# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.



# "GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS." —MT 28:19

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024

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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.

#### MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS Monday - Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

#### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on our website)

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ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

HOLY HOUR (INSIDE THE CHURCH) First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am

#### CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary) Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE CHURCH) Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** – "This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other." (**Dt 4:39**)

PSALM — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)
SECOND READING — For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba,

Father!" (Rom 8:15)

GOSPEL - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (MT 28:19)

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# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-2

TUESDAY: 1 PT 1:10-16/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/MK 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

FRIDAY: ZEP 3:14-18A OR ROM 12:9-16/IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6/LK 1:39-56

SATURDAY: JUDE 17, 20B-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/MK 11:27-33

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

" It's better to bear an insult in silence than win with an answer." -St Gregory the Great

#### **PARENT LEADERSHIP**

"Direct, but don't micromanage, your older children's work; don't do their work for them unless and until they've tried their best. Push for personal best effort, not just results. - Jim Stenson, *Compass* 

#### 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.



In observance of this federal holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 27th. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<u>SUNDAY – MAY 26TH</u> The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am - Steven Jay †

9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - Bernadette Robert †

<u>MONDAY - MAY 27TH</u> St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop; Memorial Day

8:00am - Anne Gervais Dorn †

<u>Tuesday - May 28th</u>

8:00am - Fe Tidalgo **†** 

WEDNESDAY - MAY 29TH

St. Paul VI, Pope

8:00am - Martha Hsu **†** 

THURSDAY - MAY 30TH

St. Joan of Arc

8:00am - Richard Topete †

FRIDAY - MAY 31ST The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - For all the Benefactors of Visitation Parish Past & Present

#### <u>Saturday - June 1st</u>

St. Justin, Martyr

5:00pm - Annela Dorn †

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 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.



Thank you for your Donations!

#### **PARISH POST**

#### Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Not too long ago one of our students asked me, "Why do we crown Mary?" Great question! Why do we do that? Is it because Mary is a goddess and we worship Mary? No. The Blessed Trinity is God and worship God alone! Instead, we crown Mary because she is the queen of heaven and earth. And why is that? Well, the Bible clearly teaches us that Jesus is the king (gospel genealogies go to great lengths to show that Jesus is of the royal line of King David) and since Jesus is the king, Mary is the queen! That's because at the time of Jesus, the royal queen was not the wife of the royal king, but the mother of the king. So Mary's queenship reminds us of something very important about Jesus: that he is the King. He is the King of the universe and should also be the King of our hearts.

Now back to the question. For centuries Christians have shown their gratitude and honor to Mary by having special crowning ceremonies. We don't crown Mary because we worship her, but to show her honor and respect because of her total commitment to God and love of Jesus, her Son.

More recently, these crownings happen in the month of May because this is a month every year dedicated to Mary. Traditionally, the Catholic Church has dedicated special days of the week and months of the year to certain devotions. For example, Saturday is a weekday dedicated to Mary and the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Therefore it is fitting to crown Mary in the special month in which we try to show her more love and devotion. After all, she is our queen mother too!

Friends, just as Jesus came to the world through Mary, we are to go to him through Mary, as well. On Friday, May 31st Bishop Matt Elshoff will join us for our 8am Mass and May Crowning with our students. Afterward, Mary and Martha will host a light reception in the O'Grady Center. I invite you all to join us! It will be a great way to unite and celebrate on our Parish Feast Day. Our Lady of the Visitation - Pray for us!

Ave Maria,

Fr. Matt

#### Don't Forget:

- Congratulations to our junior high boys soccer team for winning their championship game last weekend! May God continue to bless you.
- Please join us for our Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession around the block on Sunday, June 2nd at 11am. Hospitality will follow the procession.

#### HOSPITALITY

**THANK YOU** to all of you who helped and attended our special celebration of Dick Van Dusen's service to our parish last Sunday!

Please remember all of those men and women who have died in service to our country this Memorial Day weekend.

Our next Coffee & Donuts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus on June 9.



#### **CONVENT BUILDING UPDATE**

Many of you might be wondering what will be happening to the Convent building! We want to know your thoughts and ideas. Please join us in the O'Grady Center after all the masses the weekend of June 15 and 16 as we'll have Listening Sessions to solicit ideas

> from parishioners. Refreshments or Coffee and Donuts will be served!!!

#### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

◆ Mary Reder who went home to the Lord on May 5, 2024. She was 91 years old. Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, May 28th at 11:00AM at Visitation.

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



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord

Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. / Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, I adore you deeply and I offer you the precious Body, Blood and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacle on earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, for the infinite merits of his most holy Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I ask you for the conversion of poor sinners. /Amen



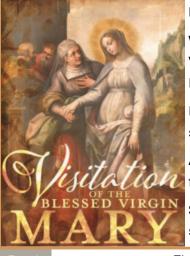
Deep within each human soul, there exists an intense craving for

connection, purpose, and love — a thirst that only God can satisfy. Yet, the question remains: How does one fulfill this yearning? The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the most profound means by which God shares Himself with humanity. However, a 2019 Pew Research Study unveiled a concerning reality: only one-third of practicing U.S. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist, we embark on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself — fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS DID YOU KNOW? Maintaining a good social media presence

Social media activity is never truly hidden, even on private accounts. If you are working or volunteering with children, it is a good idea to keep a clean profile online. Read through the rules about social media usage for your organization — it may prohibit staff from contacting or friending children involved in the program. Consider your profile usage, including the things you post or share and the profiles you follow. For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Social Media Rules to Follow with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



#### MARY, ELIZABETH & FRIENDSHIP

What does a 2,000-year-old girl talk and look like? The Gospel tells us in the story of the Visitation, recorded in Luke Chapter 1. This week, we celebrate that special feast when Mary visits Elizabeth. So what can women learn from this friendship?

HELP A SISTER OUT. The Visitation involves a first-trimester mother traveling cross- country to serve a friend. Who needs your help this week?

AFFIRM EACH OTHER. Elizabeth's first words were ones of encouragement. We may know our friends' flaws, but we don't need to fixate on them.

SING OUT LOUD. Mary ends their encounter with the Magnificat, one of the most celebrated song-prayers of Scripture. Celebrate with your friends! Rejoice over each other's blessings.

# VISITATION PARISH, LOS ANGELES Cucharistic Crocession

# Bringing the National Eucharistic Revival to our parish!

Join us for Mass and a Eucharistic Procession around the block on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The procession will begin after the 11 AM Mass and conclude with benediction in the church. Hospitality to follow!

# JUNE 2 · 11:00 AM MASS



# For more information: VisitationChurch-LA.com





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GIVE TODAY!

#### Beyond the Ordinary, A Yearly Appeal Like No Other

Together in Mission exclusively supports the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This unique annual appeal is an opportunity for people to join in action - as one united family imitating Christ. Join us in celebrating the generational support that has sustained Catholic communities for over 30 years.

Visitation Parish Goal:	\$59,133.00	
Amount Pledge:	\$46,508.00	78.6%
Amount Paid:	\$38,539.78	65.2%
Difference Over (under) Goal	(\$20,593.22)	-34.8%

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Annual Appeals 6th Floor 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & MORTUARIES

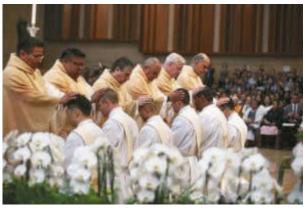
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Join us in person or online on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

All Catholic Cemeteries and Mortuaries will celebrate Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27, 2024. The public is invited to attend your local Catholic Cemetery or participate via the livestream on our website. This is a special opportunity to honor and pray for our departed loved ones, especially those who served in the military.

Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City: Principal celebrant will be Bishop Matthew Elshoff, O.F.M. Cap.

\**Archbishop Gomez will celebrate this special Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery in Rosemead.* A livestream will be brought directly from the Resurrection Cemetery & Mortuary.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, our 11 transitional deacons have been called forth to the Sacred Order of Priest. Their ordination will take place on *Saturday, June 1st at 9 AM* at the *Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.* 

*Tickets are required to attend*. This ordination will also be livestreamed at <u>lacatholics.org/ordination</u>.

Please pray for these men as they prepare for their ordination. Thank you for your prayers and support for vocations in our Archdiocese.

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# Join us in **Building Hope &** Belonging

Together, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice, and Peace and the Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health at the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life are offering a special opportunity to support you in your ministry.

# The Fiat Course in Mental Health & Church life



Office of Life, **Justice & Peace** 





#### 01 What

A 10-week course about mental health and the Catholic faith, offered through the University of Notre Dame.

#### 02 When

September 30 - December 6, 2024 Opening retreat on September 21st.

#### 03 How

Weekly lectures address key questions and challenges that lay and ordained ministers face when caring for those with mental health challenges, including:

- · What is mental health?
- · Why does God allow suffering? How do I support a parishioner impacted
- by trauma, mental illness, or addiction? · How do I help someone experiencing
- thoughts of suicide or self-harm?

Weekly small-group discussions, facilitated by ministers from the Archdiocese, offer a chance to think together about applying what you learn to your ministry.

#### 04 Where

- · Listen to video lectures at any time.
- · Weekly small-group discussions are
- scheduled based on your availability.

# Hear from those who have taken the course already...



"I joined the class, anticipating it would offer important professional development, but I realize now how much it's helped me personally. Mental illness has been present in my family, and the course helped me to see our family's challenges with fresh eyes. This has opened new pathways for conversation in our family, and we've been able to seek out more support in our parish and through mental health resources in our community."

- Parish Volunteer, San Gabriel Region

"Through the course, I recognize the important role we can play in suicide awareness and prevention. I used to be anxious talking with the teens I minister to about suicide. Now, I realize that asking whether a teen who is struggling has been thinking about suicide is the best means of prevention. I know how to ask the question and how to help them get the additional resources they need." - Youth Minister and Pilgrimage Leader

Office of Life,

time (11 a.m. PST).

Justice & Peace

M-GRATH INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH LIFE NOTRE DAME

**SEND YOUR PRAYERS OF INTENTION FOR THE 2024** PILGRIMAGE MASS AT THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF **GUADALUPE IN MEXICO CITY** 

---Hundreds of parishioners from eight Archdiocese of LA parishes will be joining Archbishop Gomez during the Mass at the Basilica July 6----The Archdiocese of Los Angeles' community is invited to send prayers of



"I used to avoid talking about mental hi my expertise. Through the course, I've learned about the challenges facing those with with mental illness and their families. I'm now comfortable inviting adults in our faith formation to reflect on and share experiences with mental illness, to the extent they are comfortable. We're able to create a space for praying and talking about life with Christ in the midst of this.\* - Parish Staff, San Pedro Region

Who Can Apply?

- Diocesan staff, parish staff and volunteers, clergy, Catholic educators, and mental health
- Course Registration Fee: \$50. 9/21 Retreat Registration: \$25
- Scholarships are available

#### How to Apply

· For questions, contact Flat Program Director Beth Hlab

Apply by July 1st, 2024 with this QR CODE:



# JOIN LA CATHOLLCS OF

#### WAYS TO JOURNEY WITH US

Join a parish pilgrimage group

Coordinate a new pilgrimage group

All pilgrims are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop José H. Gomez on Saturday, July 6 at 12:00PM at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

OUR LADY OF GUADAIUPE, PRAY FOR US!

If you are interested in participating ir pilgrimage group, please conta ca Reyes at VReyes@la-archdiocese.or Learn more at lacatholics.org/pilgrima



#### intention to be blessed by Archbishop José H. Gomez and presented to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Basilica or Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City during a pilgrimage Mass that Archbishop Gomez will be celebrating on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 12 p.m. local

Praver intentions will be collected at the Cathedral through Father's Day June 16. Please see cathedral's Mass schedule. You can also submit them online at https://lacatholics.org/pilgrimage/ by June 20.

This will be the fifth pilgrimage year ---with a three-year break due to the pandemic--- under the spiritual leadership of Archbishop Gomez. This is the second consecutive year that hundreds of faithful are joining parochial groups who will travel to Mexico City on different dates, most of them departing on July 4 and returning July 9, with stops at Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, home of the original tilma (or cloak) of St. Juan Diego, which holds the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that appeared in 1531. Some of the parochial groups will visit landmarks such as Teotihuacan Pyramids and Catholic parishes in Guanajuato and Puebla, among others.

All are invited to view the Mass and pray along with our brothers and sisters at the Basilica, as it will be livestreamed on https://lacatholics.org/ pilarimage/.

# Kids Corner

# Prayer

Lord, when I hurt others, teach me to say, "I am sorry. Will you forgive me?"

# Mission for the Week

When others hurt me, I will say, "I forgive you."

# **Sharing the Gospel**

When you were baptized, the priest used the same words as Jesus in today's Gospel. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The water of baptism is God's bath of forgiveness. Baptism washes all your sins away. Baptism makes you a forgiven child of God so that you can enter heaven's gate.

# Now color the picture!

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one.



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#### 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

MASS PARTS MASS OF JOY AND PEACE

# GATHERING



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# GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Joy and Peace

#### **PSALM**

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

Alleluia (Angrisano)

# PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Holy Spirit, We're Calling You



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### COMMUNION

Remember Me (Song for Eucharistic Revival)



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