

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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

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

**Daily Masses:** Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

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

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** 3rd weekend of each month.  
 Contact 821-5058

**Marriage:** 6 months notice is required.  
 Contact 821-5058 for an appointment.

**Anointing of The Sick:** Sacrament for the sick is  
 celebrated upon request.  
 Contact 821-5058

**Holy Eucharistic for the Sick:** Communion is given upon request.  
 Contact 821-5058

## Parish Staff

Maintenance/Mgr.	Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez .....821-5058
Rec./Church Care	Catalina Blasi .....821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza .....821-5058

## Liturgy

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

## Eucharistic Ministry:

To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Francisco Garcia ...821-5058
To the Sick (Esp)	Romeo Santos .....973-4129
In Church	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612
	Joan Horne.....463-9017

## 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 .....310-478-8836
	Cherry Lappin .....821-5058
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

## Greeter

## 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	George Martin.822-1201 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	Lupe Garcia.....505-3990
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 & Frances Martin..... .....572-1242

## Youth Ministry

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

## FROM OUR PASTOR

***Pastor's Corner***

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The 3 kings (magi) brought Jesus gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh. It was quite a gesture in a world that had no department stores or shopping centers. If this were happening today, the three wise men would be confronted with a different - and pricier selection of gifts for the newborn king. The magi could perhaps choose the vacation home in Mumbai, India that costs only \$2 billion dollars. It even has its own parking garage for 168 cars. But a house is not so handy to carry. For camel transport jewelry is always a better option. One jeweler has created a watch worth \$25 million dollars. Or maybe Jesus might enjoy a nine-carat diamond ring that goes for \$16 million dollars, or one of the jewel encrusted cell phones that can be had for only \$2.4 million dollars each.

But Jesus says his kingdom is not of this world. He's not for sale. Worldly gadgets and baubles mean nothing. Instead Jesus only wants us to follow him. On the Feast of the Epiphany Jesus was revealed to the world. Let us continue to reveal the true light of the world to others.

A couple of days ago we celebrated the beginning of a new year. Many of you have the practice of making New Year's resolutions. Did you happen to include your catholic faith in those resolutions. If not, make I make the following suggestions: Prayer – Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, admiring his wonderful creations, quieting yourself in the presence of God through centering prayer are only a few ways to enrich your life with daily prayer. Get a daily prayer book or daily Catholic devotions book... and read it. Living Faith is an excellent resource. Faith Formation – No matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs designed to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. Find out what St. Mark offers and join a program or Bible Study group. Be Active and Get Involved – Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running. What interests you? Do you see a need in the parish that's not being met? Are you able to initiate bringing a new ministry into our parish community. Attend Mass – Of course we should always try to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but daily Mass is also celebrated. Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow. What better way to start the day than with our Lord? Take Your Christianity with You – Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus invited us to do so. By enriching your Catholic faith through going to Mass, attending faith formation programs, spending time with our Lord in daily prayer and being involved in our parish community, you will have more knowledge and tools to accomplish this goal.

The front of our bulletin contains all the names and telephone numbers of the coordinators for all of our Liturgical Ministries. Now is the time to act. Maybe you have been "thinking" about joining one of our ministries. Well, the time has arrived to act. We have begun a new year. This is your year and time to get more involved. I invite you to act on the promptings that you have been feeling for quite awhile now.

I pray that this New Year of 2014 brings a year of blessings and much happiness to you and all your loved ones. Happy New Year.

***Father Michael Rocha***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

Hoy celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. Los 3 reyes (magos) trajeron a Jesús regalos de oro incienso y mirra. Fue un gesto en un mundo que no tenía grandes almacenes o centros comerciales. Si esto estuviera sucediendo hoy en día, los tres reyes magos se enfrentarían con una selección diferente – y serían más caros los regalos para el rey recién nacido. Los reyes magos tal vez podrían elegir una casa en Mumbai, India que cuesta sólo \$ 2 billones dólares. Incluso tiene su propio estacionamiento para 168 coches. Pero no es tan útil para llevar una casa. Para el camello transportar joyería siempre es una mejor opción. Un joyero ha creado un reloj de 25 millones dólares. Tal vez Jesús podría disfrutar de un anillo de diamantes de nueve quilates que cuesta unos \$ 16 millones de dólares, teléfono celular con joyas incrustadas que puede costar sólo 2,4 millones dólares cada uno.

Pero Jesús dice que su reino no es de este mundo. No está a la venta. Adornos y cosas mundanas no significan nada. En cambio Jesús solo quiere que lo sigamos. En la fiesta de la Epifanía de Jesús fue revelado al mundo. Continuemos revelando la verdadera luz del mundo a los demás.

Un par de días atrás celebramos el comienzo de un nuevo año. Muchos de ustedes tienen la práctica de hacer resoluciones de año nuevo. ¿Por casualidad incluyen su fe católica en esas resoluciones? Si no, les hago las siguientes sugerencias: Oración – añada una oración más a su vida diaria. Hay muchas maneras de orar. Oraciones tradicionales como el Rosario, hablando con nuestro Señor, admirando sus maravillosas creaciones, estar en silencio en presencia de Dios a través de concentrarse en la oración, estas son sólo algunas maneras de enriquecer su vida con la oración diaria. Conseguir un libro de oraciones diarias o libro de devociones católicas... y leerlo. Vivir la fe es un recurso excelente. Formación en la fe – no importa qué edad tiene (niños o adultos), están diseñados para profundizar su conocimiento de la fe y la formación de programas de educación religiosa. Averigüe lo que ofrece San Marcos - únase a un programa o un grupo de estudio bíblico. Ser activo y involucrarse – ir a misa el domingo es sólo una parte de ser católico. Hay tantos ministerios dentro de la iglesia católica y todos ellos necesitan voluntarios para mantenerlos funcionando. ¿Qué te interesa? ¿Ves una necesidad en la parroquia que no se están cumpliendo? ¿Eres capaz de iniciar trayendo un nuevo Ministerio en nuestra comunidad parroquial? Asiste a Misa – por supuesto nosotros siempre deberíamos intentar asistir a Misa los domingos y los días de obligación, pero también se celebra la Misa diariamente. Trate de asistir a Misa tan a menudo como su horario le permita. ¿Qué mejor manera de empezar el día que con nuestro Señor? Tome su cristianismo con usted – no lo deje en el banco de la iglesia cuando salen de Misa tienen que esforzarse por vivir como Jesús nos invita a hacerlo. Enriqueciendo su fe católica a través de ir a Misa, asistiendo a programas de formación de fe, pasar tiempo con nuestro Señor en la oración diaria y participar en nuestra comunidad parroquial, les dará más conocimientos y herramientas para lograr este objetivo.

El frente de nuestro boletín encontrara todos los nombres y números telefónicos de los coordinadores para todos nuestro Ministerios Litúrgicos. Ahora es el momento de actuar. Tal vez ha estado "pensando" en unirse a uno de nuestros ministerios. Bueno, ha llegado el momento para actuar. Hemos comenzado un nuevo año. Este es su año y tiempo para involucrarse más. Los invito a que actúen sobre las impresiones que han estado sintiendo por bastante tiempo.

Espero que este nuevo año de 2014 les traiga un año de mucha felicidad y bendiciones para ustedes y todos tus seres queridos. Feliz año nuevo.

***Padre Michael Rocha***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**ST. MARK PARISH MEN'S RETREAT**

The Annual St. Mark Parish Men's Retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre. The retreat which is preached by the Passionist Retreat Team begins Friday, January 24, 2014 (evening) and concludes Sunday, January 26, 2014 (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)

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wakeup calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.

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**YOUR INPUT IS WANTED!**

The Vatican is offering a unique opportunity for all the members of the church worldwide to offer input for the “Synod on the Family” scheduled by Pope Francis to take place next October in Rome. Archbishop Gomez has developed a simplified on-line survey form corresponding to the preparatory document and questionnaire provided by the Vatican. As a member of the church, you may respond to this survey on-line at <http://surveys.la-archdiocese.org/>

Please make this survey opportunity known to other Catholics, both practicing and non-practicing, known to you - members of your family, relatives, friends, acquaintances, neighbors and co-workers.

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Confirmation for Adults

Registration for this year's preparation of adults for Confirmation has been extended. Now is the time to start the New Year right! If you are a baptized Catholic who has received First Communion, but never celebrated Confirmation, consider joining us for sessions which will begin on January 25. Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

### Religious Education

All classes resume as follows: Grades 7 and 8 at 6:30pm on Tues. Jan. 7, Grades 1-6 on Saturday Jan. 11 at 9am. Early Childhood and Children's Liturgy on Sunday Jan. 12 at 9am. Many blessings for the New Year 2014!

### Bible Study

Begin the New Year by joining our weekly Bible Study on Monday Jan. 13 at 7pm in the school.

### RCIA Inquiry

Sessions of Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation will resume after the Christmas holiday on Wednesday evening January 8 at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the school. If you, or someone you know, has been considering RCIA please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

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### This Week at St. Mark's Jan 5, - Jan 12, 2014

Mon. School Resumes  
Meditation and Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School  
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School

Tues. Communion & Liberation 7:00pm - Hall  
RE 7th & 8th Grade 7:00pm - School  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School

Wed. RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School

Thurs. Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church  
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School

Fri. School Mass 8:00am

Sat. RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School

Sun. The Baptism of the Lord  
Early Childhood 9:00am - School  
Children's Liturgy 9:00am - School

## Mass Schedule

Sat, Jan 11	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales
Sun, Jan 12	7:30am	Fr. Michael
	9:00am	Fr. Francis
	10:30am	Fr. Michael
	12:00pm	Fr. Marc
	5:30pm	Fr. Francis



Jan	4	5:30pm	Lupe Diaz †
Jan	5	7:30am	Kassandra Hernandez †
		9:00am	Cairan James †
		10:30am	People of the Parish
		12:00pm	Maria de Jesus †
		5:30pm	Elena Hernandez
Jan	6	8:00am	Maria de Jesus †
Jan	7	8:00am	Maria de Jesus †
Jan	8	8:00am	Cairan James †
Jan	9	8:00am	Cairan James †
Jan	10	8:00am	Cairan James †
Jan	11	8:00am	Charles Duricek †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

**Salmo** — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

**Segunda lectura** — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Evangelio** — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**ST. MARK SCHOOL**

**The Lord with us every moment**

Remind young people that the Lord is not only present at church, but with us in every moment. If they do not have one already, consider giving them a physical reminder that they can keep with them throughout their day. This could be a prayer card to keep in their school binder, a saint medal to wear around their neck or even a rosary to keep in their pocket. If you would like a copy of the article "Ten ways to finish the Year of Faith well," email: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

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**

**El Señor está con nosotros en cada momento**

Recuérdede a los jóvenes que el Señor no sólo está presente en la iglesia, sino que está con nosotros en todo momento. Si no tienen una todavía, considere darles un recordatorio físico que ellos puedan llevar consigo durante el día, como una tarjeta con una oración que pueden guardar en su folder de la escuela, una medalla de un santo que pueden colocarse en el cuello o hasta un rosario que pueden llevar en su bolsillo. Si le gustaría recibir el artículo "Ten ways to finish the Year of Faith well" (Diez maneras de terminar bien el Año de la Fe), escriba a [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

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.



**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST**

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Dear Parishioners,

We invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday, January 26, 2014 for Open House!

School tours and an overview of our academic & co-curricular programs will be the focus of this day as well as opportunities to meet our faculty, students and parents.

All are welcome!

This is part of Catholic Schools Week and here at SMS we have a lot to celebrate!

Admission outreach sessions for October, November and December are concluded and we have received many applications for admission already.

Applications for the 2014-1015 school year are due on January 15, 2014 for new families.

We welcome inquiries regarding our program. You can contact us at (310) 821-6612 or by email at [principal@stmarkschool.com](mailto:principal@stmarkschool.com).

Mary Ann McQueen, Principal

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**Saint Mark School**

**◆Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life◆  
Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 8**

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