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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.

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

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.**

Church of the Visitation



MISSION STATEMENT

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love..."

Marcus Aurelius

RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

Pastor's Post

WIVES BE SUBMISSIVE TO YOUR HUSBANDS

I'll bet that got your attention! This passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which we read last week always provokes a response. It can be used to establish men's domination over women as if ordained by God. It can also be dismissed by others as an archaic possibly misogynistic expression that should be ignored. Both are wrong. So how do we interpret it? As this is God's Word given to us, we can never allow ourselves the arrogance of simply discarding it. Nor do we cut and paste: taking one scripture passage from its context and gluing it onto present society. Rather what we must do is put ourselves as best we can into the shoes of the original audience and into the mind of the original author to understand what was being said and understood by that author and audience in that era (exegesis). And then we do the careful task of translating that truth into our modern life (hermeneutic). That modern understanding -hermeneutic - must always be within the boundaries established by the Teaching Office of the Catholic Church.

So. What does it mean? First we put it in context. The passage begins with "Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Eph. 5:21) From that, all else that follows flows. "Wives should be subordinate (sometimes translated as 'submissive') to their husbands as to the Lord." (V.22) What would be an ordinary societal injunction of that era finds a new context "...as to the Lord." How is it that I hear and reverence God in my life? So too should wives do with their husbands. There must be a holiness in the relationship.

Now, here comes the really important part. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her..." (v.25) In an era when women had no rights and were considered property that could be gained through marriage or dismissed through divorce, Paul, speaking the Word of God, demands a new relationship. A husband must love his wife as Christ loved the church. As Jesus said, "I came not to be served but to serve and to give my lifefor the many." As Jesus was the first servant, he called his disciples to that same understanding (Remember the washing of the apostle's feet at the Last Supper and the telling his disciples, "As I have done so now must you do.") Husbands are called by God to serve their wives, not domineer them. In short, both the husband and wife find a new way of being married, a path that calls for each to defer to the other, to serve the other, to place the other before oneself. This is the sort of relationship that God is calling people to.

Now, that would be a marriage made in heaven.

Fr. Jim



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
WESTCHESTER, CA 90045
O’GRADY CENTER – park in parking lot – masks/vaccines are mandatory; depending on more COVID restrictions, we may do Zoom. TBD.

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: \$60.00 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”)

DID YOU KNOW? August 28-29 || Teach children how to answer the door safely

You would never knowingly let someone dangerous or unsafe into your home. But it is impossible to fully vet every stranger — maintenance worker, new neighbor, salesperson, etc — who shows up at your door. Teach children a few tips about answering (or not answering) the doorbell. Consider these rules, or something similar, for your family: Always look to see who is at the door first. If the person is a stranger, get an adult to answer the door. Do not open the door to someone you do not know. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Beware of inviting other people – and vulnerability – into your house,” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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bulletin
(as space permits
thru Oct 15)



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FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

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San Fernando, CA
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please call and leave message:

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Total Commitments: **\$56,679.00**
Percent to Goal: **124%**



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>

Knights of Columbus Council #3744 Picnic

Parish families are invited to join the **Knights of Columbus** for their Annual Picnic & Awards Celebration, **Sunday, August 29th, Noon-5pm**, outdoors at the **Babe Ruth Baseball Field, 8141 Gulana Avenue in Playa Del Rey**. **FREE** food, fun, and games for families of Knights, or anyone else interested in learning about what the Knights of Columbus are doing in the Westchester/Playa Del Rey community. American Heritage Girls, and Boy Scouts will all be there. **Contact Tino Carbajal, phone 323-864-3091** 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 religiouseducationvc@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 those who lost a loved one. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Prayer Requests:

Please email them to vizprayerrequest@gmail.com.



Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

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**Mass Intentions
Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 2021**



- 8/30 8am Mass-**Jessica Leoni** (Dec'd)
- 8/31 8am Mass-**For the people of Haiti going through the earthquake disaster** (Special Intentions)
- 9/1 8am Mass-**For the sick in the Parish and Victoria Soto** (Special Intentions)
- 9/2 8am Mass-**Nancy Doll** (Special Intentions)
- 9/3 8am Mass-**For the Afghanistan people** (Special Intentions)
- 9/4 5pm Mass-**Ann Gervais Dorn** (Dec'd)
- 9/5 8am Mass-**Dick Wohlgemuth** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-**Hector Fernandez** (Dec'd)

To request a **Mass Intention** please call the Rectory

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SPIRITUAL GROUPS**SPIRIT OF MARY PRAYER GROUP**—Beverly Razzeto**FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR**—Barbara Berg**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**—Barbara Berg**LENT UNPLUGGED**—Kathy McGrath & Michael Kramer**CHINESE BIBLE STUDY**—**SATURDAY NIGHTS IN PCU**—Nancy Chen**DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY**— Mary Lou Ward

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YOUNG ADULT AND TEEN GROUP MINISTRY**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**— Joseph Berg**TEEN GROUP MINISTRY**—Geremy Brosmer

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