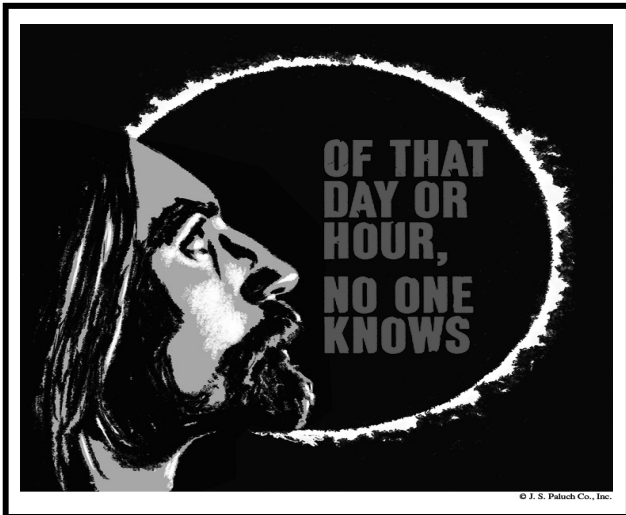


# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2015

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
<b>Daily Masses:</b>	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses:</b>	8:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm (Bilingual)
<b>Eucharistic Adoration :</b>	First Monday of each month 8:30am to 8:30pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday 4:30 - 5:15pm
<b>Baptism:</b>	3rd weekend of each month. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Marriage:</b>	6 months notice is required. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Anointing of The Sick:</b>	Sacrament for the sick is celebrated upon request. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Holy Eucharist for the Sick:</b>	Communion is given upon request. Please contact the rectory office.

## Parish Staff

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058
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Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
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## Liturgy

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

## Eucharistic Ministry:

In Church	MaryAnn Long.....717-2645
To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman .....821-5058
In Church	Romeo Santos.....720-0084
To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez .....306-8768

## Ministry of the Word

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	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..306-9035

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Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning .....306-9035
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387
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Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fabiola Andrade.....945-6044

<b>FROM OUR PASTOR</b>
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**Pastor's Corner**

I am writing this from my sister's home in Memphis, Tennessee where I have been staying for the past five days visiting with family and friends. Prior to coming to Memphis I spent a week with our other sister in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was great to see everyone and to take some time to relax and re-charge my batteries!

This weekend we will be holding the first of our two back-to-back Ministry Fairs here at Saint Mark Church. The idea is to give you, our parishioners, an opportunity to meet some of the people who are involved in our ministries, and then to provide an opportunity for you to discern which ministry might be most suitable for you.

The two weekends are arranged as follows:

A) November 14th and 15th - Liturgical Ministries. These are the ministries that are part of our Masses and other liturgies, and these include our Lectors, our Ushers, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our choirs and other members of our music ministry, and our Religious Education program.

B) November 21st and 22nd - Outreach Ministries. These are the other ministries in our parish, and these include our Altar Society, our Environment Committee, our Legion of Mary, our Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Elderly, our Legion of Mary, our Spanish Prayer Group, our Men's Faith Sharing Ministry, our St. Vincent dePaul Society, our Young Adult Ministry, our Loaves and Fishes Program, our Power House of Prayer, our Knights of Columbus, and our Social Justice Committee.

Also, we are discussing some new ministries here at Saint Mark, such as a Hospitality Ministry. That could include a number of different aspects, such as welcoming our guests who come to Saint Mark, or maybe even a parking lot ministry. I have heard that visitors will decide within the first fifteen minutes of their arrival whether they will come back again the following Sunday. So, let's take this opportunity to make sure that everyone who enters our doors is made to feel like a part of the Saint Mark family!

Please mark your calendars for these next two weekends. We will have tables set up in the patio area, and we will have members of the various ministries there to greet you and give you some information about each ministry.

During this Ministry Fair I invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to join one of our ministries, and then stop by one of the tables located on the side patio with your questions ready. There will be wonderful people ready with their answers!

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

***Father Paul***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Estoy escribiendo esto desde la casa de mi hermana en Memphis, Tennessee donde he estado durante los últimos cinco días visitar a familia y amigos. Antes de llegar a Memphis, pasé una semana con nuestra otra hermana en St. Petersburg, Florida. Fue genial ver a todos y tomar tiempo para relajarme y recargar las baterías.

Este fin de semana aquí en San Marcos se llevara a cabo la primera de dos semanas de la Feria de los Ministerios. La idea es darles a ustedes, nuestros feligreses, una oportunidad para conocer a algunas de las personas que participan en nuestros ministerios, y luego proporcionar una oportunidad para que ustedes puedan discernir qué Ministerio podría ser el más conveniente para cada uno de ustedes.

Los dos fines de semana serán como sigue:

A) 14 de noviembre y 15 - ministerios litúrgicos. Estos son los ministerios que forman parte de nuestras Misas y otras liturgias, y estos son nuestros lectores, nuestros ujieres, nuestros Ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, nuestros Coros y otros miembros de nuestro Ministerio de Música y nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa.

B) 21 de noviembre y 22 - Outreach Ministries. Estos son los otros ministerios en nuestra parroquia, y se trata de nuestra sociedad del Altar, nuestra Comisión de Medio Ambiente, nuestra Legión de María, nuestro Ministerio de la Eucaristía a los enfermos y ancianos, la Legión de María, nuestro grupo de Oración del Español, el Ministerio de compartir la fe, St. Vincent de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, nuestro Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos, nuestro Programa de Panes y Peces, nuestra Casa del Poder de la Oración, los Caballeros de Colón y nuestra Comisión de Justicia Social.

Además, estamos discutiendo algunos nuevos ministerios aquí en San Marcos, como un Ministerio de Hospitalidad. Que podría incluir un número de diferentes aspectos, como la bienvenida a los que vienen a San Marcos, o tal vez incluso un Ministerio de estacionamiento. He oído que los visitantes deciden dentro de los primeros quince minutos de su llegada si volverán otra vez el domingo siguiente. Por lo tanto, vamos a aprovechar esta oportunidad para asegurarnos de que todo el que entra en nuestras puertas se hace sentir como una parte de la familia de San Marcos.

Por favor marque su calendario para estos dos próximos fines de semana. Tendremos mesas en el área de patio y tendremos miembros de los distintos ministerios allí a saludarte y darte alguna información acerca de cada Ministerio.

Durante la Feria de Ministerio los invito a que consideren cómo Dios los puede estar llamando para unirse a uno de nuestros ministerios y luego pasar por una de las mesas, ubicadas en el patio listo con sus preguntas. Habrá gente maravillosa con sus respuestas.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

***Padre Paul***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday November 15th after all the morning Masses in the Parish Hall. Please stop by and support our Knights!

Steve Gunning, Grand Knight  
310-306-9035

**PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The Guadalupe Society of Saint Mark will have a bus for the Annual Archdiocesan Procession in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This beautiful celebration will be on Sunday, December 6th at the East Los Angeles College Stadium. The bus will leave at 9am in front of the school and will return at approximately 4:30pm. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children over five years old. Families with more than three children will get a special discount. Payment must be made at the time of reservation. Please arrive early and bring your lunch, rosaries, flags and native or regional attire from your country. For information and reservations please call:

Josefina Ramirez 310-578-6499  
Belen Castro 310-821-2446  
Ofelia Gonzalez 310-306-8768

**PROCESION DE NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE**

La Sociedad Guadalupana de San Marcos tendrá un autobús para ir a la Procesión anual de la Arquidiócesis en honor de la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el domingo 6 de diciembre en el Estadio del Colegio del Este de Los Ángeles. El autobús saldrá a las 9am de enfrente de la escuela y regresará aproximadamente a las 4:30pm. El precio por adulto es \$5 y \$3 por niños mayores de 5 años. Familias con más de tres niños se les dará descuento. Se les suplica que paguen por adelantado para garantizar su reservación y se les sugiere que lleven su lonche, rosarios, banderas, y trajes típicos de sus regiones o países. Para más información y reservaciones por favor llame:

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. Your donation will help fight poverty in America. The envelopes for this special collection are in the pews today.

**COLECTA ESPECIAL**

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Campana Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por su siglas en ingles). CCHD fue establecida por los obispos de Estados Unidos quienes reconocieron que la vida de los necesitados no mejoraría hasta que ocurriesen cambios en los sistemas y políticas que mantienen al pueblo en la pobreza. Por más de 40 años, CCHD ha financiado a grupos comunitarios que originan cambios duraderos. Su donación ayudará con la lucha contra la pobreza en América. Los sobres se encuentran en las bancas hoy.

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;  
Lk 19:11-28 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;  
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,  
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;  
Jn 18:33b-37

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes: 1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Sal 119 (118):53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;  
Lc 18:35-43

Martes: 2 Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10

Miércoles: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 5-6,  
8b, 15; Lc 19:11-28 o Hch 28:11-16, 30-31;  
Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Jueves: 1 Mac 2:15-29; Sal 50 (49):1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Lc 19:41-44

Viernes: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,  
11-12; Lc 19:45-48

Sábado: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lc 20:27-40

Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Apo 1:5-8;  
Jn 18:33b-37

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Ministry Opportunities

St Mark offers many opportunities for ministry as a catechist to children, youth or adults. Please stop by the Religious Education table during our ministry fair this weekend before or after all the masses. You may also call 310-822-1201 for more information.

### Teen Confirmation

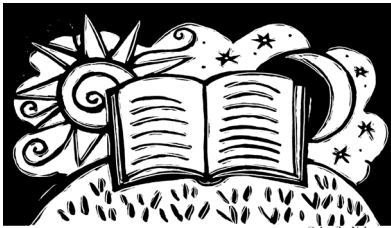
Please keep our second year Confirmation candidates in your prayers today as they continue their preparation for the celebration of the sacrament in May 2016.

### Bible Study

Join fellow parishioners as they seek God's wisdom in the new study of the Book of Wisdom each Monday evening at 7pm in the school.

### 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.



### This Week at St. Mark's Nov 16 - Nov 22, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study - 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church
Wed.	8:00am Mass - 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 School's - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church Baptisms 10am - 12pm - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm /5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universe 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. Nov 21	5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun. Nov 22	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Tom King 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat.	Nov 14	5:30pm	Charlie Delgado †
Sun.	Nov 15	7:30am	Dionisio Romo †
		9:00am	Frank Family †
		10:30am	David Woods †
		12:00pm	Andrea Herrera †
		5:30pm	Maurice DuBois †
Mon.	Nov 16	8:00am	Virginia Clifford †
Tues.	Nov 17	8:00am	All Souls
Wed.	Nov 18	8:00am	Ron Carpintero †
Thurs.	Nov 19	8:00am	All Souls
Fri.	Nov 20	8:00am	All Souls
Sat.	Nov 21	8:00am	Carlos Acosta †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — En aquel tiempo se levantará el guardián de tu pueblo. Entonces serán salvados cada uno de los que estén inscritos en el libro (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Salmo** — Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida (Salmo 16 [15]).

**Segunda lectura** — Ahora, el que ofreció un único sacrificio por los pecados y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, espera que sus enemigos sean colocados como tarima de sus pies (Hebreos 10:11-14, 18).

**Evangelio** — Nadie sabe cuándo será el día ni la hora (Marcos 13:24-32).

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**Monitor online activity on all devices**

In the past, parents had been advised to place the family computer in an open area such as a kitchen or family room so that they may easily monitor activity. Today, most social contact, especially among young people, is conducted almost exclusively on smart phones and tablets. Technology continues to rapidly change. All of us must continue our efforts to stay abreast of the many new mobile device apps that may be used by young people to communicate with others and could potentially be used to manipulate or abuse them. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Mobile App Danger,” 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 NINOS**

**Monitoree en línea la actividad de todos los aparatos**

En el pasado, se ha advertido a los padres de familia que coloquen la computadora de la familia en un área abierta como la cocina o el cuarto de descanso familiar para que ellos puedan monitorear con facilidad toda actividad. En la actualidad, la mayor parte del contacto social, especialmente entre los jóvenes, es conducida casi exclusivamente a través de los teléfonos celulares y las tabletas. La tecnología continúa cambiando rápidamente. Todos debemos continuar nuestros esfuerzos de mantenernos informados sobre las muchas nuevas aplicaciones para aparatos móviles que pueden ser usados por las personas jóvenes para comunicarse con otros, y que potencialmente pueden ser usados para manipular o abusar a jóvenes. Para una copia del artículo en VIRTUS® “Mobile App Danger” (Peligro de las aplicaciones móviles) por favor envíe un email 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.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The new ministry group, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet Thursday at 7PM in the parish hall. If you feel the call to serve Christ’s poor, join us to learn more about how you can put your faith to action.

**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.

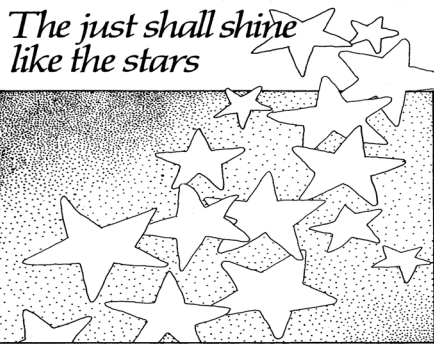
**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS**

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God’s action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God’s gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a “soul friend” as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

**GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES**

“It’s going to get worse before it gets better” is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend’s readings. They point toward the promises of God’s kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.



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