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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

Msgr. James Forsen (Pastor Emeritus)

#### IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. James Anguiano (Vicar General)

Fr. Timothy McGowan

#### RETIRED:

Msgr. Charles E. Hill

#### 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: Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

PSALM: Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

**SECOND READING:** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

**GOSPEL:** Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

#### 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 16TH

St. Stephen of Hungary

5:00pm Fortunio Sales †

#### SUNDAY- AUGUST 17TH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Helen Patricio †

9:30am Sergio Robertson

11:00am Erin Scanlan

#### MONDAY - AUGUST 18TH

8:00am John Haflie †

#### TUESDAY - AUGUST 19TH

St. John Eudes, Priest

8:00am Bob McElroy †

#### WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 20TH

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Edmundo Velez †

### THURSDAY - AUGUST 21ST

St. Pius X, Pope

8:00am Jerylyn Haflie †

#### FRIDAY - AUGUST 22ND

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Josephine Russell †

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. LUKE 12:49-53

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me-in fact, all the earth-to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

- Father John Muir





#### 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.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

As summer is to winding down, if you're back from vacation, please plan to stop in the Courtyard for Coffee & Donuts on 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!

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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.sherrv@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. For more information about the group or to get the registration link please

email: midlifecatholic@gmail.com

## FAITH FORMATION AT VISITATION: REGISTRATION FOR 2025-26 NOW OPEN PLEASE JOIN US!

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)



Visitation's PREP offers joyful, meaningful and engaging faith formation for students in Grades 1-8, including preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy **Communion**. Whether your family is just beginning the faith journey or continuing to grow in it, we're here to walk with you. Classes begin on Sunday, September 14, with a special Renewal of Baptism Ceremony at 9:00 AM.

Visit our website or scan the QR code below for more information and to register. We look forward to welcoming your family into our PREP community!

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



Are you a teen in Grades 9-11 ready to grow deeper in your faith and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Visitation's Confirmation Program is a two-year journey designed to help young people encounter the Holy Spirit, strengthen their relationship with Christ, and embrace their Catholic identity. Through fellowship, formation, service, prayer, and retreats, teens will explore what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus and an active member of the Church. Join us this fall! Opening Ceremonies take place on Sunday, September 14, beginning with the 11:00 AM Mass.

Scan the QR code to learn more and register online today!

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Is GOD CALLING YOU TO SOMETHING MORE? BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH.

Have you felt God's presence stirring in your heart through Scripture, prayer, or conversation? Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Christ or feeling drawn to the Catholic Church?

### Whether you:

- Have never been baptized and are hearing God's call to begin your faith journey,
- Are a baptized Christian seeking full communion with the Catholic Church,
- Were raised Catholic but haven't yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation), or
- Are a lifelong Catholic wanting to grow in understanding the faith and relationship with Christ,

...you are warmly invited to journey with us through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) at Visitation.

Our OCIA program offers a welcoming space to ask questions, grow in faith, and prepare to receive the sacraments. Sessions begin on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM at Visitation.

Interested in supporting others on their journey? Parishioners are invited to join the OCIA team as companions in faith—encouraging and walking alongside those seeking full initiation into the Church.

For more information, scan the QR code or email: OCIA.Visitation@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to OCIA at Visitation.





## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### QUEENSHIP OF MARY

#### QUESTION:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

#### ANSWER:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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



Catholics Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

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#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

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

#### Back to school safety tips

As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork (if they haven't already) for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation. For more tips, read "Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School" by visiting https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school.



**GATHERING** 

### **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



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GLORY TO GOD Stephan

PSALM Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Angrisano



MASS OF RENEWAL

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



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#### SUNDAY Lord, I Need You

#### REFRAIN

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness;

Oh God, how I need You.

#### VERSE 1

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

#### VERSE 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

@ Matt Maher

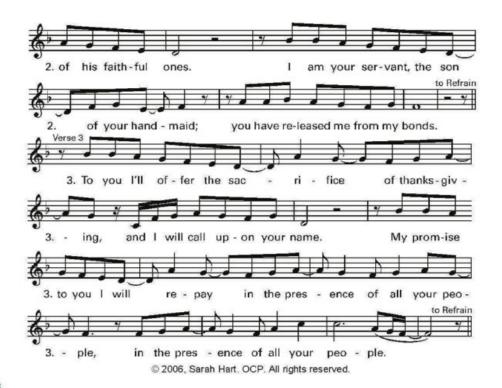
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#### SATURDAY





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## PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

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