

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am  
12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30 pm

**Daily Masses:** Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00am, 12:15pm &  
and 7:00pm (Bilingual)

**Eucharistic Adoration :** First Monday of the month  
8:30am to 8:30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** 3rd weekend of each month.  
Contact 821-5058

**Marriage:** 6 months notice is required.  
Contact 821-5058 for an  
appointment.

**Anointing of The Sick:** Sacrament for the sick is  
celebrated upon request.  
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**Holy Eucharistic for the Sick:** Communion is given upon request.  
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## Parish Staff

Maintenance/Mgr.	Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058
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## Liturgy

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

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To the Sick (Esp)	Romeo Santos .....973-4129
In Church	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612
	Joan Horne.....463-9017

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## Greeter

## Ushers

## Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ...821-6612
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Director	Judy Girard.....822-1201 ext 249
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## Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt.....765-3772 wk .....827-1585 hm
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Knights of Columbus	Lupe Garcia.....505-3990
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez .....735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....306-2796
Cursillo Group	George & Frances Martin..... .....572-1242

## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)	.....822-1201
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**FROM OUR PASTOR**

***Pastor's Corner***

November is the month dedicated to remembering our beloved dead. Death does not mean the end. As the prayers offered at a funeral proclaim, "Life is changed, not ended." This past Friday, All Saints' Day, we honored those great men and women who lived extraordinary lives that inspire us even today. Yesterday, All Souls' Day, in our traditional Catholic practice, we not only remember those who have died but they also celebrate their lives as well. An aspect of All Souls Day that has gotten lost in the United States is the doctrine of purgatory which has been overshadowed by different ideals. Since the Second Vatican Council there has not been as much emphasis on prayer for the dead. The liturgical readings during this time of year shift to the end of times when God comes in glory and calls his people home. The Gospel readings focus on the idea that we must always be prepared and they ask us to reflect on the question: Have we lived our lives according to the Gospels? On All Souls' Day we pray and remember our beloved dead. We are also reminded that one day we will follow them and for that reason we should live the Gospel now.

Throughout the month of November we will be celebrating Masses in memory of all of our departed relatives and friends. It is another one of our catholic traditions to note all the names of our beloved dead. These names are placed on the church altar throughout the entire month. If you wish to have you loved ones remembered in these special Masse please use one of the enrollment envelopes at your pews, fill in all the required information and then return the completed envelope to St. Mark's as soon as possible.

Another suggestion for this month of remembrance. In your homes create a dedicated space where you can place photos of your deceased relatives and friends to visually be reminded of them. Pray for them in a special way throughout this month. You can add a flower and even a candle if you wish (please be cautious when using candles in your home). For all of our beloved family and friends, "May their souls, and all the souls, of the faithful departed, rest in peace."

Of course November is also the month that celebrates one of the most favorite of all holidays - Thanksgiving. If we really look around we should realize how truly blessed we all are in so many ways. Sadly, not everyone has even the little that we have. St. Mark's once again is going to help.

On the weekend of November 23 and 24 we will again hold a very special Loaves and Fishes collection of specific items. The items being requested will be food items that will be used to create a Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in our area. Last year, because of your generosity, we were able to help at least 100 families celebrate Thanksgiving. Some items St. Mark's will buy to make sure that particular food items are available. Also, gift cards will be given so that families can purchase a turkey (please do not donate turkeys since we have nowhere to store them). Monetary donations will be most welcome so that we can purchase food items as well as gift cards. If we all try we can make this outreach a great success once again.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, we will once again celebrate our "fantastic and joyful" Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am. If you will be in town please begin your day with us. You are invited!

***Father Michael Rocha***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

Noviembre es el mes dedicado a recordar a nuestros seres queridos que han fallecido. La muerte no significa el final. Como las oraciones ofrecidas en proclamar un funeral dicen: "La vida ha cambiado, pero no ha terminado". El viernes pasado, Día de todos los Santos, honramos a esos grandes hombres y mujeres que vivieron vidas extraordinarias y que incluso hoy en día nos inspiran. Ayer, día de difuntos, en nuestra tradicional práctica católica, no sólo recordamos a los que han muerto pero también celebramos sus vidas. Un aspecto del día de los difuntos que se ha perdido en los Estados Unidos es la doctrina del Purgatorio, que ha sido eclipsada por diferentes ideales. Desde el Concilio Vaticano II no ha habido tanto énfasis en la oración por los muertos. Las lecturas litúrgicas durante esta época del año se desplazan hacia el final de los tiempos cuando Dios venga en gloria y llame a su gente a su casa. Las lecturas del Evangelio se centran en la idea de que siempre debemos estar preparados y nos piden reflexionar sobre la pregunta: ¿hemos vivido nuestras vidas según los evangelios? El día de los muertos oramos y recordamos a nuestros queridos difuntos. También se nos recuerda que un día los vamos a seguir y por esa razón debemos vivir el Evangelio ahora.

Durante el mes de noviembre estaremos celebrando Misas en memoria de todos nuestros familiares y amigos difuntos. Es otra de nuestras tradiciones católicas recordar todos los nombres de nuestros queridos difuntos. Estos nombres se colocan en el altar de la iglesia a lo largo de todo el mes. Si usted quiere recordar a sus queridos difuntos en estas Misas especiales usen uno de los sobres que están en las bancas, llene toda la información requerida y después lo regresa a San Marcos tan pronto como sea posible.

Otra sugerencia para este mes de recordar. En sus hogares reserve un espacio especial donde puede colocar fotos de sus parientes y amigos fallecidos para recordarlos visualmente. Recen por ellos de una manera especial a lo largo de este mes. Ustedes pueden agregar una flor o una vela si lo desean (por favor sean cautelosos al usar velas en su hogar). Para todos nuestros queridos familiares y amigos, "que sus almas, y todas las almas de los fieles difuntos descansan en paz".

Por supuesto noviembre es también el mes en que se celebra uno de los días preferidos de vacaciones – el Día de Acción de Gracias. Si realmente miramos debemos darnos cuenta de cómo estamos bendecidos. Lamentablemente, no todos tienen ni siquiera lo poco que tenemos. Una vez más San Marcos va a ayudar.

El fin de semana del 23 de noviembre y 24 haremos otra vez una colecta muy especial de panes y peces. Los artículos que se solicitan serán los alimentos que se utilizan para crear una canasta de Acción de Gracias para las familias necesitadas en nuestra área. El año pasado, debido a su generosidad, pudimos ayudar a por lo menos 100 familias a celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias. Algunos artículos San Marcos los va a comprar para asegurarse de que artículos están disponible. Además, se darán tarjetas de regalo para que las familias pueden comprar un pavo (por favor no done pavos ya que no tenemos donde guardarlos). Las donaciones monetarias serán bienvenidas para que podamos adquirir alimentos, así como tarjetas de regalo. Si lo intentamos podemos hacerlo una vez más y sera un gran éxito.

En el Día de Acción de Gracias, el 28 de noviembre, a las 9.00am una vez más celebraremos nuestra "fantástica y alegre" "Misa de Acción de Gracias. Si va a salir de la ciudad, por favor comience su día con nosotros. ¡Están todos invitados!

***Padre Michael Rocha***

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

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**ALL SOULS NOVENAS**

November is our Month of Remembrance. There will be a Novena of Masses for the entire month of November and it will be a time for our community to pray for and remember all of our beloved loved ones who now rest in the Lord's peace. Please use one of the special envelopes to enroll your beloved dead in our special masses.

**NOVENA DE MISAS**

El mes de noviembre es nuestro mes del recuerdo. Habrá una novena de Misas y durante todo el mes de noviembre y vamos a orar y recordar a todos nuestros seres queridos que ahora descansan en la paz del Señor. Utilice una de los sobres especiales para inscribir a sus seres queridos en nuestras Misas especiales.

**COMMUNION AND LIBERATION**

Communion and Liberation meets in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at 7:30pm for School of Community to help judge our lives according to the encounter that begins with Christ. All are welcome! For more information please contact T.J. Berden at: tberden@gmail.com

**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 to schedule at 310-821-5058.

**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 Frances Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.

**LEGION OF MARY**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Rom 11:29-36; Sal 69 (68):30-31, 33-34, 36; Lc 14:12-14
- Martes: Rom 12:5-16b; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:15-24
- Miércoles: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33
- Jueves: Rom 14:7-12; Sal 27 (26):1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lc 15:1-10
- Viernes: Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8
- Sábado: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Domingo: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Sal 17 (16):1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Tes 2:16 — 3:5; Lc 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

**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. Sessions will take place on Saturdays Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb.22, 2014. Archbishop Jose Gomez will celebrate Confirmation at St. Mark on May 25, 2014. The first step is a brief interview. Please call 310-822-1201 to schedule an appointment for registration.

**RCIA**

The Community of St. Mark welcomes Ron Accosta, Scott, Beaver, Jessica Cail, Bonnie-Jill Laflin, Parvaneh Showrai and Madeleine Wong to the formal period of study called the Catechumenate leading to the Easter sacraments on April 19, 2014. In addition, weekly Inquiry sessions continue on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the school for anyone who is just now considering membership in the Catholic Church. Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

**Children's Liturgy**

This is a reminder for children in grades 1-5 and their parents. You are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday during the 9am liturgy. Please join the group when they are dismissed with their leaders after the Opening Prayer. You will be reading, discussing and experiencing the weekly Scripture readings during your session. You will return to the church at the time of the Preparation of the Gifts. Parents, you are welcome to accompany your child/children and to observe the process. We are also in need of volunteer assistants. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

**This Week at St. Mark's Nov. 4 - Nov 9, 2013**

- Mon. Adoration 8:30am - Church  
Benediction 8:30pm - Church  
Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School  
Please Call to Reserve (310)822-1201  
Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
- Tues. Jr Hi RE 6:30 PM - School  
Legion of Mary Eng & Sp 7:00pm - School  
Communion & Liberation 7:00pm - Hall
- Wed. Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Church
- Thurs. Bible Study 11:00am - RE Office  
Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School  
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - Hall  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
- Fri. 8:00am Mass
- Sat. 8:00am Mass
- Sun. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Early Childhood 9:00am  
Children's Liturgy 9:00am



- Sat, Nov 9 5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca
- Sun, Nov 10 7:30am Fr. Michael  
9:00am Fr. Tom King  
10:30am Fr. Michael  
12:00pm Fr. Michael  
5:30pm Msgr. John Morales



- Nov 2 5:30pm Deacon M. Compean †
- Nov 3 7:30am All Souls  
9:00am Castalia Castro †  
10:30am People of the Parish  
12:00pm Salvador Perez †  
5:30pm Inez Watson †
- Nov 4 8:00am Castalia Castro †
- Nov 5 8:00am All Souls
- Nov 6 8:00am All Souls
- Nov 7 8:00am All Souls
- Nov 8 8:00am All Souls
- Nov 9 8:00am All Souls

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).  
**Psalm** — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).  
**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).  
**Gospel** — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Señor, tú amas todo cuanto existe (Sabiduría 11:22 — 12:2).  
**Salmo** — Bendeciré al Señor eternamente (Salmo 145 [144]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Sea glorificado el nombre de Cristo en ustedes y ustedes en él (2 Tesalonicenses 1:11 — 2:2).  
**Evangelio** — Zaqueo, considerado socialmente como pecador, se convierte al Señor (Lucas 19:1-10).

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**How to communicate with those showing inappropriate behavior with children**

How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The “I” message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against themselves. The “I” message, simply diagrammed is: “I feel” (feeling) when (situation) because (reason). For example, you can say: “I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes because that could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation.” It is a much more constructive approach than saying: “You shouldn’t be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger.”

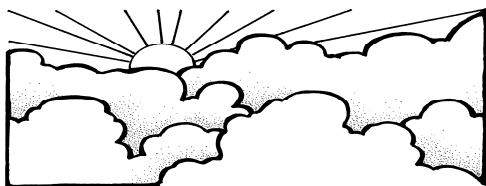
For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at [\(213\) 637-7650](tel:2136377650) or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

**PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**

**Cómo comunicarse con quienes muestran comportamiento inapropiado con niños**

¿Cómo debe usted comunicar sus preocupaciones a alguien que pueda estar comportándose inadecuadamente con los niños? El mensaje “Yo” es una manera simple de comunicarse con el oyente para que entienda sus sentimientos y preocupaciones sin sentir que es una queja contra sí mismos. El mensaje “Yo” simplemente es: “Yo siento” (sensación), cuando (situación), porque (razón)”. Por ejemplo, usted puede decir: “Me siento ansioso cuando conduces solo a un niño a casa después de las clases de educación religiosa porque eso podría poner al niño o a ti mismo en una situación potencialmente peligrosa”. Es un acercamiento mucho más constructivo que decir, “No deberías conducir niños a casa porque es contra las reglas y pone a los niños en peligro”.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al [\(213\) 637-7650](tel:2136377650) o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.



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**ST. MARK SCHOOL**



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you will tell your neighbors and friends about our Admission Information Sessions!

Here are the dates:

**November 5, 2013 at 8:00 am**  
**December 3, 2013 at 8:00 am**  
**January 26 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

These are great opportunities to better get to know St. Mark School and in the case of the first three outreach efforts, a great opportunity to see teachers and students in action during a normal school day.

We welcome your attendance and participation in sharing the dates with those who might be interested in all that our school has to offer including small classes, dedicated teachers, innovative use of technology and a dynamic co-curricular program.

We welcome inquiries regarding our program. You can contact us at (310) 821-6612 or by email at [principal@stmarkschool.com](mailto:principal@stmarkschool.com).

Have a great week!  
 Mary Ann McQueen, Principal

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**Saint Mark School**  
 ♦*Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life*♦  
 Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 8

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