

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

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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.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the arrival of the Magi at the stable in Bethlehem. They followed the star..... and, upon arrival, they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And, they worshiped the newborn King!

An Epiphany.... an "Aha" moment when something that was confusing, becomes clear.... when something that was lost is now found.... when something that baffled us, all of a sudden makes sense. What are the Epiphanies that have taken place in our lives? Gold, frankincense, and myrrh..... the gifts of the Magi. What gifts have we received that we truly cherish? What gifts came from God, and what gifts came from loved ones? And..... what gifts have we given to others?

And the Magi worshiped the newborn King..... in this coming year, how are we setting our hearts on praise and worship? Are we ready to set aside time each day for prayer? Prayer in a community..... prayer with the Sacred Scriptures or other spiritual books..... or prayer in silence, simply listening to the voice of God.

I wish each of you a very blessed Epiphany. And, during this New Year of 2017, let us follow the example of the Magi and follow the Light of Christ in our lives!

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

Father Paul Spellman

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy celebramos la llegada de los Reyes Magos en el establo en Belén. Siguieron la estrella... y, a su llegada, presentaron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Y adoraban al rey recién nacido.

Una epifanía... un momento "Aja" que cuando algo confuso, se convierte en claro... como algo que se perdió y fue encontrado... cuando algo que nos desconcertó de repente tiene sentido. ¿Cuáles son las epifanías que han tenido lugar en nuestras vidas? Oro, incienso y mirra... los regalos de los Reyes Magos. ¿Qué regalos hemos recibido que verdaderamente apreciamos? ¿Qué regalos vinieron de Dios, y qué regalos vinieron de nuestros seres queridos? Y... ¿Qué regalos hemos dado a otros?

Y los magos adoraron al rey recién nacido... en este año que viene, ¿cómo estamos estableciendo nuestros corazones en alabanza y adoración? ¿Estamos preparados hacer tiempo cada día para la oración? Oración de una comunidad... oración con las Sagradas Escrituras u otros libros espirituales... o la oración en silencio, simplemente escuchando la voz de Dios.

Deseo a cada uno de ustedes una epifanía muy bendecida. Y, durante este nuevo año 2017, ¡sigamos el ejemplo de los Reyes Magos y sigamos la luz de Cristo en nuestras vidas!

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

Padre Paul Spellman

SPIRITUAL LIFE

ANNUAL 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 this Friday, January 20, 2017 in the evening and concludes Sunday, January 22, 2017. 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:

Fritz Hirt at 310-827-1585 or

Rick Winter at 310-699-1098

RETIRO DE HOMBRES DE SAN MARCOS

El retiro de hombres de la parroquia de San Marcos se llevará a cabo en El Centro de Retiros de Mater Dolorosa en la ciudad de la Sierra Madre. El retiro empezara el viernes, 20 de enero de 2017 (en la noche) y concluye domingo, 22 de enero de 2017 (mediodía). Los jardines y la tranquilidad de Mater Dolorosa hacen de este un lugar perfecto para un fin de semana de renovación espiritual y de crecimiento.

Para reservaciones póngase en contacto con:

Fritz Hirt: (310) 827-1585

Rick Winter: (310) 699-1098

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.

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Mark Vincent de Paul Conference 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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knight's of Columbus is having a Bake Sale after all the morning masses next Sunday, January 15th. Be sure to stop by for some delicious baked goods and help support our Knights!

Steve Gunning,

Grand Knight

310-306-9035.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 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: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38;
Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
- Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mc 1:14-20 y 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: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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. Los voluntarios de la Conferencia de San Marcos ahora traen la enseñanza Social Católica a la práctica por ir en equipos de dos para reunirse personalmente con amigos en necesidad en nuestra zona parroquial. Si usted siente el llamado a participar con ellos por favor llama 424-272-1629.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation there is one week remaining for registration for the annual preparation sessions. Please call the Religious Education Office for information at 310-822-1201.

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. Come begin the new year as we study this important message each Monday evening at 7pm in the school beginning on January 9.

Religious Education Resumes

Sessions for Early Childhood (4-5yrs) and grades 1-6 are now back in session each Saturday at 9am. Confirmation 1 meets on January 8 at 1pm in the hall. Grades 7 and 8 resume this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the school.

Happy New Year!

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This Week at St. Mark's Jan 9 - Jan 15, 2016

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Adoration 8:30am - Church Meditation Group 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School Benediction 8:30pm - Church
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 at 6:30pm - School Knights of Columbus 7:00pm - Lennon Room
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.	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church/School Knights of Columbus Bake Sale after all the morning masses in the patio

Mass Schedule

Sat. Jan 14	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Jan 15	7:30am Fr. Michael Tang 9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman 10:30am Fr. Tom King 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Jan 7	5:30pm Caren Haboush †
Sun. Jan 8	7:30am Eleanor Enriquez † 9:00am St. Mark Parish 10:30am Marilyn Hiob † 12:00pm Angela Perez † 5:30pm Anthony Centeno †
Mon. Jan 9	8:00am Betty Isabella Zito †
Tues. Jan 10	8:00am Jose Sison †
Wed. Jan 11	8:00am Burke Family
Thurs. Jan 12	8:00am Manuel & Isabel Centeno †
Fri. Jan 13	8:00am St. Mark School
Sat. Jan 14	8:00am Joan Crooks

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 Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for 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

Start the new year with your kids' safety in mind

During the start of a new year, many resolve to do things differently: pray more, live better and cherish God's gifts. It's also a great time to recommit to putting the safety and well-being of children first. Look to Mary, the Mother of God, for examples. Model honesty, gratitude, and love to your children, and take steps to teach them about safety in the home and the world. This resolution to promote safety and happiness can make your new year the best one yet. For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable," 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

Comience el año nuevo con la seguridad de sus hijos en mente

Durante el comienzo de un nuevo año, muchos deciden hacer las cosas de manera diferente: orar más, vivir mejor y apreciar los dones de Dios. También es un buen momento para volver a comprometerse a poner la seguridad y el bienestar de los niños primero. Mire a María, la Madre de Dios, por ejemplo. Modéleles honestidad, gratitud y amor a sus hijos, y tome medidas para enseñarles sobre la seguridad en el hogar y en el mundo. Esta resolución para promover la seguridad y la felicidad puede hacer que su nuevo año sea el mejor hasta ahora. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS © "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" (Madre del buen consejo protege a los vulnerables), 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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

