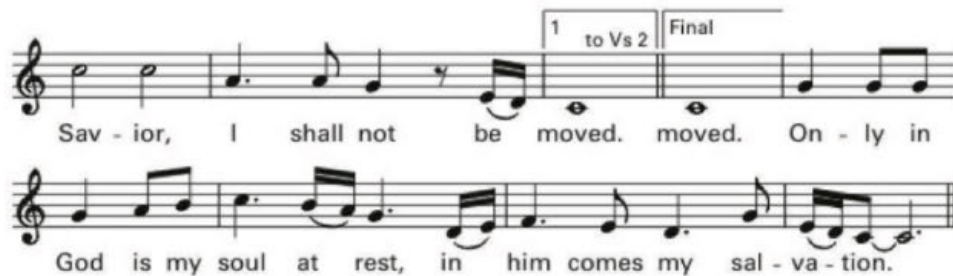


I shall not be a - fraid at all. My strong-hold, my

MASS PARTS

MASS OF RENEWAL

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



1 to Vs 2 Final

Sav - ior, I shall not be moved. moved. On - ly in
God is my soul at rest, in him comes my sal - va - tion.

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COMMUNION

Bread of Angels



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -



1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our



1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!



1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,



1, 3

1. Dat pa - nis cáe - li - cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.
3. Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.



2, Final

2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

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SENDING

Go Make A Difference

Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

Verses



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
2. We are the hands of ___ Christ reach - ing out to those in
3. So let your love shine ___ on, let it shine for all to

1. see ___ the love of ___ God in you and me. ___
2. need, ___ the face of ___ God for all to see. ___
3. see. ___ Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. ___

1. ___ We are the light of the world, _ not to be hid - den but be
2. ___ We are the spir - it of hope; ___ we are the voice of
3. ___ And the spir - it of Christ ___ will be with us as we

to Refrain

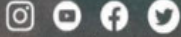
1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

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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.

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