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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)

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

Church of the Visitation



Archdiocese Guidelines

With the current increase of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County, the Archdiocese has decided to follow the L.A. County Health Department in requiring everyone to wear a mask indoors at our L.A. County parishes, offices and schools effective **Saturday, July 16, 2021, at 11:59 pm.**

MISSION STATEMENT

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

MAKE TODAY SO AWESOME
YESTERDAY GETS JEALOUS.

August 15, 2021

THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE



Blessed Virgin Mary

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

PASTOR POST**Concerning Covid**

My brother s and sisters,

I have just received these updated liturgical guidelines from the Archdiocese concerning restrictions that must be followed in order to be in compliance with the restriction due to Covid. I pass these along to you so that we all might be fully informed. This will also be posted on the website.



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GUIDELINES ON LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

August 7, 2021

In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, we have adapted how we have lived our daily lives, as well as the ways we worshiped as a Church.

Our priority continues to be our need to care for and protect one another. As certain restrictions have been lifted and others reimposed, all parishes and Pastors are to implement the new guidelines with prudence, following public health precautions, and with the safety and wellbeing of their parishioners in mind. Accordingly, face coverings must be used indoors for the safety and protection of all people regardless of vaccination status in accordance with the mandates of the Counties of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara and the cities of Pasadena and Long Beach. Face coverings must be used indoors by unvaccinated individuals in Ventura County. Please check for updates with your local health departments frequently as their orders and recommendations change rapidly and be prepared to modify your policies and procedures accordingly.

These new guidelines, effective August 7, 2021, replace all previous guidelines established by the Archdiocese.

General Considerations for Liturgical Celebrations and Religious Services

- All liturgical celebrations (e.g., Weekday Masses, Sunday Masses, First Communions, Confirmation, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Quinceañeras) and other religious services (e.g., Private Prayer, Adoration, Devotions, Prayer Services) are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations, social distancing, and/or prearranged “reservation” systems. All indoor participants are required to wear face coverings, regardless of vaccination status in Los Angeles County, Santa Barbara County and the cities of Pasadena and Long Beach. All indoor unvaccinated participants must wear face coverings in Ventura County.
- Parishes may hold prayer group meetings, ministerial gatherings, and social gatherings provided that mandated and strongly recommended public health precautions are observed, including the use of face coverings indoors according to City and County Orders.
- Mass and all other liturgical celebrations are to be celebrated according to what is described in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and to rubrics appropriate to each Rite, without exceptions or restrictions unless otherwise noted in this document.
- All liturgical ministers—Altar Servers (vested), Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (if needed), Ministers of Hospitality—should exercise their ministries as usual in the celebration of the liturgy but must wear face coverings indoors whenever mandated by local health departments.
- Entry health screenings can be done through self-attestation with posted signs at entrances without the need for a staff member or volunteer to be present. Posted signs must instruct individuals with COVID-19 symptoms not to enter the building.
- Parishes do not have the responsibility to verify who is and who is not vaccinated except in Ventura County, where self-attestation is acceptable.
- Parishes may provide an area within the church building for social distancing of at least three feet between family units.

- Hand sanitation must be available for all visitors. This could take several forms, ranging from touch-less dispensers of antibacterial gel at the doors or wash stations in restrooms. The use of hand sanitizer is not required for entry into buildings.
- Parishes are not required to sanitize after each liturgy or service but instead should observe sensible public health precautions.
- Liturgical singing can take place while wearing face coverings.
- Hymnals, missalettes, and worship aids may be placed in the pews or distributed for use by the faithful.
- Collection baskets may be placed in a location where people can provide their donations during the preparation of the gifts or as the faithful enter or exit the church. Parishes may also use collection baskets on poles handled by Ministers of Hospitality during the offertory collection.
- For now, Holy Communion will be offered in the form of bread. Communion on the hand is strongly encouraged. The Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to sanitize their hands before distributing Communion and after Communion has concluded.
- The distribution of Holy Communion is only to take place at its proper time at the Communion Rite after the *Agnus Dei*. Distribution and reception of Communion in the form of a “drive-thru” style is not allowed.
- Liturgical processions may resume at their proper times (i.e., the entrance procession, the Gospel procession, the procession of the offertory gifts, and the recessional procession).
- Water in the baptismal font and holy water fonts should be refreshed frequently.

Confessions

- Parishes are to have scheduled Confession times and Priests may hear individual confession upon request.

Baptisms/Confirmations

- The proper Trinitarian formula must be used.
- Immersion fonts will not be used to confer Baptism. The water used for the Rite of Baptism is not to be reused. Blessed water is to be disposed appropriately after the Baptism is finished.
- The minister, being sensible with handwashing and public health precautions, including face coverings when required, may administer the Holy Oils appropriate to each Rite in the usual manner.

Anointing of the Sick/Holy Communion to the Homebound

- As an important part of ministry, Priests are to attend to the needs of those who ask for the Anointing of the Sick.
- Ministers attending to the needs of the sick or homebound are to observe all mandates and strong recommendations from public health departments. If in a hospital setting, check in with proper medical personnel and follow their directions before entering and upon leaving the room of the patient. For home visits, this includes but may not be limited to handwashing before and after the visit and wearing a facemask.
- The Priest, being sensible with handwashing and public health precautions, may administer the Oil of the Sick in the usual manner.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be utilized to fulfill requests of bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. It is highly recommended that they be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus and wear a face covering if indoors.
- It is not necessary for the recipient of Homebound Ministry to be fully vaccinated.

Weddings/Funerals/Quinceañeras

- Please observe any general considerations noted above along with mandated and strongly recommended public health precautions.

Reporting

- In the event a location learns that any employee, clergy or other religious, volunteer, parishioner, student or parent/guardian is diagnosed with COVID-19, please report the case to the LA Archdiocese COVID response team using [this form](#) or contact Marina A. Macchiagodena at mamacchiagodena@la-archdiocese.org or Isaac Cuevas at icuevas@la-archdiocese.org.

DID YOU KNOW? August 14-15 || Prep your children with scripts to stay safe

Role-playing with your children is a critical step in keeping them safe from abuse, peer pressure, and other dangerous situations. Prep your children with the language they need to say “stop,” or “no thanks,” or to express any discomfort. Talk through different scenarios with them and have them practice how they would respond in their own words. Arming children with strong, confident responses to uncomfortable situations will help them draw on those words when they need them. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Ten prevention practices you may not have considered,” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

JULY BAPTISMS

We welcome these children into our church who were baptized last month.



- Sebastian Aguilar, child of Ernesto Aguilar and Jennifer Ramirez on July 3, 2021*
- Hazel and Wade Wilson, children of Joseph Wilson and Kathryn Motz on July 3, 2021*
- Ronaldo Boubion, child of Matthew Boubion and Ariadna Villalpando on July 24, 2021*
- Alondra Gonzales, child of Manuel Gonzales and Victoria Martin on July 31, 2021*
- Zoe Aceves, child of Jerry Aceves and Vanessa Gonzalez on July 31, 2021*

Catholic Divorce Ministry Council-Help and Hope for Single Parents

This will take place on **Wednesday's June 23 to September 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm**. There aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges single parents face. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, but sometimes it's all you can do to survive from one day to the next. Single and Parenting is a special weekly group that will bring hope to your life. For more info. Contact **Jerry Pyne @714-309-2424** or email msajtp@yahoo.com. Registration link: <https://www.singleandparenting.org/groups/134990>

Together In Mission
 Goal Amount: **\$45,707.00**
 Total Commitments: **\$56,064.00**
 Percent to Goal: **123%**



Knights of Columbus Council #3744

The Knights' is sponsoring a car show at the 7th Anniversary Westchester Farmers Market Celebration, **Sunday, August 15th, 9am-2pm**, in the Westchester Triangle (Sepulveda Eastway and W. 87th Street). There will be games and prizes for children at the Knights' Booth. The market will have many special vendors including face painting and balloon animal artists for kids, live music, and great food. Come down for a morning of fun, food, coffee, cars and community spirit. Contact **Paul Callinan @ paul.j.callinan@gmail.com** with questions.

**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 will begin 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** will begin on **September 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm**. Please call the church office to inquire @ **310/216-1145** or email **Toni Kerker** at tmkerker@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, September 12, 2021 at 1 pm**. 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.

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Jessica Leoni, daughter of Anthony and Lisa Leoni**. We pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Upcoming Funerals

Jessica Leoni's Funeral Service will be on **August 21, 2021 @10am** at **Visitation Church**.

Prayer Requests:

Please email them to vizprayerrequest@gmail.com.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
HOW TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE AFTER LOSING
YOUR BELOVED**

"You will never get over the death of a loved one, nor should you. But you will learn to continue living and sometimes in wonderful ways that you cannot imagine. Can you think of a better way to honor the memory of your beloved?"

WHEN: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 6 Tuesdays
STARTING: TUESDAY, SEPT 7, 2021
ENDING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

WHERE: VISITATION CHURCH
6561 W. 88TH ST. AT EMERSON
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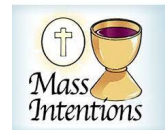
WHY: ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE either recently or years ago who have not processed their grief. Also excellent for family members experiencing approaching death of a beloved.

WHAT: THIS GROUP IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN RECLAIMING YOUR LIFE BY DISCUSSING:
THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF GRIEF, WHAT IS NORMAL GRIEVING, WAYS OF COPING, SCRIPTURE READING AND HOW OUR FAITH HELPS US THROUGH THE GRIEVING PROCESS;
SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM GOALS; A BRIGHTER TOMORROW;
JOURNALING, MEDITATION, VISUALIZATION AND SHARING ARE SOME OF THE METHODS WE WILL BE USING. THIS IS INVALUABLE TO YOUR HEALING. BE PROACTIVE!

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$80.00 FOR BOOKS AND MATERIALS
Please plan to attend ALL 6 sessions.

WHO: FOR MORE INFO & TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CALL CANDY BLANKENSHIP AT 310-338-9043. Or email at blank8840@gmail.com
For more resources on grief see the Bereavement webpage: visitationchurch-la.com (look under resources and click on "bereavement")

**Mass Intentions
Aug. 16-Aug. 22, 2021**



- 8/16 8am Mass-**Fortunio Sales** (Dec'd)
- 8/17 8am Mass-**Emilie Killean** (Special Intention) (Living)
- 8/18 8am Mass-**For the sick in the Parish and Darren Massey**(Dec'd)
- 8/19 8am Mass-**Bob McElroy**(Dec'd)
- 8/20 8am Mass-**Bill Holyk** (Dec'd)
- 8/21 5pm Mass-**Ernie Ramirez** (Dec'd)
- 8/22 8am Mass-**Jim Sloan** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-**Rebeca Islas** (Special Intention) (Living)

To request a **Mass Intention** please call the Rectory at **310-216-1145**.

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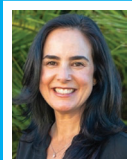
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