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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**.

Church of the Visitation



A great sign appeared in the sky,

a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown
of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:1

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RELIGIOUS QUOTE OF THE DAY

God's plan is always the best. Sometimes the process is painful and hard. But don't forget that when God is silent, he's doing something for you.

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 religionseducationvc@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

DID YOU KNOW? December 11-12 || Try these tips to get your children talking about their days

Ever been met with silence when you ask, "How was your day?" Your communication efforts with your children, especially school-age children, may need some tweaking. Try asking concrete questions, like "Who did you sit next to at lunch?" or, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" If your child is struggling with sharing his or her emotions, it might be helpful to ask about other emotions you see around you. Find opportunities to get children talking about how they feel by focusing on other people: "Why do you think that girl and her dad are hugging? What made that boy on the playground mad earlier?" You may be surprised at the results! For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Communicating with School-Age Children" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



This **Sunday, December 12**, we will be celebrating our traditional celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe at the 11 o'clock mass. It will feature Mariachi music plus a play of the Guadalupe story by our school children. As we have done in years before, if anyone wishes to dress in traditional Mexican attire, or as Juan Diego, they are welcome to do so and join us in our opening procession. Following mass we will have tamales, warm chocolate and pan dulce for everyone. Because of Covid, we can't have a pinata this year but we will have candy for all the children.

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, January 23, 2022 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.

Mass Intentions Dec.13-Dec.19, 2021



- 12/13 8am Mass– **LeShon Tillet** (Dec'd)
- 12/14 8am Mass–**Boysie Laureola** (Dec'd)
- 12/15 8am Mass–**Mary Smith** (Dec'd) and **For the Sick in the Parish**
- 12/16 8am Mass–**Leo Skeen** (Dec'd)
- 12/17 8am Mass–**Jeffrey Applewhite** (Dec'd)
- 12/18 5pm Mass–**Edmond El Dabe** (Dec'd)
- 12/19 8am Mass–**Joseph Nguyen** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass–**Betty Pelka** (Dec'd)

**The Daily Brief for Lent
(Third Sunday of Advent)
December 12th**



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**

HOSPITALITY (aka COFFEE & DONUTS)

Sunday, December 19 after the Masses Hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Welcome Wagon (WW) Stop by and enjoy!!

**Westchester Mental Health Guild FUNraiser
2nd Annual Holiday Lights Tour and Contest**

December 12-26 from 5-9pm
Experience the joy of the Holidays with a self-driving tour seeing more than 20 decorated holiday homes in the Westchester/Playa Del Rey area. To register and vote, go to: <https://2021guildholidaylights.eventbrite.com> or for more information: contact info@westchestermhg.org

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS
RIGHT DOWN ...
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CHRISTMAS LANE!**

BRING JOY TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

St. Margaret's Center, a community center located in Inglewood / Lennox, is seeking donations for our annual Christmas Program / drive-thru celebration on **Saturday, December 18, 2021.**

For 30+ years, St. Margaret's Center has brought holiday cheer to this annual event serving **500 families and over 1000 children.** Each family will receive a \$50 gift card for groceries, and a \$25 Target gift card per child, so that their parents can select the perfect gift. Santa will greet the children, and goodies and treats will be provided at each "stop" as their car winds through our Christmas Lane!

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**1300 - \$25 Target gift cards and
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**We also need... musicians,
entertainers, jugglers,
dancers, holiday characters
to provide Christmas spirit!**



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CLICK HERE— Visit our new Christmas website at <http://www.SMCXmas.com> or **TEXT SMCXMAS to 41444**

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PASTOR POST

Hope

*“It’s impossible,” said pride.
 “It’s risky,” said experience.
 “It’s pointless,” said reason.
 “Give it a try,” whispered the heart.*

Hope is such a dangerous thing. Hope can set us up for disappointment and defeat. If we set our hearts on a certain expectations, the greater will be our disappointment should these expectations not be met. The temptation is always to avoid setting ourselves up for a possible fall, to not hope, to try to make the best of the situation as it is rather than dream for a greater, more fulfilling future. Hope is risky business.

All through Advent, we are unceasingly told to hope in the face of seemingly impossible odds. Israel, slaves for decades to the conquering Babylonians were told by the prophets to look for a renewed promised land. John the Baptist, under the hostile glare of both civil and religious authorities, proclaimed the coming of a Savior that would free the people. It all seemed so hopeless at the time, but - O res mirabilis! - Isaiah’s vision, Jeremiah’s vision, John’s vision all proved true.

Our world can at times seem devoid of hope. This coronavirus appears to know no end. People are terribly divided by it into various political and medical camps over the health issues. The homeless problem seems unsolvable as does the flow of immigrants all over the world. To hear the prophets proclaim the coming of a new world can seem like words meant for an earlier era. Where am I at on the hope-meter? Full of hope for the future? So-so hopeful? Not much hope? No hope? Last Sunday, the prophet Baruch gave us a thought that can change our spirit: “You are remembered by God.” The thought that God knows me, has his eye on me in the way a parent watches over a child, as a beloved concerns themselves with the loved one. That thought brings me such consolation as I pray it does you. “You are remembered by God.” Let that thought roam around in your heart this week, and your heart may say back to you, “Give it a try.”

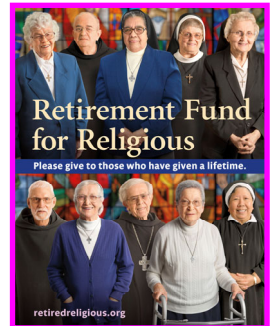
Fr. Jim

Continue to Renew Campaign

Even though our Renew Visitation campaign was very successful, there are still some remaining issues for our parish that still need to be addressed. The O’Sullivan Hall needs heating and air conditioning. It’s restrooms should be brought up to code. The kitchen needs improved ventilation. The junior high needs heating and air, restrooms, windows and flooring. We want to improve the parking lot storage area for the church and school. We are starting a financial campaign for one year to raise \$1,000,000. There will be a second collection at all the masses in December to begin to raise money for this goal.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The last day for this collection is December 12th. Envelopes are located in the pews. This fund helps hundreds of religious communities address their retirement-funding shortages.



DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks
 should share with the
 person who has none.
 And whoever has food
 should do likewise.

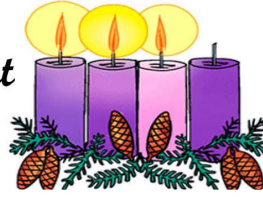
Luke 3:11



THIRD
Sunday
 OF *Advent*

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Third Sunday of Advent



GATHERING

Christ In Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.
 Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.
 Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.
 Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
 2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. }
 2. where I must go. } On - ward to the king - dom,

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you. *to Refrain*

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1st Reading
 Zephaniah
 3:14-18a

Psalm

2nd Reading
 Philippians
 4:4-7

Gospel
 Luke 3:10-18

PENITENTIAL RITE

Mass of Renewal (STEPHAN)

PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness:
 for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND GIFTS

Down to the River to Pray

Text: American folk song
 Tune: American folk song; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

COMMUNION

(SATURDAY) With Joy You Shall Draw Water

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6; Marty Haugen
 Music: Marty Haugen
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MASS PARTS

Mass of Hope (FARRELL)

COMMUNION

(SUNDAY) Hope Is Dawning

VERSE 1

Open up the skies and rain the heavens down, the heavens down
 Father open up the skies and rain the heavens down on us

VERSE 2

Open up our eyes to see Your glory found, it's all around
 Jesus open up our eyes to see Your glory's all around

VERSE 3

Open up our hearts to say, "Have Your way, have Your way"
 Spirit, open up our hearts to say, "Won't You come and have Your way"

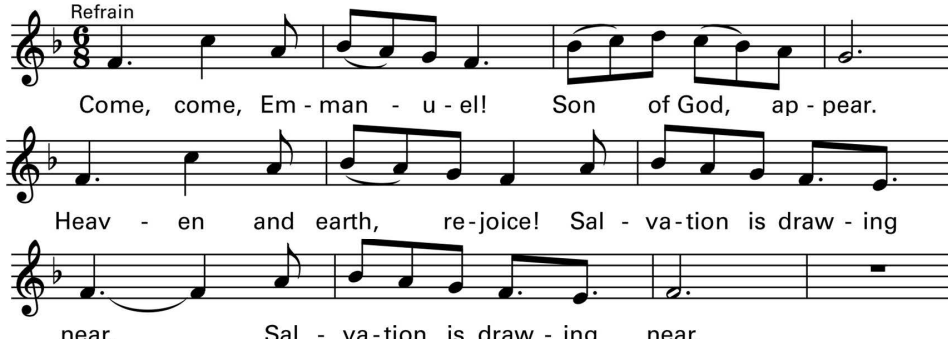
REFRAIN

We are longing, hope is dawning, heaven's falling. Come Lord Jesus.

SENDING FORTH

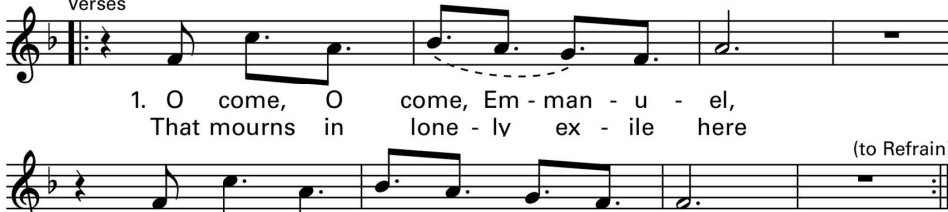
Emmanuel

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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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 | 11:00AM MASS**GATHERING**

Bueñas Días Paloma Blanca

PENITENTIAL RITE

Señor, Ten Piedad

PSALM

El Señor Es Mi Pastor

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Te Presentamos


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SENDING FORTH

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