

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

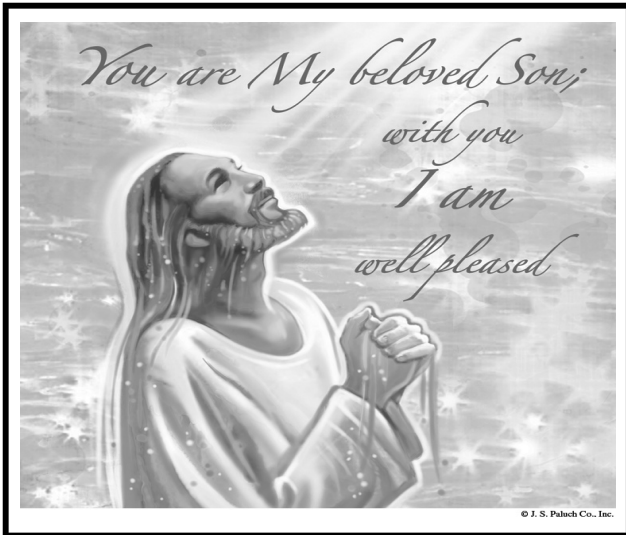
Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

The Baptism of the Lord

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January 11, 2015

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Sunday Masses: Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm

Daily Masses: Monday - Saturday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 12:15pm and
7:00pm (Bilingual)

Eucharistic Adoration : First Monday of each month
8:30am to 8:30pm

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15pm

Baptism: 3rd weekend of each month.
Please contact the rectory office.

Marriage: 6 months notice is required.
Please contact the rectory office.

Anointing of The Sick: Sacrament for the sick is celebrated
upon request. Please contact the
rectory office.

Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Please contact the rectory office.

Parish Staff

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez	821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez	821-5058
Church Care	Catalina Blasi	821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo	821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza	821-5058
Bookkeeper	Joe Stockemer.....	821-5058

Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....	463-9017
Altar Society	Chris Putziger.....	396-3265

Eucharistic Ministry:

In Church	Yvonne Frontera.....	902-1234
To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman	821-5058
In Church	Romeo Santos.....	973-4129
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos	973-4129

Ministry of the Word

English	Terri Ong	560-0979
Spanish	Erick Yela	463-9080
Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo	821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo	821-5058

Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings	902-0109
Adult Choir	Valerie Vinnard ...	323-804-7720
Spanish Choir	Alex Venegas.....	213-675-0564
Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....	478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..	906-9035

Ushers

Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ...	821-6612
Secretary	Mary Ann Welchance	821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson.....	821-6612

Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard.....	822-1201 ext 249
Office Secretary	Maria Acosta...822-1201	ext 250
Confirmation	Edwin Ambrosio822-1201	ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis...822-1201	ext 247

Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt.....	827-1585
Guadalupanas	Isaias Flores.....	391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Harry Williams.....	323-542-8511
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy	823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez	735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....	306-2796
Cursillo Group	George Martin.	572-1242
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Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)	822-1201
Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fabiola Andrade.....	945-6044

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Whenever I read the Gospel passages relating to the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, it reminds me of the time in May of 1994 when I stood with my Mom and 48 other pilgrims in the waters of the Jordan River renewing our own Baptismal Promises. Many of us (if not most of us) were Baptized as infants or small children, and our parents and Godparents made promises to raise us in the faith and to teach us about God and His loving message. So, when we renew our Baptismal Promises, we remember what God calls us to and how He guides us on our journey of faith.

The Baptism of the Lord is the official end of the Christmas season. This week I have been taking my last looks at the beautiful decorations that were carefully placed in front of the altar, on the church walls, and suspended from the ceiling. And I am amazed at how wonderful our church looks! Thank you to one and all who put so many hours into making our church such a beautiful place in which to worship.

And I would also like to thank all of our parish ministers who helped make our celebrations so meaningful. The Knights of Columbus constructed the stable and manger outside of the church so that each person who passed by would be able to have a true experience of the Christmas season. Our musicians, cantors, choir members, and other liturgical ministers made our Masses that much more special. Our office staff and maintenance personnel did a magnificent job handling the phones and mail and keeping the church and church grounds clean and looking nice. Many thanks to each of you!

During my first year as your Pastor I am amazed at how so many people come together to make challenging projects a time of fellowship and praise. And isn't that what Christmas is all about?

So, as we come to the end of this Christmas season, I want to wish each of you a blessed, peace-filled, and spiritual 2015!

May the Lord continue to bless us always and in all ways,

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Cuando leo los pasajes del Evangelio relacionados con el bautismo de Jesús en el Río Jordán, me recuerda cuando, en mayo del año 1994, estuve con mi mamá y 48 peregrinos en las aguas del Río Jordán renovando nuestras propias promesas del bautismo. Muchos de nosotros (si no la mayoría de nosotros) fuimos bautizados cuando éramos bebés o niños pequeños y nuestros padres y padrinos hicieron la promesa de criarnos en la fe y enseñarnos acerca de Dios y su mensaje amoroso. Entonces, cuando renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales, recordamos lo que Dios llama a y cómo él nos guía en nuestro camino de fe.

El bautismo del Señor es el fin oficial de la temporada navideña. Esta semana he estado mirando las hermosas decoraciones que fueron cuidadosamente colocadas frente al altar, en los muros de la iglesia y suspendidas del techo. Y estoy maravillado de como se ve nuestra iglesia.

Gracias a todos y cada uno de ustedes que pusieron tantas horas en hacer nuestra iglesia un lugar tan hermoso en el cual venimos a adorar. Y también me gustaría agradecer a todos nuestros ministros de la parroquia que ayudaron a hacer nuestras celebraciones tan significativas. Los caballeros de Colón construyeron un pesebre fuera de la iglesia para que cada persona que pasara pudiera tener una verdadera experiencia de la época navideña. Gracias a nuestros músicos, cantores, miembros del coro y otros ministros litúrgicos que hacen nuestras Misas especiales. Nuestro personal de mantenimiento y personal de oficina hizo un trabajo magnífico manejando los teléfonos y correo y manteniendo la iglesia limpia. Muchas gracias a cada uno de ustedes.

Durante mi primer año como su Pastor me asombra cómo tantas personas se unen para hacer proyectos desafiantes un tiempo de compañerismo y de alabanza. ¿Y no es eso lo que es Navidad?

Así, al llegar al final de esta temporada de Navidad, quiero desear a cada uno de ustedes un 2015 espiritual y lleno de paz.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

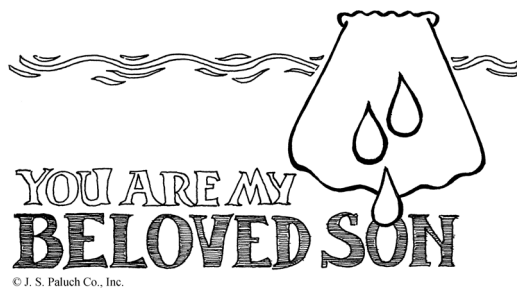
SPIRITUAL LIFE

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

This Tuesday, January 13th, we will begin our parish's "Journey Through the Bible" program. We will meet in the Parish Hall from 10:00am - 11:00am and will repeat the same session from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, also in the Parish Hall. This is not an in-depth study of Scriptures; it is more of a "Beverly Hills Bus Tour" through the Bible. We will discuss different translations of the Bible, and what the difference is between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible. Then we will begin with the Gospel of Mark, as most Biblical scholars believe that it was the first Gospel written. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Saint Mark Church is in need of altar servers! Any young person, grade 5 and higher, interested in becoming an altar server for St. Mark Church, please contact Joan Horne. venicejoanie@hotmail.com



THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual St. Mark Parish Men Retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre. The retreat begins Friday January 23, 2015 (evening) and concludes Sunday January 25, 2015 (noon). The lovely grounds and peaceful atmosphere of Mater Dolorosa make this a perfect spot for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. For reservations please contact one of the individuals listed below:
Fritz Hirt: (310) 827-1585
Stan Bacon: (310) 823-7227
Richard Stromberg: (310) 386-4907 (Cell)

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Women's retreat will be held on the serene grounds of The Sacred Heart Retreat House located at 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801. It begins Friday, January 23rd at 5:00pm and ends on Sunday, January 25th at 12:30pm. Reservations are required. For more information, please contact Mary Latini at 310-821-7515.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus wishes you a Happy New Year and may this year bring you closer to God! We also invite you to consider joining the Knights of Columbus this new year. For more information please contact me:
Harry Williams, Grand Knight
323-542-8511

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Heb 1:1-6; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes:	Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles:	Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves:	Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado:	Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Confirmation

Preparation sessions begin at St. Mark on Jan. 24. Registration is required. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

RCIA

Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the sacraments of initiation is held next Wednesday Jan. 14 at 6:30pm in the school. Please call 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

Teen Confirmation Schedule

Second year Confirmation candidates meet this afternoon Jan. 11 at 2pm in the hall. The first year group meets in the parish hall next Sunday Jan. 18 beginning at 11am.

Children's Liturgy and Early Childhood

St. Mark Parish is pleased to offer two opportunities during our 9am Mass to help our children better understand and pray the Liturgy. Early Childhood for children who are 4, 5 or in kindergarten offers an experiential approach to God's love and his presence in community. Parents bring their children to the school before mass and return to pick them up at its conclusion. Registration is required.

Children's Liturgy invites children in grades 1-6 to read, study and pray the Readings of the Mass together. Parents are always welcome to observe or to volunteer. Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

This Week at St. Mark's Jan 12, - Jan 18, 2014

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church Journey through the Bible 10:00am - Hall RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School Journey through the Bible 7:00pm - Hall
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA Inquiry 7:00pm - School
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School
Fri.	8:00am School Mass - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	The Baptism of the Lord Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm Early Childhood 9:00am Children's Liturgy 9:00am

Mass Schedule

Sat. Jan 17	5:30pm Msgr. John Morales
Sun. Jan 18	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am Fr. Tom King
	10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Jan 10	5:30pm Paula Shmoon †
Sun. Jan 11	7:30am Kassandra Hernandez †
	9:00am Maria Luisa Robledo †
	10:30am Maria Luisa Lopez †
	12:00pm Felix Bocanegra †
	5:30pm Andres Moreta Damiron †
Mon. Jan 12	8:00am Maria Cueva †
Tues. Jan 13	8:00am Maurice DuBois †
Wed. Jan 14	8:00am Virgen de Guadalupe
Thurs. Jan 15	8:00am Angela Martin †
Fri. Jan 16	8:00am Lee J. Walters †
Sat. Jan 17	8:00am Inez Watson †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — He aquí mi siervo a quien he dado mi espíritu. (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) *o* *Isaías 55:1-11*.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) *o* *Isaías 12:2-6*.

Segunda lectura — Dios ha ungido a Jesús por el Espíritu Santo y el poder (Hechos 10:34-38) *ó* *1 Juan 5:1-9*.

Evangelio — Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, al que miro con cariño (Marcos 1:7-11).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Help children game safely online

Thousands of children and young people received game consoles for Christmas. Parental involvement is critical when it comes to helping children online game more safely. Take an active interest in the games that your child plays alone or with others. You can research games' ratings and content on www.esrb.org. This website is maintained by the Entertainment Software Rating Board which rates thousands of games each year. Another tip is to know which safety features are available on the gaming equipment that your child uses—a headset may have voice-masking features. For more information visit on using gaming sites go to: <http://www.netsmartz.org/Gaming>.

For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650 or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS

Ayude a sus hijos a jugar con seguridad

Miles de niños y jóvenes recibieron consolas de juegos para la Navidad. Muestre interés en los juegos que sus hijos quieren jugar o comprar. Puede hacer una investigación de la calificación de estos juegos y sus contenidos en www.esrb.org. Este sitio web es manejado por la Junta Directiva para Calificar el Software de Entretenimiento, que califica miles de juegos cada año. Aquí se ofrecen unos consejos: Aprenda qué características de seguridad están disponibles en los equipos de juego que su hijo usa, un audifono puede tener características para enmascarar voces. Para más información visite <http://www.netsmartz.org/Gaming>.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650 o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals-on-wheels program located in Culver City, serves areas in Venice, Mar Vista, Culver City, Marina del Rey & Westchester. This invaluable program provides home delivered meals for those who need this assistance due to age, disability, illness or convalescence. For only \$7.00 per day, clients receive both a hot and cold meal. For more information please call Pam Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.

LEGION OF MARY

Are you striving towards holiness and spiritual growth? Join the Legion of Mary on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the school. For information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is in need of receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick or is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the rectory at 310-821-5058 to arrange a time for a visit.


TURNING POINT SHELTER

Calling all students in need of service hours. Turning Point Shelter needs help Monday - Thursday between 3:30pm - 6:30pm preparing and serving dinner for their clients. Please call Donna Miller at 310-264-6646 ext 235.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the 1560s, the Council of Trent attempted to standardize the widely variant customs for the pastoral care of the sick and dying. We had inherited a practice called “extreme unction,” from the Latin words meaning anointing at the point of death. The deeper tradition, however, is about the prayer of faith that will heal and restore the sick person, and is straight from the Letter of James. The Fathers went back to the beginning, and while not discarding the “extreme unction” name, made a plea for the proper use of this sacrament. As soon as a person is in danger of death from sickness or old age, they reasoned, the time for the sacrament had already arrived.

As a result of this desire, the next ritual text for anointing contained an innovation: a rite for visiting the sick that included readings from scripture, psalms, and prayers. Old customs fade slowly, however, and the quality of pastoral care languished for centuries while people delayed the celebration of a consoling and effective sacrament, sometimes missing the opportunity completely. A priest ministering to a dying and unconscious patient alone in a room has never been the desire of the Church. Our tradition is far too rich for this sacrament to be celebrated in such a diminished and ungenerous manner.



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