

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

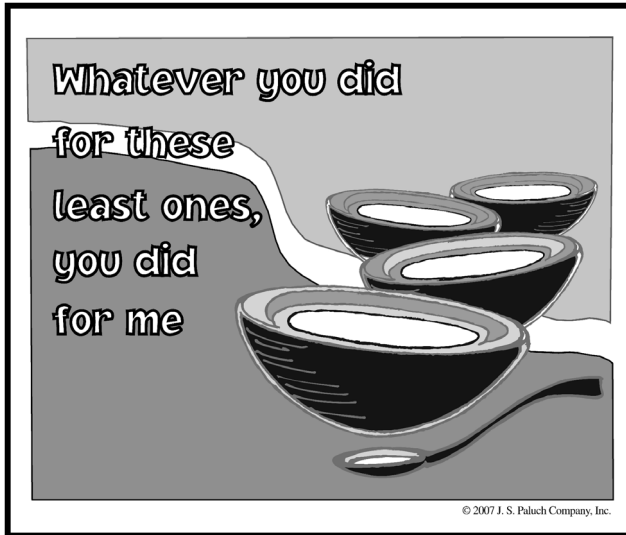
Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Deacon Joseph Girard

November 23, 2014

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

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.

Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Please contact the rectory office.

Parish Staff

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez821-5058
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Secretary	Gabriela Bravo821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza821-5058
Bookkeeper	Joe Stockemer.....821-5058

Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....463-9017
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Eucharistic Ministry:

In Church	Yvonne Frontera.....902-1234
To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman821-5058
In Church	Romeo Santos.....973-4129
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos973-4129

Ministry of the Word

English	Terri Ong560-0979
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Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo821-5058

Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings902-0109
Adult Choir	Valerie Vinnard ... 323-804-7720
Spanish Choir	Alex Venegas..... 213-675-0564
Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

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	Edwin Ambrosio822-1201ext 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	Harry Williams..... 323-542-8511
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy 823-9387
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Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....306-2796
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Youth Ministry

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Every year when Thanksgiving Day approaches, I stop to reflect upon the gifts that God has given me, and the gifts His Son has given to our world. We are blessed with the Grace of God, freely given to us. And we are called to respond as people of faith.

When I think about my life, I give thanks for my parents who are both in heaven. I give thanks for my older brother and my two younger sisters. I give thanks for our niece and her husband. And I give thanks for the Catholic faith that our parents instilled within us from our earliest days, beginning with our Baptism.

Sometimes it is hard to see what we should be thankful for. When my left hip starts stiffening up, I give thanks for the doctor who performed the surgery on my other hip this past January. When I complain about the chilly weather, I think of the people in Buffalo, New York who are dealing with three feet of snow. When the freeway is backed up and I am sitting in bumper to bumper traffic, I think of the person whose car would not start this morning and is now trying to figure out how to get to work.

Next weekend we begin the holy season of Advent. It is a time of watching, waiting, and preparing to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. The stores are already offering "holiday sales" and encouraging us to spend more money and go deeper into debt on our credit cards. During this Advent season, let us concentrate on the spirituality of Christmas, and not be distracted by all of the commercialism.

Quite often in our prayers, we lift up our intercessions, asking God for more gifts. This week let us take time to offer prayers of gratitude to God for all the gifts He has bestowed on us!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Cada año cuando se acerca a día de Acción de Gracias, reflejo sobre los dones que Dios me ha dado y los dones que su hijo ha dado a nuestro mundo. Estamos bendecidos con la gracia de Dios, que nos da libremente. Y estamos llamados a responder como personas de fe.

Cuando pienso en mi vida, doy gracias a mis padres que están en el cielo. Doy gracias por mi hermano y mis dos hermanas menores. Doy gracias por nuestra sobrina y su esposo. Y doy gracias por la fe católica que nuestros padres nos inculcaron desde nuestros primeros días, comenzando con nuestro bautismo.

A veces es difícil ver lo que debemos agradecer. Cuando mi cadera izquierda empieza a ponerse rígida, doy gracias por el médico que operó mi otra cadera este enero pasado. Cuando me quejo del clima frío, pienso en las personas en Buffalo, Nueva York, que tienen tres pies de nieve. Cuando la autopista está congestionada y estoy sentado en el tráfico paragonado contra paragonados, pienso en la persona cuyo coche no arranca esta mañana y ahora está tratando de averiguar cómo llegar a su trabajo.

El próximo fin de semana comenzamos el Tiempo de Adviento. Es un tiempo de observación, esperando y preparando para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Las tiendas ya están ofreciendo "ventas de días festivos" y animándonos a gastar más dinero y endeudarnos más con nuestras tarjetas de crédito. Durante este tiempo de Adviento, nos deja concentrarnos en la espiritualidad de la Navidad y no distraernos con el comercialismo.

Muy a menudo en nuestras oraciones, elevamos nuestras intercesiones, pidiendo a Dios más dones. Esta semana tomemos tiempo para ofrecer oraciones de gratitud a Dios por todos los dones que Él nos ha regalado.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Our Loaves and Fishes food drive is this weekend Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday November 23rd. This particular food drive will help families in our own community by providing them with a Thanksgiving basket of food. Please drop off groceries in a bag at the northwest side of the church patio before or after mass. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers for our Annual International Flag Procession that will occur during the 9am Thanksgiving Day Mass. Volunteers would need to meet in the church vestibule no later than 8:30am on Thursday, November 27th. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne Frontera via email: yfrontera1974@gmail.com or by phone: 310-902-12234.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Don't miss this personal and spiritual experience led by Reverend Leo Patalinghug. The retreat will be on the serene grounds of The Sacred Heart Retreat House located at 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 and begins Friday, January 23rd at 5:00pm and ends on Sunday, January 25th at 12:30pm. Reservations are required. For more information, please contact Mary Latini at 310-821-7515.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus wish all St Mark's Church a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Harry Williams, Grand Knight, Marina Council 4834

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SPIRITUAL LIFE

PROCESION GUADALUPANA 2014

La Procecion anual de arquidiocesis en honor de la celebracion de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe sera el domingo 7 de diciembre en el estado del colegio del Este de Los Angeles. La Sociedad Guadalupana de San Marcos tendra un autobus para ir a esta bonita celebracion. El precio por adulto es de \$5.00 y \$3.00 por niños mayores de 5 años. Familias con mas de tres niños se les dara descuento. **Se les suplica que paguen por adelantado para garantizar su reservacion.** El autobus saldra a las 9:00am de enfrente de la escuela y regresara aproximadamente a las 4:30pm. Se les sugiere que lleven su lonche, rosarios, banderas, y trajes tipicos de sus regiones o países tanto adultos como niños.

Para mas informacion y reservaciones llamar a:
Josefina Ramirez (310)578-6499
Isais Flores (310)391-5085
Ofelia Gonzalez (310)306-8768

CELEBRACION GUADALUPANA 2014

La sociedad Guadalupana de San Marcos los invita a la celebracion en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Martes 9 de diciembre a las 7pm en la iglesia
Charla sobre San Juan Diego

Miércoles 10 de diciembre a las 7pm en el salón
El Nombre de La Virgen

Jueves 11 de diciembre 7:00pm en el salón
Grupo de Oracion

Viernes 12 de diciembre 6:45 en frente de las escuela
tardecitas con mariachi

Celebración eucarística a las 7:00pm en la iglesia
Celebrante: Padre Paul Spellman

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Apo 14:1-3, 4b-5; Sal 24 (23):1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lc 21:1-4
Martes:	Apo 14:14-19; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles:	Apo 15:1-4; Sal 98 (97):1-3ab, 7-9; Lc 21:12-19
Jueves:	Apo 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 21:20-28
Viernes:	Apo 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado:	Apo 22:1-7; Sal 95 (94):1-7ab; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation for Adults

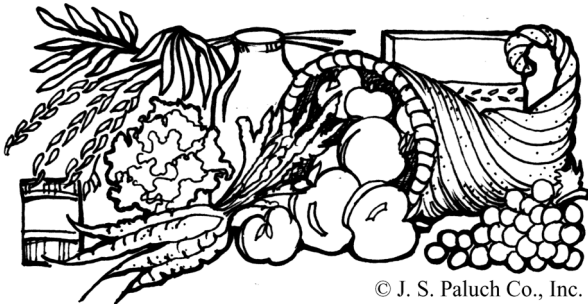
Registration is now open for any adult who is interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a baptized adult who has celebrated your First Communion, but are not confirmed, there is a preparation process for you. The first step is a brief interview. Please call 310-822-1201 to schedule an appointment for registration.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes for grades 1-6, Early Childhood and Children's Liturgy will observe a Thanksgiving holiday break. All classes resume on Saturday and Sunday December 6 and 7. There will be a session for Year 2 teen Confirmation candidates on November 30 at 3pm in the Parish Hall.

Advent Evening

The Adult Formation team invites parishioners to an Advent evening of prayer and reflection on Wednesday December 3 at 6:30pm in the school. Mark your calendars and make this evening part of your Advent preparation.



This Week at St. Mark's Nov 24, - Nov 30, 2014

- Mon. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
No Meetings - School Closed all week
- Tues. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
- Wed. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
- Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving!
9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass - Church
Rectory Office Closed
- Fri. 8:00am School Mass - Church
Rectory Office Closed
- Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church
Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church
5:30pm Mass - Church
- Sun. 1st Sunday of Advent
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

Mass Schedule

Sat.	Nov 29	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Nov 30	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Msgr. John Morales
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Nov 22	5:30pm	Patricia N. Compean †
Sun.	Nov 23	7:30am	All Souls
		9:00am	Clemente & Renato Neflas †
		10:30am	Daniel H. & Al Putziger †
		12:00pm	Carlos Acosta Sr. †
		5:30pm	J.C. McCarthy †
Mon.	Nov 24	8:00am	All Souls
Tues.	Nov 25	8:00am	All Souls
Wed.	Nov 26	8:00am	All Souls
Thurs.	Nov 27	9:00am	All Souls
Fri.	Nov 28	8:00am	All Souls
Sat.	Nov 29	8:00am	All Souls

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pastor-rey busca a los perdidos y sana a los heridos (Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo nuestro rey ha conquistado la muerte (1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre se sentará en su glorioso trono y los separará unos de otros (Mateo 25:31-46).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Get involved in school activities

“Back-to-school does not have to mean back-to-worrying. Though safety inside school is ultimately the responsibility of the principal and school staff, parents can take a few basic steps to ensure a safe school experience.” Get involved. Talk with the principal about what you can do to increase school safety, such as organizing parents to form a neighborhood watch before and after school. Sometimes parent groups are highly successful in making improvements in traffic safety during drop off and pick up times. For more information, please visit <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety>

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

Involúcrese en las actividades escolares

“El regreso a la escuela no tiene que significar regreso a la preocupación. Aunque la seguridad adentro de la escuela es finalmente la responsabilidad del director y del personal de la escuela, los padres de familia pueden tomar unos pocos pasos básicos para asegurar una experiencia escolar segura”. Involúcrese. Platique con el/la directora/a sobre lo que puede hacer para ayudar a aumentar la seguridad de la escuela, como organizar a padres de familias para formar un grupo de observancia del vecindario antes y después de horas de escuela. Algunas veces los grupos de padres de familia son altamente exitosos en hacer mejoras para la seguridad del tráfico durante las horas de ir a dejar y recoger a los niños. Para más información, por favor visite <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety>

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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE



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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS


Eucharistic Ministers are lay people who volunteer and are trained by the Church to assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are desperately needed for the Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 7:30am Masses. If you are interested in this spiritually rewarding ministry, please contact Yvonne Frontera at 310-902-1234.

LEGION OF MARY

Are you striving towards holiness and spiritual growth? Join the Legion of Mary on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the school. For information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals-on-wheels program located in Culver City, serves areas in Venice, Mar Vista, Culver City, Marina del Rey & Westchester. This invaluable program provides home delivered meals for those who need this assistance due to age, disability, illness or convalescence. For only \$7.00 per day, clients receive both a hot and cold meal. For more information please call Pam Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.


Collections
October 2013.....\$37,552.00
October 2014.....\$38,623.63