

September 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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)

Holy Hour will take place this Friday, October 1st
from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, closing with Benediction. All
are invited to come spend time in silent prayer and
Adoration.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries.
Without them, humanity cannot survive.

Dalai Lama



**Any who give you
a cup of water
to drink
because
you belong
to Christ,
amen,
I say to you,
will surely
not lose
their reward.**

Mark 9:41

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Pastor's Post

A Prayer in time of Covid

Back in November of 2020, when the pandemic was so frightening and the restrictions so prevalent, I sent you this prayer to help us all through a difficult time. I ran across it on Tuesday of this week, and even though the situation has changed dramatically since then, this prayer still can speak to us all. It is easy to forget how things were, and how they might one day be. This is a prayer of hope.

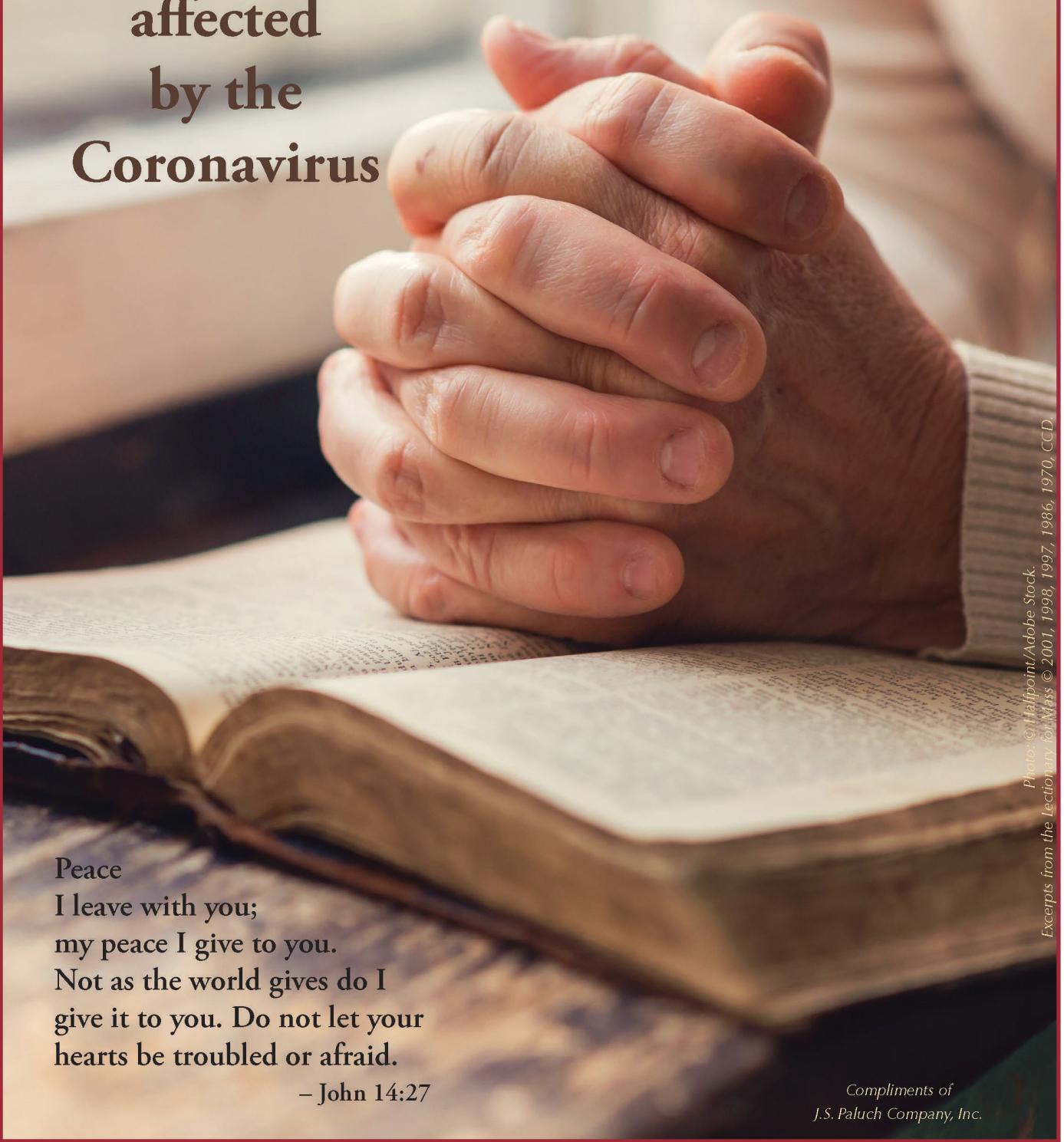
Covid Poem

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way--better
for each other
because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

Fr. Jim

Pray
for
all those
affected
by the
Coronavirus



Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.

– John 14:27

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DID YOU KNOW? September 25-26 || Keep video games safe

If your children play video games, it is important to know what they are playing and who they are playing with. Although video games may look like a solo activity, many involve teams or groups where players meet online. Talk to your children about what they are playing, and what they are talking about with other players. Remind them about your internet safety rules, and what information they can and cannot share online. You can also research a game's content at the Entertainment Software Rating Board, www.esrb.org. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2021/schools-out-for-summer-gaming-safety-for-kids.html>.



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- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily
- Local contact: Teressa Syta, 310-592-4213 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 3rd @1pm in the Visitation Parking Lot

Each October, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals with our own Blessing of the Animals. Our community is invited to bring their furry friends for a special blessing.



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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is by definition the primary Advisory group for the Pastor. Fr. Jim sees the PPC as more than just advisory and classifies the group as an integral part of our Parish Leadership. Thus he sees us having a more active role in helping the Parish continuing to thrive and run smoothly. Members are usually also active in other parish ministries and/or at the school. We just had our first post-summer meeting and are looking forward to the coming year and serving our Parish community in the best way possible. See you at the O'Grady Pub! For questions, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME WAGON

Our Welcome Wagon (WW) committee was spun off from the PPC about 5 years ago. This committee, as the name suggests, is focused on welcoming new parishioners, but it is really more than that. Fr. Tim is at the helm and here is what we are currently focused on:

The WW is working on additional ways to welcome any and all newly registered parishioners whether it be a new school family, someone who has moved into the area or who was previously registered at another parish. We assign a committee member/volunteer to call each newly registered parishioner to personally welcome them and make sure they are informed on what is currently going on in the parish.

WW is also accepting volunteers to be official Mass greeters...arriving at the Mass of their choice about 10 minutes early and GREETING people, introducing themselves, and even asking them if they are new to the area or visiting. Specific guidance will be given.

Last but not least, we are on a mission to re-imagine and re-establish Hospitality after the Sunday Masses. This is our Coffee & Donuts, but we see hospitality as being as much about greeting and welcoming people after Masses. As of right now the plan is to start by having Hospitality one Sunday a month....starting soon!

All of the areas mentioned above need volunteers in order to be successful, thus if you are interested in finding out more information, joining the committee as a whole OR just interested in one specific area as a volunteer, please contact Guylaine Brosmer at mgbrosmer@sbcglobal.net or Fr. Tim McGowan at tmcgowan033@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, October 17, 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 **Magdalen Fesus**. Please pray for her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Prayer Requests:

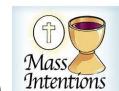
Please email them to vizprayerrequests@gmail.com.



MISSALETTES

We will not be returning to the use of missalettes for the foreseeable due to all the uncertainty that the COVID virus has brought on. Who knows what will happen next? But we realize that some people still like to have the daily and Sunday readings along with meditations and prayers available to them. So if you are interested, you can purchase through the parish at a huge discount a prayer book named "The Word Among Us" for only **\$20 per year**. If interested, please call the rectory and register your name.

Mass Intentions Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2021



9/27 8am Mass-**Mariano Laureola** (Dec'd)
9/28 8am Mass-**For all the priests at Visitation** (Special Intention)
9/29 8am Mass-**For the sick in the parish and Evelyn Paranto** (Dec'd)
9/30 8am Mass-**April Carlson (Dec'd) and Bret Osterberg** (Special Intention)
10/1 8am Mass-**Alicia Sales** (Dec'd)
10/2 5pm Mass-**Anne Gervais Dorn** (Dec'd)
10/3 8am Mass-**Jim Van Dusen** (Dec'd) and 11am Mass-**Margot Castro** (Dec'd)
To request a **Mass Intention** please call the rectory at **310-216-1145**.

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310-505-4616

SENIORS BINGO—Lenore Rotolo

310-670-6936

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