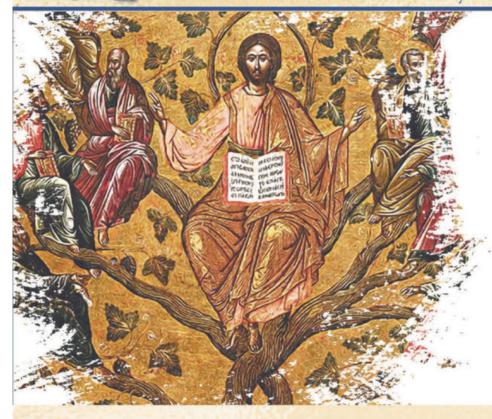
# HURCH OF THE / ISITATION

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



"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE VINE GROWER." –JN 15:1

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

#### 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)

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan RETIRED:

ADMINISTRATOR:

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** — Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

PSALM - I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) Or: Alleluia.

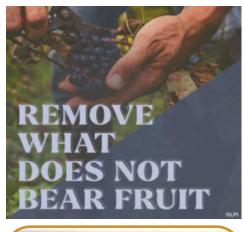
SECOND READING — And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23) GOSPEL - "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21/Jn 14:27-31A Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4AB, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

# **LIVE THE LITURGY** Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.



Come and spend some time with the Lord!

First Friday Holy Hour May 3, 2024 8:30AM – 9:30AM

# Sacrament of Confirmation

Please join us in celebrating mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm with Bishop Matt Elshoff presiding. Please also keep our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers.

Thank you.

## 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.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

register as a parishioner.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### <u>Sunday – April 28th</u>

5th Sunday of Easter 8:00am - April Van Dusen-Carlson † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish

11:00am - April Carlson †

MONDAY - APRIL 29TH St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Jessica Fernandez (Birthday)

<u>TUESDAY - APRIL 30TH</u>

St. Pius V, Pope

8:00am - Christina Valenti

WEDNESDAY - MAY 1ST

St. Joseph the Worker

8:00am - Joseph Van Dusen †

#### THURSDAY - MAY 2ND

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer

8:00am - Fr. Matthew Wheeler

FRIDAY - MAY 3RD Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00am - Anne Gervais Dorn †

<u>Saturday - May 4th</u>

5:00pm - Irene Zvanovec †

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.



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# CATHOLIC

# Love in Deed

*It's a Wonderful Life* is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

# **Question:**

How does a person become a canonized saint?

## Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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.

# Viz Senior

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Senior Fun Day. Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:30 - 3:30 PM for Bingo, Cards and Games We'll have them all as well as great snacks.

#### Valet Parking will be provided.

Need a ride? Give a ride? Let us know.

Marlene Kaufman / Mary Lou Ward/ Toni Kerker

> Questions? call Marlene 310-365-8211

Thank you for your continued Support and Generosity to Church of the Visitation!



# MERCY BAGS FOR ST MARGARET'S CENTER

One way we are answering the call to serve the poor at Visitation, is to assist St. Margaret's Center in providing hygiene bags for the homeless and working poor that they serve.

Please consider contributing 3-5 Mercy Bags that you assemble at home and bring to church on the designated

weekend. CVS and Ralphs each have a travel section with inexpensive kits and products to choose from. Below is the recommended content list from St. Margaret's for the most needed items. Use a large Ziplock for the contents of each Mercy Bag.



- Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Razor and Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Socks (Unisex tube socks)
- Comb
- Chapstick

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Assemble 3-5 Mercy bags into Gallon Ziplocks at home with your family

Bring your Mercy Bags to the back of the church the weekend of May 5th

Consider making an extra bag or two to keep in your car to give to someone in need.

Contact Dan Smith if you have access to large amounts of these products for donation. dsmithwestchester@gmail.com

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Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man

harpens another"

#### IT'S TIME . . . BE A BETTER MAN 2024 MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Visitation's Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be Friday evening May 17th and Saturday May 18th right here on campus. It is presented by the men of our parish who have experienced it. If you speak to a Cornerstone

Brother, he'll tell you the experience has enhanced his life in many ways – he is a better husband and father to his family, he is a better friend, he is

more grounded in his work, and, most importantly, he has discovered new dimensions in his relationship with Christ.

Call Russell Kehl at 323.304.1065 with questions, or register on our Parish web site, www.visitationchurch-la.com. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register soon.



# Jesus - Eucharist - Mission



**5** Church of the Visitation

# Eucharistic Revival Retreat

Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9am - 3pm Talks, Discussion, Adoration, Confession, Fellowship, and Mass Church of the Visitation - 6561 W. 88th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Join Visitation Parish and Father Parker Sandoval, Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on a Parish-Wide Retreat focusing on Who is Jesus? The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and our Mission as Catholics to share the Good News with others.

All Adults in the Parish and Our Community Are Welcome!



Father Parker Sandoval Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

<sup>\$</sup>35 per Person, includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Retreat Materials



For More Information and to Register: Please Visit VisRetreat0524.givesmart.com or Scan the QR Code.

#### CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND

Next weekend we take up the special collection for this charitable fund. In 1948, shortly after he was appointed Archbishop of Los Angeles, Cardinal James Francis McIntyre recognized that certain institutions and agencies were facing hardships because of inadequate financing.

These organizations were ineligible for funding through public sources such as the Community Chests (predecessor to the United Way) and included: family welfare; institutions for the aged; health and youth services; adoption agencies, care for the blind, hard of hearing, mentally retarded and handicapped. Also needed were funds for maternity care, emergency relief and expanded social services in distressed neighborhoods.

The "Fund" provides emergency help to persons who have nowhere else to go. The Fund is not a replacement or supplement for welfare or other forms of public assistance. It does not support persons' living needs on a continuing basis. Rather the Fund acts to solve immediate, pressing problems: food and milk for three days, lodging for the night, emergency medical care, rent to tide over a financial crisis or a utility bill to keep the water or heat turned on for the week.

Your contributions to the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity make you a sharer in our parishes' works of mercy, and in their rewards of grace.

# **Knights of Columbus**



FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.

DINNER PLATES: \$15.00 CARNE ASADA AND CHICKEN TACOS RICE & BEANS & CHIPS

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

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The theme this year is: **The Crucified One Lives! Finding comfort in the Passion of Christ**. The Passionist Priests of the center will present the theme.

Link to register: <u>https://materdolorosa.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/124/</u> <u>responses/new</u> or go to <u>www.materdolorosa.org</u> and then to the Events page. Scroll to May 3rd to sign up and choose the Visitation parish. The Center accepts everyone, regardless of the ability to pay.

Questions can be directed to Mary Rotolo at mkrotolo@gmail.com.

## What is a Silent Retreat?

FINDING COMFORT

IN THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Weekend retreats begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday morning with Mass. During your silent 2-night stay, you will have the opportunity to explore over 20 acres of gardens, walk our historic Stations of the Cross, and experience personal times for prayer within the Garden of Seven Sorrows. Silence on a weekend retreat at Mater Dolorosa encourages one to listen and speak with God, to find a sense of renewed peace, and participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to join us in the New Year for <u>a weekend of silence and restoration</u>!

# Kids Corner

# Prayer

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

# **Mission for the Week**

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

# **Sharing the Gospel**

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.

Now color the picture! - Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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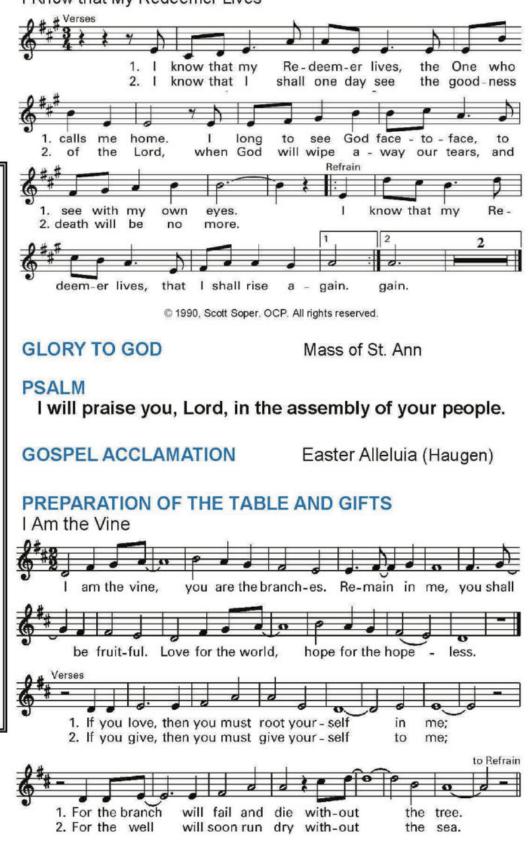
I believe in God. the Father Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. died and was buried: He descended into hell: on the third day He rose again from 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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# GATHERING

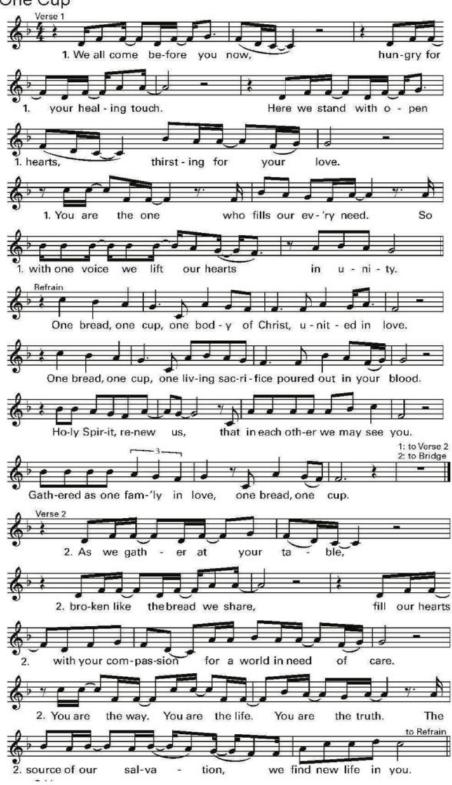
I Know that My Redeemer Lives



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# COMMUNION

One Bread, One Cup



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#### **VERSES: Cantor**

- I will praise my Father each and every day.
  O and I will sing his love songs forever more. (to Refrain)
- I will praise the Father, I will praise the Son.
  O and I will praise God's Spirit forever more. (to Refrain)

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