

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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

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.
 Contact 821-5058

Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
 Contact 821-5058

Parish Staff

Maintenance/Mgr.	Antonio Rodriguez	821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez	821-5058
Rec./Church Care	Catalina Blasi	821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo	821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza	821-5058

Liturgy

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

Eucharistic Ministry:

To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Francisco Garcia ...	821-5058
To the Sick (Esp)	Romeo Santos	973-4129
In Church	Mary Ann Welchance	821-6612
	Joan Horne	463-9017

Ministry of the Word

English	Kim Braun	574-2649
Spanish	Erick Yela	463-9080
Wedding Coord.	Rocio Cappalonga	902-9045
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo	821-5058

Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings	902-0109
Adult Choir	Valerie Vinnard	323-804-7720
Spanish Choir	Alex Venegas	213-675-0564
Organist	Michael Fitz	313-820-1462
	Cherry Lappin	821-5058
	Bill Rolston (Eng)	396-5892

Greeter

Ushers

Parish School

Principal	Nino Torres	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	George Martin	822-1201 ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis	822-1201 ext 247

Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt	765-3772 wk
		827-1585 hm
Guadalupanas	Isaias Flores	391-5085
Knights of Columbus	John Reese	430-5762
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy	823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Pilar Calderon	384-5048
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross	306-2796
Cursillo Group	George & Frances Martin	
		572-1242

Youth Ministry

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

American author Richard Bach once wrote: "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly."

When we think of the end of the world, we often focus on disaster, loss and judgment. But the end of something can also be the beginning of something new and life-giving.

Today we have begun the Season of Advent. Advent reminds us to be alert and prepared all the time, for God can break into our lives at any moment. Advent also affirms that crisis can mean breakthrough. For those who nurture and live their faith, something wonderful is about to happen. The birth of God in Jesus is the beginning of our own rebirth into life with God.

It was a year ago this weekend that the "new" Roman Missal was introduced to all the English speaking countries of the world. There were many changes both for the Celebrant and the Congregation. I believe that our community here at St. Mark's handled the changes remarkably well. To be honest with you the ones who have struggled the most are the priests. Even a year later as different liturgies were celebrated I kept discovering changes and surprises and from time to time, I had little stumbles. For 23 years I was used to the wording and phrasing of the only Roman Missal I knew. It is good to change but also challenging.

I must challenge you again. We have removed the "temporary" Mass cards from the pews with all the changes from a year ago. Those cards were never meant to remain in the pews forever or as long as they have. As you did before, if you need to, please turn to the missalettes in the pews for assistance as you might have done before the changes. Over the next few weeks there will be a number of important celebrations taking place as we near Christmas. You are invited to them all, namely:

**December 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Advent Penance Service**

Several priests from neighboring parishes will be here to assist with hearing confessions. Please make every effort to participate in this evening of reconciliation when so many priests are present.

**December 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mariachi Music**

You are invited to come and celebrate at this bi-lingual Mass the Patroness of the Americas. Our Lady came to all the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the Co-Patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A reception will follow afterwards in the Parish Hall.

**December 16, 2012 5:30 p.m.
Mass of "Simbang Gabi."**

The great Filipino tradition of preparing for the birth of Jesus by decorating the home, and churches, with lighted lanterns called "parols". At our Mass here at St. Mark's the parols are processed into the church at the beginning of the Mass. The music for the Mass is a combination of English and Tagalog songs. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall where Filipino delicacies will be served.

Please plan ahead to join us for these upcoming events. You are welcome to all of them which will help us all to better prepare for Christmas.

Father Michael Rocha

La Esquina del Párroco

El autor estadounidense Richard Bach escribió una vez: "Lo que la oruga llama el fin del mundo, el maestro lo llama una mariposa."

Cuando pensamos en el fin del mundo, a menudo nos centramos en el desastre, la pérdida y el juicio. Pero el final de algo también puede ser el comienzo de algo nuevo y da vida.

Hoy hemos comenzado la temporada de Adviento. Adviento nos recuerda que debemos estar alertos y preparados todo el tiempo, Dios puede penetrar en nuestras vidas en cualquier momento. Adviento también afirma que la crisis puede significar gran avance. Para aquellos que se nutren y viven su fe, algo maravilloso está a punto de suceder. El nacimiento de Dios en Jesús es el principio de nuestro renacimiento en vida con Dios.

Fue hace un año este fin de semana que el "nuevo" Misal romano fue introducido en todos los países de habla inglesa. Hubo muchos cambios, tanto para el celebrante y la congregación. Yo creo que nuestra comunidad aquí en San Marcos maneja muy bien los cambios. Para ser honesto con ustedes los que han luchado más son los sacerdotes. Un año más tarde con las diferentes liturgias sigo descubriendo cambios y sorpresas. Tuve un poco de tropiezos. Durante 23 años, que estaba acostumbrado a la redacción y las frases del único Misal romano que conocía. Es bueno el cambio, pero también es un desafío.

Debo desafiarlos nuevamente. Hemos eliminado las tarjetas "temporales" de la Misa de las bancas con todos los cambios desde hace un año. Esas tarjetas no eran para que quedaran en las bancas permanentemente. Como lo dije antes, si es necesario, por favor use los misales en las bancas como lo había hecho antes de los cambios. Porque estamos cerca de Navidad, en las próximas semanas habrá un número importante de celebraciones. Todos están invitados a ellas:

**10 de diciembre de 2012 a las 7:00pm
Servicio Penitencial de Adviento**

Varios sacerdotes de parroquias vecinas estarán aquí para ayudar con las confesiones. Por favor haga todo lo posible para participar en esta noche de reconciliación cuando hay tantos sacerdotes.

**12 de diciembre de 2012 a las 7:00pm
Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con música de Mariachi**

Están invitados a venir y celebrar la Misa bilingüe de la Patrona de las Américas. Nuestra Señora vino a todas las Américas. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es también la Co-Patrona de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. Una recepción seguirá después en el salón parroquial.

**16 de diciembre de 2012 5:30pm
Misa de "Simbang Gabi."**

La gran tradición Filipina de preparación para el nacimiento de Jesús, decoran el hogar y las iglesias, con encendido linternas llamadas "parols". En nuestra Misa aquí en San Marcos, los parols se procesan en la Iglesia al comienzo de la Misa. La música de la Misa es una combinación de canciones de inglés y tagalo. Se seguirá una recepción en el salón parroquial donde se servirán los manjares filipinos.

Por favor planifique con anticipación para unirse a nosotros para estos eventos. Todos son Bienvenidos a todos ellos que se nos ayude a prepararse para la Navidad.

Padre Michael Rocha

SPIRITUAL LIFE

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Monday, December 3rd, is once again our monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration. I would again invite you to stop by our church sometime during the day, or evening, to spend some special time with our Eucharistic Lord. If you are willing and able I would like to have as many of you as possible commit to an hour of designated prayer sometime during this day. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to commit to a particular hour. The day concludes with the celebration of Benediction at 8:30pm.

Immaculate Conception

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Next Saturday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us at one of our regular Saturday Masses.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

FONDO PARA LA JUBILACION DE RELIGIOSOS

Uno de los feligreses escribe, "Como estudiante católico entre los grados K a 12, fui formado por muchos hermanas y hermanos religiosos para ser la persona que soy, y estaré agradecido para siempre." Muestre su agradecimiento a las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de ordenes religiosos quienes marcaron la diferencia en tantas vidas. Sea generoso en su donativo a la colecta de la semana próxima para el Fondo para la jubilación de Religiosos.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

LEGION OF MARY

Are you striving towards holiness and spiritual growth? The Legion of Mary can show you how. Come and join us on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in the school. For more information please call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Communion and Liberation meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm for School of Community in the Parish Hall. School of Community is an opportunity 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes:	Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles:	Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves:	Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes:	Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo:	Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONCERN AMERICA HANDCRAFTS

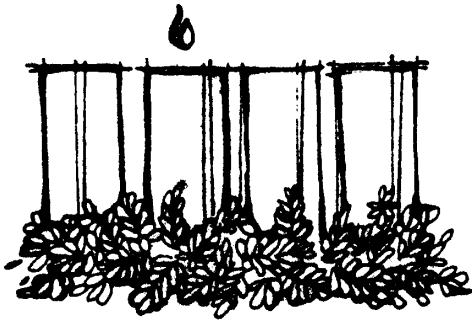
Please take a minute after the morning masses today to view the special arts and crafts on display on the patio. These items, designed and handmade by refugees and very poor people around the world, make beautiful Christmas gifts. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization. Members of the St Mark RCIA candidates and team will help you with your purchases.

AN ADVENT EVENING

The St. Mark RCIA team has planned a special evening of prayer, reflection and hospitality for this Thursday evening December 6 at 6:30pm in the school. Come, bring a friend, make new friends. All are welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Registration for adults who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation continues through December 17. Please call the Religious Education Office for information.



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This Week at St. Mark's Dec. 3 - Dec. 9, 2012

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| 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. | Communion and Liberation 7:00pm - Hall
Legion of Mary Eng & Sp 7:00pm - School
Jr Hi RE 6:30 PM - School |
| Wed. | Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Church
RCIA Inquiry 7:00pm - RE Office |
| Thurs. | Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - Hall
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church |
| Fri. | 8:00am Mass |
| Sat. | RE Classes for Grades 1-6 9:00am |
| Sun. | 2nd Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy 9:00am
Early Childhood 9:00am |

Mass Schedule

Sat, Dec 8	5:30pm	Fr. Francisco
Sun, Dec 9	7:30am	Fr. Francisco
	9:00am	Fr. Michael
	10:30am	Fr. Felix
	12:00pm	Fr. Michael
	5:30pm	Fr. Francisco



Dec	1	5:30pm	Andrea Herrera †
Dec	2	7:30am	Maria Luisa Robledo †
		9:00am	Deacon M. Compean †
		10:30am	People of the Parish
		12:00pm	Maria & Jose Cueva †
		5:30pm	Inez Watson †
Dec	3	8:00am	Inez Watson †
Dec	4	8:00am	Paul Klima †
Dec	5	8:00am	Adam Latini †
Dec	6	8:00am	Jesus Esqueda Aguayo †
Dec	7	8:00am	Paul Klima †
Dec	8	8:00am	Paul Klima †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33: 14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33: 14-16).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

Evangelio — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Shopping mall safety tips

It's easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a "safe stranger" who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the "manager." Any adult in a suit, who looks important, can look like the manager to a child. 2. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited -- no matter what anyone else tells them.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650 or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Consejos de Seguridad al ir de Compras a Centros Comerciales

Es fácil que los niños se distraigan con todos los sonidos, las vistas y olores durante la temporada navideña. Es especialmente importante vigilar a sus hijos cuando los lleven a los centros comerciales durante la Navidad. Si los niños se separan de usted, enséñeles a buscar una "persona segura" que les pueda ayudar. Por ejemplo, una mamá con niños o la persona detrás de la caja registradora puede ayudar a un niño que este perdido. Evite decirle a los niños que vayan con el "gerente." Para un niño, cualquier adulto con un traje, que parece importante, puede verse como el gerente. Los niños deben ser advertidos de no salir del centro comercial o tienda hacia el estacionamiento en busca de usted. Hágales saber a sus hijos que usted nunca saldría afuera del centro comercial o los dejaría hasta que estén reunidos – no importa lo que otras personas les digan.

Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213-637-7650 o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.

Welcome to Our Community



Velasquez Family
Rene, Joe and Joey

Malbn-Ryan Family
Gerard, Rene, Chase, Savannah and Cecilia

ST. MARK SCHOOL



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THANK YOU!

Thank you again for all your support!
A big LION thank you to everyone
who purchased their Christmas Trees from us.

The trees will be here on Saturday, December 8, 2012.
Pick up will be from 1:00 to 4:00.

If you have any questions please call St. Mark School
at 310-821-6612.



Advent

As we prepare for Advent and
the Christmas season,
we will continue to update you on all of the events
and happenings here at the school.

Again thank you so much for all your support!
Have a wonderful week.

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Saint Mark School

♦ *Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life* ♦
Kindergarten through Grade 8

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