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Daily Mass (Inside the church)
Monday-Friday: 8:00am
(This mass is also live-streamed)

Sunday Mass (Inside the church)
Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am
(The Sunday Mass at 8am is also live-streamed)

Confessions (Outside in Mary's courtyard)
Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm and by appointment

Note: The live-streamed Masses can be viewed on our website:
www.visitationchurch-la.com

Private Worship (Inside the church) Open for private devotion between the hours of **7:30am-4:00pm (Monday-Friday)** and **8:00am-4:00pm (Saturday)**.

Holy Hour (Inside the church)
First Friday of each month from **8:30am-9:30am**.

Holy Hour will take place this Friday, December 3rd from 8:30am-9:30am, closing with Benediction. All are invited to come and spend time in silent prayer and Adoration.

Church of the Visitation



RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE DAY

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and HE will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5,6

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home?
Click on the link below to register as a parishioner.

www.visitationchurch-la.com/register



MISSION STATEMENT

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

SESSIONS OF FAITH (PREP)

We are excited to announce that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), for students in Grades **K-8**, including sacrament preparation, we are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year which began in September. For more information, please contact our Coordinator, **Debra Evans** via phone or text at **703-582-9888**, or by email at religiouslyeducationvc@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to share your faith with others, especially young people? If so, please consider volunteering for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). This ministry is for people who are interested in sharing God's love and bringing others closer to Christ. Please consider joining us. We especially welcome those who may have served in other ministries, who are not able to continue to serve in person at this time. Thank you and God Bless You! See the above email and phone number for more information and questions about our programs.



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in the program for the next two years, please go online to visitationchurch-la.com to download an application. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Jeremy Brosmer** at confirmationvc@gmail.com.

R.C.I.A.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just for you. RCIA is for someone who:



- Is interested in becoming Catholic.
- Was never baptized.
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Was baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Is interested in catching up on or renewing their faith.

We welcome you to join us in our RCIA group most Mondays from **7-8:30pm** when we have Zoom meetings. **In person meetings** began on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. If you are interested, please email **Toni Kerker** at tmkerker@gmail.com.

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

The bereavement ministry would like to congratulate and thank those who participated in our last grief workshop sessions.

The support group provides a safe, non-judgmental, and comfortable environment to share and discuss many things surrounding a loved one's death.

Through scripture, sharing, journaling, reading and prayer, we were able to navigate a little through the difficult process of grieving.

This is also a reminder to read the article "Grief during the Holidays" that is on our website at visitationchurch-la.com under **Resources/ Bereavement**. This article is full of both practical and spiritual tips to help you through the upcoming holiday season. There is also a list of carenotes that deal specifically with the Christmas season that can be mailed to you. Please email **Candy Blankenship** at blank8840@gmail.com or leave a message with the titles you wish and your address at **310-338-9043**.

Prayer Requests:

Please email them to vizprayerrequests@gmail.com.



BAPTISMS



The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, according to the CDC recommendations, 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, December 5, 2021 at 1pm**. Please register to attend by calling the parish office at **310/216-1145**. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail, please call the office for an appointment with the pastor or associate pastor.

DID YOU KNOW? November 27-28 || Understanding the dangers of carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized. When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned. Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>.

Mass Intentions Nov.29-Dec. 5,2021



- 11/29 8am Mass-**Colonel James Asher** (Dec'd)
- 11/30 8am Mass-**Natalie Solimando** (Special Intentions)
- 12/1 8am Mass-**Eduardo Laureola** (Dec'd) and **For the sick in the parish**
- 12/2 8am Mass-**Brian McFarland** (Dec'd)
- 12/3 8am Mass-**Michael McMillan** (Dec'd)
- 12/4 5pm Mass-**Anne Gervais Dorn** (Dec'd)
- 12/5 8am Mass-**Efrain Villalobos** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-**Antonio DiNottia** (Dec'd)

To request a **mass intention** please call the rectory at **310-216-1145**.

The Daily Brief for Lent
 (First Sunday of Advent-November 28, 2021)



A series of daily meditations based on the daily readings and read by our very own Visitation priests. We invite you to take 5-6 minutes of your day to listen and reflect.

The Daily Brief can be found on our website at www.visitationchurch-la.com,
 -go to the **Resources** Tab
 -scroll down to **The Daily Brief**

Mercy Bag's Needed for St. Margaret's Center

St.Margaret's Center is in need of Mercy bag's. If you would like to donate a bag to the center, please drop it off at our Rectory in the bin located outside on the porch.

St. James in his Epistle wrote "If you see a brother or a sister in need that are hungry or naked and you say to them good bye and good luck, keep warm and well fed what good is there in that. Such faith is dead." One of the acts of mercy that Visitation had done for years but got sidetracked during the lockdown was making available mercy bags for those in need. We once again encourage people to have a Mercy bag in their car to assist street people who may be asking for help.

The contents of a Mercy bag would be:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, power bar, water, razor, shaving cream, sunscreen, wipes, lotion, socks, comb, and hand-sanitizer.

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PASTOR POST

Continue to Renew

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have no money worries? To be financially set for life? But, with the rare exception of the 1%-ers, who's kidding who? We all have to struggle to make ends meet. So with all the concerns each of us has over money, the need to pay bills, cover the mortgage, buy groceries and gas and allowances for the kids and hopefully have enough leftover for vacation, no one comes to church on Sunday and listen to a priest talking about money. And believe me, just about every priest I know hates talking about money from the pulpit. But just as a family has to deal with money issues in order to make ends meet, so to does the church. Last week at all the masses, we distributed the "State of the Parish" message, showing the financial as well as the spiritual health of Visitation. If you missed it, please go online and see it at our website, or pick up a brochure at the rectory or the doors of the church. Through the careful managing of expenses, and the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, we have weathered the Covid lockdown and it's aftermath well. Thanks be to God and to all of you and to the excellent staff of our parish. We also talked about the success of Renew Visitation and how it has so successfully renovated both the structure as well as the spirit of this community. We all did great work, and there is still great work that needs to be done. The O'Sullivan Hall is in need of renovations in the kitchen and ventilation as well as bringing the restrooms up to code. It needs air conditioning, as does the junior high classrooms. The building needs new flooring, restrooms, painting. Our storage bins for the church and the school need a facelift. Most importantly, we want to create an endowment fund for our parish which can ensure it's future financial security. This is why we are beginning a new financial campaign for this coming year:

Continue to Renew. I have hired a part time Director of Development, Courtney O'Donoghue, who will assist me and our community in the endeavor to raise another million dollars. Now let me ask you. Doesn't that seem impossible? Well, didn't it seem impossible to raise \$3.5 million over the last three years? But we did that and more. As was also said on Sunday, we have kicked off the campaign, already raising \$100,000. So I am confident in this coming year, that we will be able to achieve our goal. My hope is that we can place Visitation on a secure financial ground. Not that we won't have money worries in the future, or that emergencies won't come up, but that, as Jesus once said in a parable, our house is built on solid rock so that future storms might not sweep it away.

Fr. Jim

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

There will be signs in the sun,
the moon, and the stars.

When these signs
begin to happen,
stand erect and
raise your heads
because your
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



FIRST
Sunday
OF *Advent*

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Ready the Way

1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. Des - ert and

1. way of the Lord!" A voice ___ cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum -
 3. waste-land will bloom. † Glo - ry and splen - dor will fill the

1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. (to Verse 4)

Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.
 Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.

1, 2 to Verses 3, 5 | Final
 2
 The sav - ing pow - er of God.

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1st Reading

Jeremiah
33:14-16

Psalms 93

2nd Reading
1 Thessalonians
3:12-4:2

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28,
34-36

PENITENTIAL RITE

Mass of Renewal (STEPHAN)

PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. To
 you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (HART)

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 Hope (FARRELL)



PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Awake, O Sleeper

1. In the dark - est times of life, when our lights re -
 2. When our hearts be - come like stone, when we live 7
 3. In the midst of life's de - cay, when our lives be -

1. fuse to shine: you are there, you are there. ___
 2. with - out hope: you are there, you are there. ___
 3. come like graves: res - cue us, res - cue us. ___

2, 3. Don't let your hearts be trou - bled;

2, 3. don't let your hearts be trou - bled.

Refrain
 A - wake, O sleep - er! A - rise from slum - ber!

1, Final to Verse 3 | 2, 4 to Refrain
 Christ is call - ing your name!

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COMMUNION

(SATURDAY)

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

Refrain
 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

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

(SUNDAY) Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the
 good-ness of God. Verses 1, 2
 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to God most high,
 2. Who has fash-ioned the earth and sky,
 1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-
 2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and
 to Refrain
 1. joice in our God, who hears_ the cry of all ___ in need. O
 2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. O
 Verse 3
 3. Oh, the love of God! Be-come flesh of our flesh,
 to Refrain
 3. so that we might live in glo - ry. O

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SENDING FORTH

Emmanuel

Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear.
 Heav - en and earth, re-joice! Sal - va-tion is draw - ing
 near. Sal - va-tion is draw - ing near.
 Verses
 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here (to Refrain)
 1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

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