

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

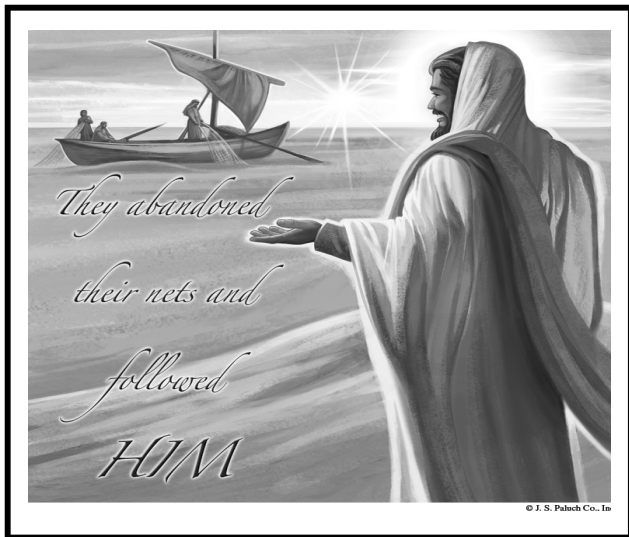
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 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
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Holy Eucharist for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Please contact the rectory office.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

In my homily at the Masses last week I made reference to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times editorial page entitled, "Godless kids turn out just fine." In this Op-Ed piece the writer questions the importance of raising children in a faith-based home, and he gives his opinion that children will turn out just as well without having any religious upbringing. Of course, I disagree. That is why we have a Catholic Church and a Catholic School here at Saint Mark. That is why we have our various parish ministries. And that is why we encourage each person to discern the purpose for which God has created him or her.

In our Gospel this Sunday Jesus tells us that, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." For many people in our world, the kingdom of God is a meaningless term. Repent? Some will ask, "What do I have to be sorry for?" Believe in the Gospel? Others will ask, "Why? The Gospel only challenges me in the way that I am living my life. Why should I believe in it?"

As I said at Mass, we can be moral, ethical, and kind people without any form of religious belief in our lives. We all know people like that. But, I still ask, is that all that we are called to? Does the Gospel tell us to simply, do good and avoid evil? Was the Savior of the world crucified for telling us to simply live moral, ethical lives? Our faith calls us to much more than that. And that is why we are Catholics. That is why we are members of Saint Mark Church and School. And that is why we are active in our parish ministries. Each of us has a purpose. Each of us was created by God for a particular reason. And each of us is called to respond as people of faith, walking in the Light of Christ!

During this week let us each take some time to pray and reflect upon the reason that God created us. Let us take some time to really discern what our purpose in life really is. And, let us continue to walk in the footsteps of the Son of God who walks with us in the same way in which He walked with His disciples 2,000 years ago!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

En mi homilía en las Misas de la semana pasada hice referencia a un reciente artículo en la página editorial de Los Ángeles Times titulada "niños ateos también resultan bien." En esta pieza Op-Ed el escritor cuestiona la importancia de criar hijos en un hogar basadas en la fe, y da su opinión de que los niños saldrán tan bien sin tener ninguna educación religiosa. Por supuesto, no estoy de acuerdo. Es por ello que contamos con una iglesia católica y una escuela católica aquí en San Marcos. Es por ello que tenemos nuestros diversos ministerios parroquiales. Y es por ello que animamos a cada persona para discernir el propósito para el cual Dios ha creado a él o ella.

En nuestro evangelio este domingo Jesús nos dice que: "este es el tiempo del cumplimiento. El Reino de Dios está cerca. Arrepentirse y creer en el Evangelio". Para muchas personas en nuestro mundo, el Reino de Dios es un término sin sentido. ¿Arrepentirse? Alguno se preguntará, "¿Qué debo lamentar?" ¿Creer en el Evangelio? Otros preguntarán, ¿Por qué? El Evangelio sólo me desafía en la forma en que estoy viviendo mi vida. ¿Por qué debo creer en él?"

Como dije en la Misa, podemos ser personas morales, éticas y amables sin ningún tipo de creencia religiosa en nuestras vidas. Todos conocemos a gente como esa. Pero todavía pregunto, ¿es esto todo lo que estamos llamados a? ¿El Evangelio nos dice que simplemente debemos hacer el bien y evitar el mal? ¿Fue el Salvador del mundo crucificado por nosotros para decirnos simplemente que tenemos que vivir moralmente y éticamente? Nuestra fe nos llama a mucho más que eso. Y es por eso que somos católicos. Es por eso que somos miembros de la Iglesia San Marcos y la escuela. Y es por ello que estamos activos en los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un propósito. Cada uno de nosotros fue creado por Dios por una razón particular. Y cada uno de nosotros está llamado a responder como personas de fe, caminando a la luz de Cristo.

Durante esta semana que cada uno tome algún tiempo para orar y reflexionar sobre la razón por la que Dios nos creó. Tomemos un tiempo realmente para discernir lo que realmente es nuestro propósito en la vida. Y sigamos los pasos del hijo de Dios que camina con nosotros en la misma forma en que caminaba con sus discípulos hace 2.000 años.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



We have scheduled a Casino fund raiser for Saturday, February 21st. A bus will pick us up at St. Mark Church at 9:30 am and take us to the Pala Casino near Temecula. \$25 includes bus, drinks & snacks, and \$5 to gamble with. Please arrive at St. Mark Church no later than 9:15am. Don't forget to bring your photo ID. We should get back around 7:00 pm. Any one 21 years or older is welcome. We need membership support for this important fund raiser. Tell your family and friends about it. Reservations are required.

For more information, contact Terry Ballentine at 310-351-9743 or TerrySold@aol.com

Harry Williams, Grand Knight
323-542-8511



Welcome to Our Community

Archibald Family
John, Eileen, Victoria & Sharon

Liza Espinas

John Schoemehl

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Ti 1:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 3:22-30
- Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
- Miércoles: Heb 10:11-18; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 4:1-20
- Jueves: Heb 10:19-25; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Mc 4:21-25
- Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34
- Sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41
- Domingo: Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation

Please pray for the teens and adults who are seeking to grow in their faith as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. This year St Mark Parish will welcome Bishop Gordon Bennett for the celebration of Confirmation on May 31.

RCIA

Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the sacraments of initiation is held next Wednesday January 28 at 6:30pm in the school. Please call 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

First Communion Meeting

Parents of Religious Education or St. Mark School children who are in their 2nd year of preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion will meet on Saturday morning January 31 at 9am in the school.



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This Week at St. Mark's Jan 26, - Feb 1, 2014

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School
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.	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 31	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Feb 1	7:30am Fr. Tom King
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Jan 24	5:30pm Sophie Tembreull †
Sun. Jan 25	7:30am Eleanor Enriquez †
	9:00am Manuel & Isabel Centeno †
	10:30am Auveen O'Neill †
	12:00pm Alenacio & Jubentina Esparza †
	5:30pm Richard Ballentine †
Mon. Jan 26	8:00am Mark Romero †
Tues. Jan 27	8:00am Maureen Power †
Wed. Jan 28	8:00am Carlos Acosta †
Thurs. Jan 29	8:00am Consuelo Lopez
Fri. Jan 30	8:00am Catherine Kutis †
Sat. Jan 31	8:00am Carol Master Pietro †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad y Dios no los castiga (Jonás 3:1-5, 10).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (1 Corintios 7:29-31).

Evangelio — El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:14-20).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Instagram: Photo and Video Posting Dangers for Young People

Teens and tweens frequently post photos online using their cell phones. One of the most popular mobile applications (apps) for photo sharing is called Instagram... Instagram allows members to digitally edit, upload and share photos and short videos with other members through the Instagram website, email, and other social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare, Tumbler, and Flickr—all with a single click. The biggest danger for young people is that the photos and videos that they are posting on Instagram are accessible to countless unintended viewers... which means the images can be viewed by anyone in the world. For complete VIRTUS® Article with helpful tips email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS

Instagram: peligros para jóvenes al colocar fotos y videos en internet

Los adolescentes y preadolescentes publican a menudo fotografías en línea empleando sus teléfonos celulares. Una de las aplicaciones más populares para compartir fotografías en los dispositivos móviles se llama Instagram. Instagram permite que los miembros editen, descarguen y compartan digitalmente fotografías y videos cortos con otros miembros por medio del sitio web de Instagram, correo electrónico y otros sitios de los medios sociales como Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare, Tumbler y Flickr, todo con un solo clic. El mayor peligro para los jóvenes es que a las fotografías y los videos que publican otros jóvenes en Instagram puede tener acceso un sinnúmero de espectadores a los cuales no se destinan... lo que significa que cualquier persona del mundo puede ver las imágenes. Para el artículo completo de VIRTUS® con consejos para los padres y adultos que cuidan, manden correo electrónico a: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al [\(213\) 637-7650](tel: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

As a result of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has defined a new pastoral plan for your care whenever you struggle with illness. There are rites for children, a communal rite for celebration in the parish, forms of care for the sick at each stage and transition, and for the desperately ill. There is a much broader interpretation of who may be anointed, including not only the visibly ill, but those battling addiction, or the elderly coping with the frustrating aches and pains of aging. Children under seven are normally not anointed, since the oil is associated with reconciliation. (For the same reason, they do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.) However, children close to that age who have a serious illness often gain a deep level of spiritual insight and maturity, and may benefit from catechesis for the Eucharist. Once admitted to confirmation and/or Eucharist, a sick child should be anointed. It is a great strength of our present rite that a section is included with prayers tailored to the experience and understanding of a child. Considering our recent history of being fairly sparing with this sacrament, the generosity of celebration today is helping us to retrieve an essential part of our tradition of reverence for the sick.