

JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Msgr. James Forsen,
Pastor**

Father James O'Grady,
Pastor Emeritus
Father Timothy McGowan,
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Father James Anguiano,
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January 2021 Mass Schedule

Daily Mass @ 8:00 am

(online only)

Sunday Mass @ 9:30 am

(online only)

Both Masses are live-streamed
and can be viewed on our website
at www.visitationchurch-la.com

Note: No in-person Masses at this
time due to the rising cases of the
Coronavirus.

 Church of the Visitation



MISSION STATEMENT

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

**QUOTE OF
THE WEEK**

"Two things define you:

1. Your patience when you have
nothing.

2. Your attitude when you have
everything." —*Imam Ali*.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL— Guylaine Brosmer
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PARISH ENVIRONMENT—Father Tim McGowan
PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE— Donna Miller
PARISH EM TO HOMEBOUND COORDINATOR— Mary Anne Villeneuve
PARISH BEREAVEMENT—Candy Blankenship
PARISH FUNERAL COORDINATOR—Toni Kerker
PARISH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY—various groups
PARISH ALTAR SERVER PROGRAM— Sue Mapes
PARISH LECTOR TRAINING—Sue Mapes
PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING— Donna Miller
PARISH SCHEDULING OF SUNDAY LECTORS—Sue Mapes
PARISH SCHEDULING OF SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
PARISH DAILY MASS EM SCHEDULER—Tanya Gutierrez
PARISH SUNDAY USHERS—Dick Van Dusen
PARISH WELCOME WAGON—Father Tim McGowan
PARISH BAPTISM SHEPHERDS— Father Tim McGowan

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PARISH GROUPS & OUTREACH

MARY AND MARTHA— Toni Kerker & Mary Lou Ward
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Paul Condran
SENIORS BINGO – Lenore Rotolo
WEDNESDAY LUNCHES FOR ST. MARGARET'S —Dick Van Dusen
MERCY BAGS—Dan Smith
MONTHLY ST. MARGARET FOOD DRIVE—Knights of Columbus
CORNERSTONE MEN'S GROUP— Jerry Feldman
CORNERSTONE WOMEN'S GROUP—Mary Rotolo
RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE—NEED A VOLUNTEER

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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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CHOIRS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR 11AM Joanne Rachford
ADULT CHOIR FOR 5PM —Joanne Rachford
ADULT CHOIR FOR 9:30AM —Kathy McGrath & Jim Tebow

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Pastor Notes

RE-OPENING VISITATION

My brothers and sisters, I have been thinking often about when and how to reopen Visitation. As I am writing this to you, according to Los Angeles County of Public Health, Westchester has lost 29 people since the pandemic started, has had 345 Covid infections in the past two weeks, and hospital capacity in LA County is at 90%. The idea of re-opening and possibly incurring an outbreak here at Visitation frightens me, both for you, my parishioners as well as for our priests. But on the other hand, what? Do we remain closed forever? There is no absolutely safe solution, but perhaps we can reach for the safest possible solution. The Gates Model foresees the pandemic peaking February 3, and then starting to decline in Los Angeles. I am considering therefore a reopening of our church on February 17, Ash Wednesday. That should allow enough time to see if in fact the pandemic has declined sufficiently to allow for relatively safe sacramental celebrations. I will be (Zoom) meeting with the leadership of our parish in this coming week to discuss this with them, and to identify the best and safest ways of accomplishing this. As I have said before, I know how difficult it has been for so many of you to be away from the sacraments, especially the reception of the Eucharist. I am truly sorry for this deprivation that I have caused all of you, but as your pastor, I cannot allow for you to be in harm's way. This past week, I have lost two dear friends to Covid; I do not wish to lose any of you.

I will be in touch with you soon on how we will go about this plan. Please continue to pray for our parish and for all the victims of this terrible disease.

Fr. Jim

Did you know? Talk to your children about social media challenges

Children have spent many months at home now, separated from friends and classmates. Social media is a great tool to stay in touch, but there are definitely dangerous aspects to much "screen time" that parents need to be aware about. Social media challenges range from funny and harmless to risky and dangerous - and sometimes even illegal. If your child has social media accounts, talk to them about making smart choices and about knowing the difference between harmless pranks and seriously dangerous stunts. Make a pact to discuss anything they see their friends or acquaintances doing before they try it out at home. For more tips on social media safety, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

SEPARATED, DIVORCED & WIDOWED MINISTRY-OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**Free Zoom Presentation: Saturday, January 30, 2021 (1:00-3:00 pm)****"The Forgotten Steps to Achieving Your Dreams" Presented by Joe Silorra LMFT**

Many saints achieved great things, beyond what they imagined they ever could. They accomplished them, not with natural abilities, but by faith, trust, and a willingness to dare and act. This Zoom presentation will explore the psychological and spiritual principals that will enable you to live boldly and achieve your dreams!

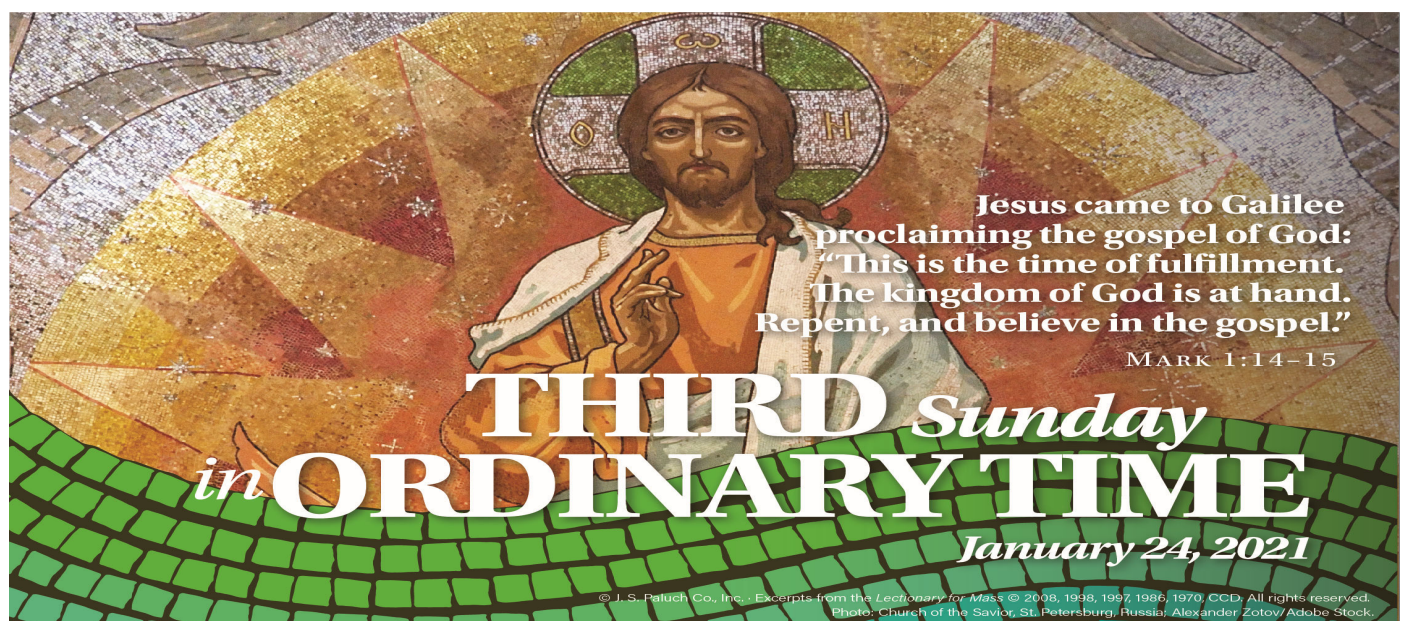
Registrations are on a first come first serve basis so please register immediately via Zoom:

https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZTAekQ1sRYWgD4VY1V2EBw

For any questions: Please email Julie Monell-Auzenne; jmonell@la-archdiocese.org

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, February 21, 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.



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