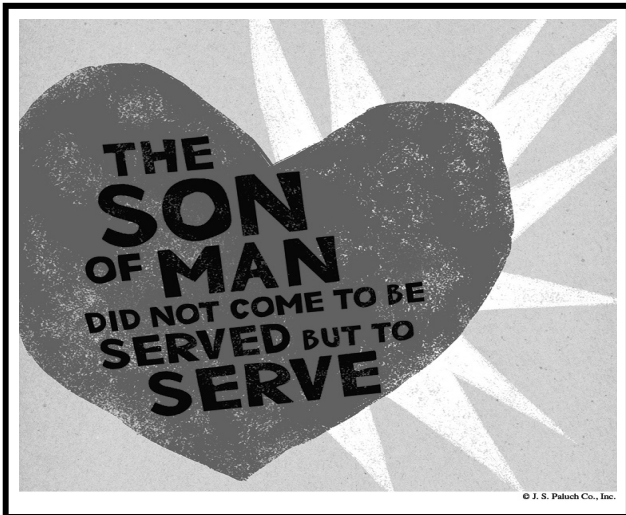


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2015

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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.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Have you ever thought about packing up everything and heading to foreign lands to meet new and interesting people? In the summer of 1982, when I was 26 years old, I spent ten weeks in Europe. The first four weeks were part of an International Comparative Management Program where we visited the London Stock Exchange, the corporate headquarters for Royal Dutch Shell, the BMW plant in Munich, Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich, and many other European companies. It was fascinating! We traveled in a Mercedes Benz bus and stayed at some very nice hotels. The next six weeks I traveled with friends with our backpacks, our train passes, and our youth hostel guides. It was truly an amazing way to see Europe! It was my first trip out of the United States for an extended period of time. And during that trip I remember thinking about our Church's missionaries who commit their lives to serving in foreign lands. It was something that I continued to pray about during the following years. Could I really be a foreign missionary? I am sure that many of you have asked the same question during your time of prayer and reflection.

This weekend we will join with parishes throughout our world as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to pray for the Church's missionary efforts and to offer financial support through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. As we unite with Catholics throughout our world, we invite you to assist the missionaries who are serving in 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe. In doing so they fulfill the Baptismal responsibility to be missionaries. They share our faith, they bring God's love to the suffering and the poor, and they work to assist emerging churches that are struggling across the globe.

During my six years as a seminarian and my fourteen years as a priest, I have been blessed to experience firsthand the work that missionaries are doing in Central America (Guatemala and El Salvador), South America (Bolivia), Africa (Uganda) and Asia (Cambodia and Nepal). In each country that I visited I met men and women who have dedicated their lives to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel in some of the poorest countries of our world. They learned new languages, adjusted to different type of food, and acclimated themselves to cultures that are very different than the one in which they grew up. Yet they have committed their lives to bringing the message of Jesus to those who have never heard His words, and who are now living the faith as Catholics. And, they are sharing the faith with their children and grandchildren!

Throughout this week I invite you to take some time to pray for the missionaries who serve throughout our world, and to give generously to the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Han pensado acerca de empacar todo e ir rumbo a tierras extranjeras para conocer a gente nueva e interesante? En el verano de 1982, cuando tenía 26 años de edad, pasé diez semanas en Europa. Las primeras cuatro semanas formaban parte de un programa de gestión comparativo internacional, donde visitamos la bolsa de valores de Londres, la sede corporativa de Royal Dutch Shell, la planta BMW en Múnich, Union Bank de Suiza en Zurich y muchas otras empresas europeas. ¡Fue fascinante! Viajamos en un autobús Mercedes Benz y nos hospedamos en algunos hoteles muy agradables. Las próximas seis semanas viajé con amigos con nuestras mochilas, nuestros pases de tren, y guías de nuestro albergue. Era verdaderamente una forma increíble de ver Europa. Era mi primer viaje fuera de los Estados Unidos por un período de tiempo prolongado. Y durante ese viaje recuerdo haber pensado en los misioneros de nuestra iglesia que dedican sus vidas a servir en tierras extranjeras. Fue algo por lo que seguí a orando durante los años siguientes. ¿Podría realmente ser un misionero extranjero? Estoy seguro que muchos de ustedes se han hecho la misma pregunta durante su tiempo de oración y reflexión.

Este fin de semana nos uniremos con Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Esta es una oportunidad para orar por los esfuerzos misioneros de la iglesia y ofrecer apoyo financiero a través de la sociedad de la propagación de la fe. Como nos unimos con los católicos en todo el mundo, los invitamos a ayudar a los misioneros que están sirviendo de 1,150 diócesis en Asia, África, América Latina y Europa. Con ello cumplen con la responsabilidad bautismal de ser misioneros. Comparten nuestra fe, traen el amor de Dios en el sufrimiento y a los pobres, y trabajan para ayudar a las iglesias emergentes que están luchando en todo el mundo.

Durante mis seis años como seminarista y mis catorce años como sacerdote, he sido bendecido para experimentar de primera mano el trabajo que hacen los misioneros en América Central (Guatemala y El Salvador), América del Sur (Bolivia), África (Uganda) y Asia (Camboya y Nepal). En cada país que visité encontré hombres y mujeres que han dedicado su vida a proclamar la buena nueva del Evangelio en algunos de los países más pobres de nuestro mundo. Aprendiendo nuevos idiomas, ajustándose a diferentes tipos de alimentos y aclimatándose a las culturas que son muy diferentes a aquella en la que crecieron. Sin embargo han comprometido sus vidas a llevar el mensaje de Jesús a aquellos que nunca han escuchado sus palabras, y que ahora están viviendo la fe como católicos. Y están compartiendo la fe con sus hijos y nietos.

A lo largo de esta semana los invito a tomar tiempo para orar por los misioneros que sirven en todo el mundo y dar generosamente a la sociedad de la propagación de la fe.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE



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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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is in need of new Members. We bring communion to 2 nursing homes and people who are not able to come to church. One member teaches a religious education class for children who are 3-5 years of age. We also go door to door to take a censers for our church and encourage people to come back to the church. You may already be doing this work. Come join the Legion of Mary. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the school. For information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

GUADALUPE SOCIETY

The Guadalupe Society of Saint Mark invites you to a Mexican Luncheon next Sunday October 25th from 9:00am - 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy your choice of tamales, enchiladas or menudo. Adult tickets are \$6.00 per plate. Additional items are \$2.00. All proceeds help fund the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will be held on December 12th.

LA SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

La Sociedad Guadalupana de San Marcos les invita a su lonche de comida Mexicana el domingo 25 de octubre de 9:00am a 2:00pm en el salón parroquial. Habrá de escoger delicioso menudo, tamales o enchiladas. El costo es \$6.00 por adultos por plato. Comida extra es \$2.00. Este evento es para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe que será el 12 de diciembre.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Rom 4:20-25; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 12:13-21
- Martes: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Lc 12:35-38
- Miércoles: Rom 6:12-18; Sal 124 (123):1b-8; Lc 12:39-48
- Jueves: Rom 6:19-23; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 12:49-53
- Viernes: Rom 7:18-25a; Sal 119 (118):66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lc 12:54-59
- Sábado: Rom 8:1-11; Sal 24 (23):1b-4ab, 5-6; Lc 13:1-9
- Domingo: Jer 31:7-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mc 10:46-52

Welcome to Our Community

Gerard, Kathleen and Madeline Heiss

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bible Study

Come join the new study of the Book of Wisdom tomorrow October 19 at 7pm in the school. Echoes of the Book of Wisdom are found in the gospel of John and epistles of Paul. For today's reader it offers an opportunity to meditate on the pursuit of wisdom, especially as it is understood as an imitation of and identification with God.

RCIA

On Sunday October 25 the Community of St. Mark will officially welcome several adults to the formal period of study called the Catechuminate as well as those who are candidates for Continuing Conversion leading to the Easter sacraments. In addition, Inquiry sessions continue each Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the school for anyone who is just now is considering membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

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.

La Peregrina (The Pilgrim Virgin)

Every year, the Pilgrim Virgin, a replica of the portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is presented by the Archdiocese to a parish in the Our Lady of the Angels region. During the last year St. Mark was honored to receive the portrait that "travelled" for devotions in our various parish groups and even to some of our homes. St. Mark will now return the portrait at the Our Lady of the Angels Regional Congress on October 24, at which time it will be presented to a new parish for prayer in that community.

Cada año, la Virgen Peregrina, una replica del retrato de la Virgen de Guadalupe, se presenta en el Congreso Regional a una parroquia en La Región de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles. Durante el año pasado La Iglesia de San Marcos tenía el honor de guardar el retrato en nuestros grupos parroquiales y también en nuestras casas. San Marcos devolverá el retrato al Congreso Regional el 24 de octubre y otro parroquia lo recibirá en su comunidad.

This Week at St. Mark's Oct 19, - Oct 25, 2015

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

Mass Schedule

Sat. Oct 24	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Oct 25	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Michael Tang 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Oct 17	5:30pm Lois Doll †
Sun. Oct 18	7:30am Holy Spirit 9:00am Jose Gonzalez † 10:30am Richard Garcia Jr. † 12:00pm Jose Gonzalez † 5:30pm Inez Gonzalez †
Mon. Oct 19	8:00am Ireneo Gutierrez †
Tues. Oct 20	8:00am Maria Ramirez †
Wed. Oct 21	8:00am Carlos Acosta †
Thurs. Oct 22	8:00am Joan Brenan †
Fri. Oct 23	8:00am Holy Spirit
Sat. Oct 24	8:00am Juana Martinez

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ya que él ofreció su vida como sacrificio por el pecado, el proyecto de Dios prosperará en sus manos (Isaías 53:10-11).

Salmo — Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Porque tenemos un sumo sacerdote que ha sido probado en todo, a excepción del pecado, acerquémonos con plena confianza al Dios de bondad (Hebreos 4:14-16).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre ha venido a servir y a dar su vida como rescate por una muchedumbre (Marcos 10:35-45).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Preventing child abuse is everyone's responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive, societal problem, and only rigorous and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. The State of California's Office of Child Abuse Prevention website contains helpful information about how to report abusive behavior and provides contact information of local authorities: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2289.htm>. For particular help you may call the Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

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 NINOS

Prevenir el maltrato infantil es una responsabilidad de todos

Todos los adultos tienen una responsabilidad moral de proteger a posibles víctimas y reportar cualquier sospecha de abuso o negligencia a las autoridades. El abuso infantil es un problema que afecta a toda la sociedad, y solamente los esfuerzos concertados y sostenidos de todos los adultos en los diferentes niveles sociales pueden ayudar a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. El sitio web de la Oficina de Prevención de Abuso Infantil del estado de California contiene información sobre cómo reportar comportamientos abusivos y también cómo comunicarse con las autoridades de su área: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2289.htm>. Para obtener ayuda, llama a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213-637-7650.

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

The Irish are rightly tired of being the subject of jokes about guilt. In fact, it is from the Celtic church that the whole experience of reconciliation in our tradition was creatively rescued and revived. The Irish church was unique in its origins, not so much organized around dioceses, but around monasteries. Aspects of religious community life readily spilled over into ordinary gatherings of the faithful, including the way people looked at sin and applied remedies. Unlike the public nature of canonical penance, the Irish method was linked to a kind of mentoring process they called "soul friending." Just as young novice monks might find a mentor in the wisdom of a senior guide, so did a way of penance open up to ordinary folks. Monks were accustomed to frequent confession of faults to the abbot or mentor, who would suggest penances. In time, abbots with a certain flair for this began to share lists of sins and corresponding "tariffs" with others. Some of these books survive, and provide a hair-raising view of long ago sins like cattle rustling, and a great deal of self-correction involving dips in icy streams and rolling about in thickets of thorns. After the penance was performed, the penitent returned to the confessor, and in a private act marked by the laying on of hands, or perhaps a kiss of the altar, the sinner was restored.

Irish monks were committed travelers, and their methods were widely copied. We might say that they saved a sacrament, but at the expense of shifting attention to the sins of the individual and away from the actions of the reconciling community.

GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Hebrews, concluding with Jesus paying our ransom in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom.

It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize ransom as God's gift to us.