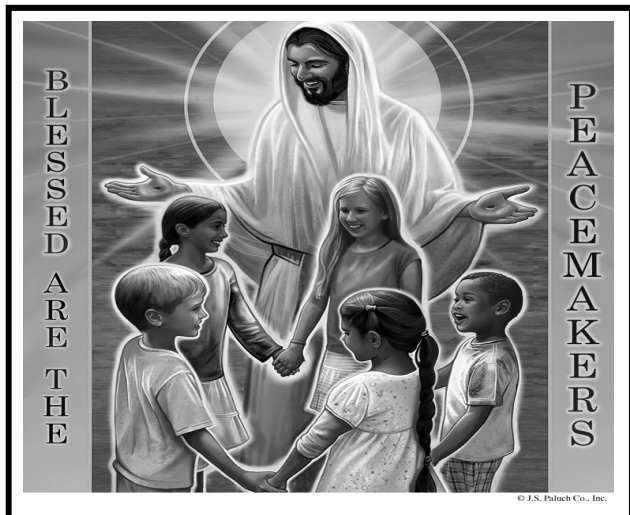


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

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

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week, an opportunity for us to give thanks for those who work so hard to provide a Catholic education to our children, and to showcase what is happening at St. Mark School. The goal of Catholic education is to form Catholic leaders for the future. Leaders in our Catholic families, our communities, our government, our businesses, and our world. Our children learn about the Bible, they learn the teachings of our Catholic faith, and they are given opportunities to develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime. This is all made possible through the efforts of our principal, our teachers, our office staff, our volunteers, and our school families. Each person who is involved with our school children has made a commitment to sharing our faith from generation to generation!

Our parish has made a commitment over the years to support our school in many different ways. Some years ago Father Guerrini and the parishioners established an endowment fund that enables us to provide a Catholic education to parish families who are struggling financially. Each year approximately \$20,000.00 is withdrawn from this fund and deposited into the school bank account specifically to assist the children of our parish who can not afford a Catholic education.

In addition, since I arrived here almost three years ago, the parish has provided funds for capital improvements to the building and grounds to keep up with modern day needs. For example:

- 2014-2015: \$73,622.00 For Painting and Repairs
- 2015-2016: \$35,000.00 For Improvements to the Outdoor Lunch Area
\$ 8,000.00 For Sewer Repairs and Upgrades
- 2016-2017: \$50,000.00 For Electrical Improvements
\$50,000.00 For Heating and Electrical Upgrades

Finally, many of our parishioners make donations to the school through their pink envelopes that go to support our school students through scholarships. Each year those donations total between \$4,000.00 and \$6,000.00 - and these donations enable children to attend St. Mark School at a reduced tuition rate, based on the financial situation of their families.

As you can see, our parish has made a strong commitment to Catholic education. Our goal is to see each of our children grow in the love of Christ, and to develop their sense of spirituality so that they can share our faith with future generations. The Gospel message has been spread throughout the world for over 2,000 years. We want to see that message continue to be spread until Jesus returns at His Second Coming!

During this week I invite you to keep St. Mark School in your prayers, as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

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

Father Paul Spellman

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy comenzamos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, una oportunidad para dar gracias por aquellos que trabajan tan duro para proporcionar una educación católica a nuestros hijos y para mostrar lo que está sucediendo en la escuela de San Marcos. El objetivo de la educación católica es formar líderes católicos para el futuro. Líderes en nuestras familias católicas, nuestras comunidades, nuestro gobierno, nuestras empresas y nuestro mundo. Nuestros niños aprenden acerca de la Biblia, aprenden las enseñanzas de nuestra fe católica, y se les da oportunidades para desarrollar habilidades de liderazgo que va a durar toda la vida. Esto es posible gracias a los esfuerzos de nuestro Directora, nuestros profesores, nuestro personal de oficina, nuestros voluntarios y las familias de nuestra escuela. Cada persona que participa con los niños de nuestra escuela se ha comprometido a compartir nuestra fe de generación en generación.

Nuestra parroquia se ha comprometido a través de los años a apoyar a nuestra escuela de muchas maneras diferentes. Hace algunos años el Padre Guerrini y los feligreses establecieron un fondo que nos permite ofrecer una educación católica a las familias de la parroquia que luchan financieramente. Cada año aproximadamente se retira \$20,000.00 de este fondo y es depositado en la cuenta de banco escolar específicamente para ayudar a los niños de nuestra parroquia que no pueden pagar por una educación católica.

Además, desde que llegué aquí hace casi tres años, la parroquia ha proporcionado fondos para mejoras el edificio para mantenerse con las necesidades de hoy en día. Por ejemplo:

- 2014-2015: \$73,622.00 para la pintura y reparaciones
- 2015-2016: \$35,000.00 para mejoras en el área de almuerzo al aire libre
\$ 8,000.00 para mejoras y reparaciones de alcantarillado
- 2016-2017: \$50,000.00 para mejoras eléctricas
\$50,000.00 para actualizaciones eléctricas y calefacción

Por último, muchos de nuestros feligreses hacen donaciones a la escuela a través de los sobres rosa que van a apoyar a nuestros estudiantes a través de becas. Cada año estas donaciones son de \$4,000.00 a \$6,000.00 - y estas donaciones permiten a los niños a asistir a la escuela de San Marcos en una tasa de matrícula reducida, basada en la situación financiera de sus familias.

Como se puede ver, nuestra parroquia ha hecho un fuerte compromiso con la educación católica. Nuestro objetivo es ver cada uno de nuestros hijos crecer en el amor de Cristo y a desarrollar su sentido de la espiritualidad para que puedan compartir nuestra fe con las generaciones futuras. El mensaje del Evangelio se ha extendido en todo el mundo por más de 2.000 años. Queremos ver que ese mensaje continúe extendiéndose hasta que Jesús regrese en su segunda venida.

Durante esta semana los invito a mantener a la escuela de San Marcos en sus oraciones, mientras celebramos la Semana de Escuelas Católicas.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todas las formas,

Padre Paul Spellman

SPIRITUAL LIFE

WOMEN’S SILENT RETREAT

The Annual Women’s Silent Retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. The retreat begins Friday, February 3rd at 5:00pm and lasts until 12:30pm Sunday, February 5th. Rev. Alphonsus Hermes, O. Praem, will be the retreat Master and the theme will be “Streams of Grace and Mercy”. For reservations please call Shu-Hwei Zimmerman at (805) 373-1099. Car pools are available from St. Jude’s Church. For more information contact Mary Latini at 310-821-7515.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Saturday, February 18th. The event costs \$25 and includes \$5 in gambling money, drinks and food, and the bus. The bus will leave St Mark at 9:30 am and will return around 7:00 pm. Reservations are required. For more information please contact Terry Ballentine at 310-351-9743.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Society is part of a worldwide organization of lay Catholic women and men who are committed to live and grow their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. The volunteers of the St. Mark Conference are now bringing Catholic Social Teaching into practice by going in teams of two to meet personally with Friends in Need in our parish area. If you feel the call to participate with the Vincentians please call 424-272-1629.

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 or if you would like to volunteer please call Pam Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SPIRITUAL LIFE

RETIRO DE MUJERES

El retiro anual de mujeres se llevara a cabo en “Sacred Heart Retreat House” en la Alhambra. El retiro comienza el viernes 3 de febrero a las 5:00pm y dura hasta 12:30 el domingo 5 de febrero. Reverendo Alphonsus Hermes, O. Praem, será el líder principal y el tema será "Arroyos de gracia y misericordia". Para reservaciones por favor llame a Shu-Hwei Zimmerman en (805) 373-1099. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Mary Latini en 310-821-7515.

LOS CABALLEROS DE COLON

Los caballeros de Colón han organizado un viaje en autobús a los casinos de Pala el sábado, 18 de febrero. El evento cuesta \$25 e incluye \$5 de dinero para jugar, bebidas y alimentos y el autobús. El autobús saldrá de San Marcos a las 9:30 y regresará a las 7:00pm. Reservaciones son necesarias. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Terry Ballentine en el 310-351-9743.

SOCIEDAD DE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

La Conferencia de St. Vincent de Paul de San Marcos es parte de una organización a nivel mundial de mujeres y hombres laicos católicos que se comprometen a vivir y crecer en su fe cristiana a través de la oración y el compromiso personal en obras de caridad. Si usted siente el llamado a participar con ellos por favor llama 424-272-1629.

CONGRESO 2017

El congreso 2017 “Mujeres de Fe” será el 4 y 5 de febrero en el Convention Center de Los Ángeles. Folletos se pueden encontrar en la iglesia. Para mas información y boletos por favor de llamar a: 626-444-4442.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20
- Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
- Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
- Jueves: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
- Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
- Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 112 (111):4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Congress

This is an open invitation to all parishioners to attend the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. The four-day event at the Anaheim Convention Center begins on Feb. 23 with Youth Day (high school teens) and continues on Feb. 24, 25, and 26. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Office of Religious Education the convention offers dozens of workshops, liturgies, musical and dramatic performances. Begun in 1968 as an "institute" for religious education teachers, Religious Education Congress has grown to include people of all vocations and different faiths. Information and registration can be found online [at la-archdiocese.org](http://la-archdiocese.org).

New Bible Study

The prophet Jeremiah spoke on God's behalf using words and symbolic actions to encourage the people to turn back to the ways of God. His prophetic ministry also announced a new covenant to be written on the hearts of God's people. Consider joining St. Mark parishioners as we study this important message each Monday evening at 7pm in the school.



This Week at St. Mark's Jan 30 - Feb 5, 2016

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Meditation Group 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 at 6:30pm - School
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
Fri.	8:00am Mass - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church Early Childhood 9:00am - School RE Grades 1-6 at 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church/School

Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb 4	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
Sun. Feb 5	7:30am Fr. Luis Proenca 9:00am Fr. Roderic Guerrini 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Jan 28	5:30pm Mark Gonzalez †
Sun. Jan 29	7:30am Andrew Sacino † 9:00am Juan & Nonie Aquino † 10:30am Lupita Gonzalez † 12:00pm San Judas 5:30pm Holy Spirit
Mon. Jan 30	8:00am Joan Crooks †
Tues. Jan 31	8:00am Power House of Prayer
Wed. Feb 1	8:00am Bridget Da Costa
Thurs. Feb 2	8:00am Inez Watson †
Fri. Feb 3	8:00am St. Mark School
Sat. Feb 4	8:00am Q. J. Jacobs & Family †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde; entonces serán como el rebaño que pasta y que descansa, y no habrá quién los perturbe (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).

Salmo — ¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos! (Salmo 146)

Segunda lectura — Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. "El que se gloria, que se gloríe en el Señor" (1 Corintios 1:26-31).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Speak up with concerns about a child's environment

Parent and caregiver observations can help protect a child in danger, and you should know when it's important to speak up. Although it may be awkward to approach a parent you do not know, if you have witnessed a scenario where the child is in danger of physical or mental abuse, it is your responsibility to act in that child's best interest. In addition to reporting concerns, think about any practical solutions that can help keep kids safe pending an investigation and solution. For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Voicing Concerns About a Child's Environment," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

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 NIÑOS

Hable acerca de sus preocupaciones sobre el entorno de un niño

Las observaciones de los padres y los cuidadores pueden ayudar a proteger a un niño en peligro, y usted debe saber cuándo es importante hablar. Aunque puede ser incómodo acercarse a un padre que no conoce, si ha sido testigo de un escenario donde el niño está en peligro de abuso físico o mental, es su responsabilidad actuar en el mejor interés de ese niño. Además de reportar preocupaciones, piense en cualquier solución práctica que pueda ayudar a mantener a los niños a salvo en espera de una investigación y solución. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS© "Voicing Concerns About a Child's Environment" (Expresando preocupaciones sobre el entorno de un niño), envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.

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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mark Celebrates Catholic Schools Week!

St. Mark School is joining Catholic schools throughout the United States in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. Since 1949, the school has served children and families of the community, carrying on the charisms of the founding Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and following the example of Christ. We strive to promote respect for self, others and the environment in a safe and supportive Catholic learning community that fosters discovery and the development of each student's unique spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual potential.

In addition to the financial assistance provided by the endowment fund and parishioner donation envelopes, the school has been able to invest \$100,000 in financial aid this school year to continue to make Catholic education within reach of families.

We are excited by the growing student body, which is expected to be 260 for the 2017-2018 school year, and by the expansion of athletic, performing arts, and outdoor education programs. Our students and faculty embody the Catholic Schools Week theme of "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service" through our mindfulness education, 1:1 iPad program, learning garden, PeaceBuilders program and a myriad of other dynamic, research-based teaching and learning practices.

A recent hallmark of our school is its service-learning curriculum and focus on social justice and Catholic social teaching. Through service, fundraising and advocacy, we have partnered with organizations such as Clothes for the Cause, OPCC Turning Point, Alex's Lemonade Stand, and our neighbor, Safe Place for Youth.

We invite you to join us on February 3rd for mass and a blessing of the throats for the Feast of St. Blaise, to our 23rd Annual Live & Silent Auction on March 18 and our Spring Musical, Disney's Lion King Jr., in April.

For early bird ticket sales to the auction please contact Pamela Jackson at auction@stmarkschool.com. Tickets go on sale February 1st - 14th.

To learn more about St. School Mark or to attend one of our Prospective Parent Information Sessions, visit our website at www.stmarkschool.com. Remember to like our page on Facebook and follow us on Instagram! @saintmarkvenice