

OCTOBER 25, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass is streamed at
RenewVisitation.org at **9:30am**
every Sunday until further notice.
Daily Mass is streamed at **8am** but
available on line any time on the
same day.
We are celebrating **8am** daily
Mass and Sunday
Masses at **5pm**
Saturday Night,
Sundays at **8am**
9:30am and 11am
in the Junior High
playground behind
the convent.
Please register
online to attend all
masses at
**www.visitation-
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on the Friday prior
to the week of the
event.

Church of the Visitation

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A Roman Catholic
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celebrating Christ's
presence among us.



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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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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

As many of you probably have already heard, due to some intermittent chest pain and shortness of breath over the past weekend, I thought it best that I check in with my doctor who thought it best that I check in to the ER. As of this writing, tests are still being done to determine the cause, whether it is vascular or skeletal. Initial tests have ruled out a heart attack, thank God. So we will see what the future holds. Well, more than the future, we will see what God holds in His hands, namely, myself and all of us. We all hold each other in each other's hands, and the Visitation hands that have held me have been nothing but grace. I will keep you posted.

Even in the dark valley, God's grace shines. When I was in the emergency room, waiting for a hospital bed to open, I was watching game 7 of the Atlanta Braves versus the Los Angeles Dodgers. (If that game didn't give me a heart attack, nothing will.) In the ninth inning, with the Dodgers winning by one run, with two outs and Braves player at the plate, the hospital orderlies arrived to transfer me to another part of the hospital. Just at that moment, my nurse came into the room and told them, "He's not going anywhere until the next out." God bless the nurses of this world.

Go Dodgers!

-Fr. Jim

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, began on Sunday, **September 27th**. 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

CONFIRMATION and Youth Ministry programs began in September. If you are still 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.

**FOR SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
FOR YOUR INTENTIONS OR FOR
OTHERS -** Please email them to vizprayerrequest@gmail.com. Your prayer request is not for a Mass. Mass intentions need to be sent online through our website at visitationchurch-la.com.

**Fr. O'Grady has moved to Silverado
Memory Care Community in Redondo
Beach.**

New mailing address:

Fr. Jim O'Grady

**Silverado Memory Care Community
514 North Prospect Ave.
Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

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, November 15, 2020 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 receiving envelopes in the mail, please call the office for an appointment with the pastor or associate pastor.

R.C.I.A.

Do you want to find out more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you looking for meaning in your life during these unprecedented times?

Perhaps you need to complete your sacraments.

Or maybe you know someone—a family member, neighbor or friend—who would like to know more about the Catholic Church.

RCIA is more than a course of instruction, it is a spiritual journey!

Please contact our RCIA team through

Toni Kerker at tmkerker@gmail.com.

We welcome you!

WE SHARE THEIR GRIEF

Visitation Parish Community extends their sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Carolyn Watson**, a longtime parishioner who died this past week. We pray for the repose of her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This year's **40 Days for Life** campaign runs from **September 23 through November 1**. During this time, we are invited to pray and fast for an end to abortion, and for healing for those wounded by abortion. You are invited to join this prayer campaign, either from your home or onsite in Lawndale. For general information about this campaign, please go here (www.40daysforlife.com/lawndale). For other questions, please contact Teresa Syta at 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

How to help your children with anxiety

We're living in uncertain times, and our anxiety about what is happening today, and will happen in the future, can trickle down to our children, making them anxious, too. This anxiety may manifest in new fears, such that a child becomes reluctant to try new things, or it may exacerbate existing fears, such that a child becomes even more anxious than before. Parents can help their children with anxiety by practicing techniques for deep breathing, ensuring regular exercise and talking honestly about feelings and concerns. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS article

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Daytime Bible Study will begin a new eight week study entitled **"Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother"** on Monday, **November 9** at **1PM** via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this study, please email Mary Lou Ward at mlafward@gmail.com before **October 24** for registration and materials information. The cost is **\$25.00** for workbook and video access.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come; before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O' Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

O Lord, we pray for the end to this pandemic. Give courage to the suffering, comfort to the dying and consolation to the grieving. Renew in us a spirit of loving generosity, unshakeable hope and unfailing trust in your mercy. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Mary our Mother. Amen.

VONS TURKEY BUCKS— Our local Vons market (little Vons) is giving an opportunity to all its patrons to donate **\$1, \$5, or \$10** to help bring a traditional holiday meal made from their service deli. All of the turkey dinners will be given to Visitation Parish which will then in turn pass them onto Saint Margaret Center to help out our less fortunate neighbors. Turkey bucks program will begin on **October 24th** and will continue until **Thanksgiving day, November 26th**. We are very thankful to Vons considering Visitation Church for this Thanksgiving gift.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST AND PUMPKIN CARVING

When: **Friday, October 30, 2020**

Time: **5:30pm-7:30pm**

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