

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016

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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
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

A widely circulated story about Thomas Edison says that when he was refining the incandescent light bulb, he failed 1,000 (sometimes the story goes 10,000) times before he found a long-lasting filament. Whatever the exact number of trials he conducted, the point remains that Edison persisted for a long, long time before he and his team finally hit upon the ingredients that made the light bulb commercially successful. This weekend's Gospel parable of the persistent widow is the quintessential lesson in persistence. It tells us that we should keep on trying when faced with a stubborn dilemma. If we walk away, we lose. If we keep trying, we will find that eventually our persistence pays off.

The persistence Jesus is talking about here has to do with something other than multiplying words. Think here of his teaching when he says, "When you pray, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words." We get the sense that Jesus himself was disheartened with the progress of his mission when he finished this parable with the question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" When Jesus tells us to pray without losing heart, he's inviting us into his own spiritual process. We say we believe in the God of Jesus, the God who has a plan for human history. That belief implies that history is on the way to a fulfillment beyond what we can imagine. Only prayer opens us to God's horizon. Praying without ceasing is an imitation of Jesus, who was constantly attentive and open to God's invitation and options for the future.

This weekend's scriptures are directed to those of us who feel overwhelmed by the complications of life itself and the state of our country and world. These scriptures call us to pray because praying is the only way we can open ourselves to allow the Spirit of God to act with power and creativity through and among us! Have a blessed week!!

Father Michael Tang

La Esquina del Párroco

Una historia extensamente circulada sobre Thomas Edison dice que cuando él estaba refinando la bombilla incandescente, le fallo (a veces la historia va 10.000) 1.000 veces antes de que él encontrara un filamento duradero. Cualquiera que sea el número exacto de pruebas que llevó a cabo, el punto es que Edison y su equipo persistieron durante mucho, antes de él y su equipo finalmente encontró los ingredientes que hicieron que la bombilla fuera comercialmente acertada. La Parábola del Evangelio de este fin de semana habla de la viuda persistente y nos da una lección sobre la persistencia. Nos dice que debemos seguir intentando cuando nos enfrentamos con un dilema obstinado. Si no tratamos, perdemos. Si seguimos tratando, encontramos que finalmente nuestra persistencia vale la pena.

La persistencia de que Jesús está hablando aquí tiene que ver con algo más que multiplicar las palabras. Piensa aquí en su enseñanza cuando dice: "Cuando oréis, no balbucean como los paganos, que piensan que serán oídos por sus muchas palabras." Tenemos el sentido de que Jesús mismo era descorazonado con el progreso de su misión cuando terminó esta parábola con la pregunta: "¿Cuando venga el hijo del hombre, encontrará fe en la tierra?" Cuando Jesús dice que oremos sin perder el corazón, él nos invita en su propio proceso espiritual. Decimos que creemos en el Dios de Jesús, el Dios que tiene un plan para la historia de la humanidad. Que implica la creencia que la historia está en el camino a un cumplimiento más allá de lo que podemos imaginar. Sólo la oración nos abre al horizonte de Dios. Orar sin cesar es una imitación de Jesús, quien era constantemente atento y abierto a la invitación de Dios y a las opciones para el futuro.

Las Escrituras de este fin de semana se dirigen a aquellos de nosotros que se sienten abrumados por las complicaciones de la vida misma y el estado de nuestro país y el mundo. Estas escrituras nos llaman a orar, porque orar es la única manera que podemos abrir nosotros mismos para permitir que el espíritu de Dios actúe con energía y creatividad a través de y entre nosotros. ¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Michael Tang

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knight's of Columbus is sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser next Saturday, October 22nd. 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. Contact Terry Ballentine at 310-351-9743 for more information.

Steve Gunning, Grand Knight
310-306-9035

PARISH SURVEY & PASTORAL PLANNING

St. Mark Parish is currently developing a parish assessment as part of our long range planning process. Over the next several weeks, more information about how you can participate in this important process during a mass in November will be shared - stay tuned!

EL PROCESO DE EVALUACION Y PLANIFICACION

La Iglesia de San Marcos esta desarrollando una evaluación de la parroquia como parte de nuestro proceso de planificación a largo plazo. Su opinión será una parte muy importante de este proceso y guiara a las metas y objetivos de la comunidad parroquial en los próximos años. Durante las próximas semanas, se le proveerá mas información sobre como puede participar durante una misa en noviembre en este proceso importante—estad atentos!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
 Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
 Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21
 Martes: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18;
 Lc 10:1-9
 Miércoles: Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48
 Jueves: Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12,
 18-19; Lc 12:49-53
 Viernes: Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59
 Sábado: Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9
 Domingo: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 17-19, 23;
 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lc 18:9-14

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World”. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of Faith. Envelopes can be found in the pews today.

DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

La próxima semana celebraremos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Su tema este año es “La Misericordia Cambia al Mundo.” El Papa Francisco invita a toda la iglesia a apoyar a las diócesis misioneras jóvenes de África, Asia, las islas del Pacífico y algunas partes de Latinoamérica y Europa, en donde sacerdotes y líderes religiosos y laicos sirven algunos de los mas pobres entre los pobres. Por favor incluyan a las Misiones en sus oraciones y sean generosos con la colecta de la próxima semana para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe. Sobres se pueden encontrar en las bancas hoy.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

On November 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls. It is a traditional practice in our Catholic Church to dedicate the entire month of November to remembering and praying for all of our beloved dead. Please consider enrolling your beloved family members and friends in our special Masses. The special enrollment envelopes are in the pews today.

FIESTA DE TODAS LAS ALMAS

El 2 de noviembre, celebraremos la fiesta de todas las almas. Es una práctica tradicional en nuestra iglesia católica para dedicar todo el mes de noviembre para recordar y orar por todos nuestros seres queridos que han fallecido. Por favor consideren inscribir a sus seres queridos y amigos en nuestras Misas especiales. Los sobres especiales se pueden encontrar en las bancas. hoy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education

There will be no religious education classes on Saturday October 22 for grades 1 -6. Classes resume on October 29 at 9am.

Adult Confirmation

Registration is now open for any adult who has been baptized Catholic, has received First Communion, but is not yet confirmed. Sessions will be held in January and February. Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Mark in the spring. Please call the Religious Education Office for information and registration at 310-822-1201.

RCIA

Our newest Inquirers will be officially welcomed later this month to the period of study called the Catechumenate. There is still time to consider becoming part of this group. Inquiry meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the school. Please call to let us know you are coming. 310-822-1201

Bible Study

Join fellow parishioners as they seek God's wisdom in the new study of the Book of Sirach each Monday evening at 7pm in the school. All are welcome to join.

This Week at St. Mark's Oct 17 - Oct 23, 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 6:30pm - School
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA 6:30pm - School Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
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 No RE Classes Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am (RCIA Rite of Welcome), 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp), 5:30pm - Church Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church & School Early Childhood 9:00am - School

Mass Schedule

Sat. Oct 22	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
Sun. Oct 23	7:30am Fr. Tom King 9:00am Fr. Roderic Guerrini 10:30am Msgr. John Morales 12:00pm Fr. Michael Mandala, S.J. 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat. Oct 15	5:30pm Maria Belia Sanchez †
Sun. Oct 16	7:30am Clydelyn Strozer † 9:00am Maria Belia Sanchez † 10:30am Baby McGraw † 12:00pm Cecilia Delgado † 5:30pm Inez Gonzalez †
Mon. Oct 17	8:00am Maria Belia Sanchez †
Tues. Oct 18	8:00am Maria Belia Sanchez †
Wed. Oct 19	8:00am Maria Belia Sanchez †
Thurs. Oct 20	8:00am Maria Belia Sanchez †
Fri. Oct 21	8:00am Maria Belia Sanchez †
Sat. Oct 22	8:00am Nancy McCarthy †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14—4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Mientras las manos de Moisés estaban en alto, Josué y sus guerreros se imponían en la batalla contra los amalecitas (Éxodo 17:8-13).

Salmo — El auxilio me viene del Señor (Salmo 121 [120]).

Segunda lectura — Permanezcan fieles; proclamen la Palabra; sean persistentes cuando sea conveniente o no (2 Timoteo 3:14—4:2)

Evangelio — Dios asegura los derechos de los elegidos que claman día y noche (Lucas 18:1-8).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Know the signs of sex trafficking

Know the signs of sex trafficking Young sex trafficking victims could be hiding in plain sight, in youth groups, schools, and sports teams. Adults should be aware of signs that could indicate abuse: a teen has suspicious injuries that can't be explained, or is afraid to be away from an older adult "friend" for extended periods of time. In these cases, taking the time to ask questions can make a huge difference in allowing a potential victim to open up or seek help. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Steps to Preventing Teen Sex Trafficking Part Two," 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

Conozca las señales de tráfico de sexo

Las víctimas jóvenes del tráfico de sexo pueden estar escondiendo a simple vista, en grupos de jóvenes, escuelas, y en equipos de deportes. Los adultos deben estar alerta de estas señales que pueden indicar abuso: un adolescente que tenga heridas sospechosas inexplicables, o que le asusta estar lejos de un "amigo" adulto mayor por largos períodos de tiempo. En estos casos, tomar el tiempo para hacer preguntas puede hacer una gran diferencia para permitir que una víctima potencial se abra o busque ayuda. Para una copia del artículo en VIRTUS® "Steps to Preventing Teen Sex Trafficking Part Two" (Pasos para prevenir el tráfico de sexo de adolescentes, parte dos) envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org o llame al 213-637-7227.

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.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a "quinquennial" (meaning "once in five years") report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means "to the threshold," and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called "mission territories," which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called "Propagation of the Faith." This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church's resilience even in times of persecution and change.

DEPENDING ON GOD

"Getting by with a little help from our friends" is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of "getting by with a little help from God" goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend's scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won't be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.