

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

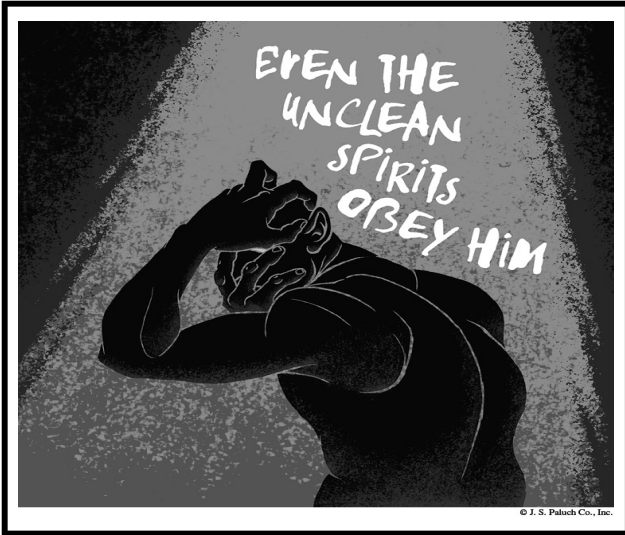
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parish Staff

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Secretary	Gabriela Bravo821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza821-5058
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Liturgy

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Eucharistic Ministry:

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To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman821-5058
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To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos973-4129

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Music Director	Maeve Cummings902-0109
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Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

Ushers

Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen821-6612
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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 (Sp)	Fabiola Andrade.....945-6044

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Earlier this week our office staff mailed out the tax deduction letters to each of our active parishioners so that you can take them to your accountant and reduce the amount you will owe on April 15th (or increase the amount of your refund!) But we also send these letters as our way of saying THANK YOU for supporting our parish ministries!

Last year (2014) we received \$560,000 in total donations from our parishioners. And, for that, we are most grateful. However, what surprised me, is that over \$450,000.00 (or 81%) of our donations came from only 417 families (or 21% of our total families).

I realize that everyone's financial situation is different, but I wanted to show you the analysis of our donations for 2014.

A) We have 26 families who gave between \$3,000.00 and \$17,000.00 to Saint Mark last year. That is an average of between \$57.62 and \$326.92 per week.

B) We have 29 families who gave between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00 to Saint Mark last year. That is an average of between \$38.46 and \$57.62 per week.

C) We have 71 families who gave between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00 to Saint Mark last year. That is an average of between \$19.23 and \$38.46 per week.

D) We have 128 families who gave between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 to Saint Mark last year. That is an average of between \$9.62 and \$19.23 per week.

E) We have 163 families who gave between \$250.00 and \$500.00 per week to Saint Mark last year. That is an average of between \$4.81 and \$9.62 per week.

These five categories make up 417 families, or 21% of our registered members. The remaining 1,583 families (or 79%) gave between \$0.00 and \$4.81 per week. However, the average for these 1,583 families was less than \$1.00 per week. While we may not all be able to give the full ten percent that the Bible calls us to, is \$1.00 per week all we can afford to offer to God? For some people that is truly all that they can afford. But is this true for 79% of our parishioners?

In looking at these figures, we must all ask ourselves, "How much has God given to our family? Can we possibly count the blessings that Our Savior has bestowed on us?" Then as we prepare our weekly donation, we must also ask ourselves, "Are we only offering to God the equivalent of the cost of a cup of coffee? How much do we spend on our cell phones, our cable television contracts, and the meals we enjoy at restaurants? And how does that compare to what we offer to God?"

Each family's weekly contribution to the church will depend on many factors. But, if you are giving less than \$1.00 per week, I invite you to consider raising your contribution to \$5.00 or even \$10.00 per week. If every family that is currently using envelopes continued to donate at their current rate, and the families who are giving \$1.00 per week increased their donations to \$5.00 or \$10.00 per week, we could do things like hire a Youth Minister or expand some of our existing ministries without having to utilize our parish reserves.

Once again, I want to thank each of you who is using envelopes or making a financial commitment to our church through on-line banking. It is through your generosity that we are able to provide the ministries and services that Saint Mark is known for!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

A principios de esta semana nuestro personal de la oficina mando por correo las cartetas de deducción de impuestos a cada uno de nuestros feligreses activos así pueden llevarlas a su contador y reducir la cantidad que se debe el 15 de abril (o aumentar la cantidad de su reembolso) Pero también enviamos estas cartas como una manera de decir gracias por apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra parroquia.

El año pasado (2014) hemos recibido \$560,000 en total de donaciones de los feligreses. Y, por eso, estamos muy agradecidos. Sin embargo, lo que me sorprende, es que más \$450,000.00 (o 81 %) de nuestras donaciones provenía de familias sólo de 417 (o 21% de nuestras familias totales).

Me doy cuenta de que la situación financiera es diferente, pero quería mostrar el análisis de nuestras donaciones del año 2014.

A) Tenemos 26 familias que dieron entre \$3,000.00 y \$17,000.00 a San Marcos el año pasado. Eso es un promedio de entre \$57.62 y \$326.92 por semana.

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Estas cinco categorías conforman 417 familias, o el 21% de nuestros miembros registrados. Las familias restantes 1,583 (o 79%) dieron entre \$0.00 y \$4.81 por semana. Sin embargo, el promedio de estas 1,583 familias fue menos de \$1.00 por semana. ¿Aunque no todos podamos dar el diez por ciento completo que la Biblia nos llama, es \$1.00 por semana todos que podemos permitirnos ofrecer a Dios? Para algunas personas es verdaderamente todo lo que pueden pagar. ¿Pero es cierto para el 79% de los feligreses?

Al mirar estas figuras, tenemos que preguntarnos, "¿cuánto Dios ha dado a nuestra familia? ¿Podemos contar las bendiciones que nos ha concedido nuestro Salvador?" ¿Entonces como preparamos nuestra donación semanal? debemos también preguntarnos, ¿sólo ofrecemos a Dios el equivalente del costo de una taza de café? ¿Cuánto pagamos por nuestros celulares, nuestros contratos de televisión por cable y las comidas que disfrutamos en los restaurantes? ¿Y cómo eso se compara con lo que ofrecemos a Dios?"

Contribución semanal de cada familia a la iglesia dependerá de muchos factores. Pero, si le está dando menos de \$1.00 por semana, les invito a la posibilidad de elevar su contribución de \$5.00 o incluso \$10.00 por semana. Si todas las familias que actualmente está utilizando sobres continuaron a donar a su ritmo actual y las familias que están dando \$1.00 por semana aumentaron sus donaciones a \$5.00 o \$10.00 por semana, podríamos hacer cosas como el alquiler de un ministro de la juventud o ampliar algunos de nuestros ministerios existentes sin tener que utilizar nuestra reserva de la parroquia.

Una vez más, quiero dar las gracias a cada uno de ustedes por utilizar sobres o hacer un compromiso financiero a nuestra iglesia a través de banco por vía internet. Es a través de su generosidad que somos capaces de proporcionar los ministerios y servicios por los que se conoce a San Marcos.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus has four guiding principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternal and Patriotism. We believe in service to our Church, Community and Special people with needs. This year the California Knights of Columbus will be a major corporate volunteer group at 2015 Special Olympics World Games July 25 to August 02, 2015. We the members of the Knights invite you to consider joining the Knights of Columbus to help with this mission of Charitable service.

Please join us out on the patio next Sunday, February 7th. We will be hosting a bake sale after all the morning masses.

Harry L. Williams,
Grand Knight,
323-542-8511



Welcome to Our Community

Prough Family
Steve, Sara Kelly & Caroline

Horton Family
Dave, Megan, Amelia & Maxwell

SPIRITUAL LIFE

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Saint Mark Church is in need of altar servers! Any young person, grade 5 and higher, interested in becoming an altar server for St. Mark Church, please contact Joan Horne. venicejoanie@hotmail.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 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
- Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
- Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13
- Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
- Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
- Domingo: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation

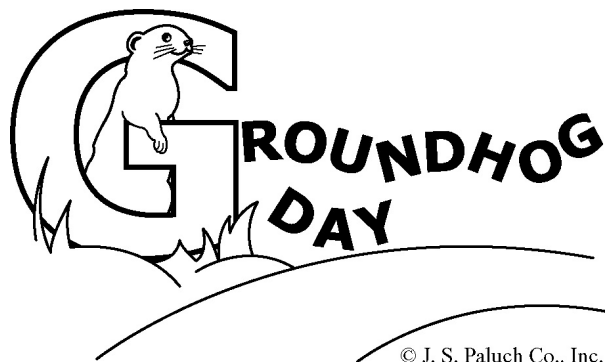
Please pray for the teens and adults who are seeking to grow in their faith as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. This year St Mark Parish will welcome Bishop Gordon Bennett for the celebration of Confirmation on May 31.

RCIA

Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the sacraments of initiation is held next Wednesday January 28 at 6:30pm in the school. Please call 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

First Communion Meeting

Parents of Religious Education or St. Mark School children who are in their 2nd year of preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion will meet on Saturday morning January 31 at 9am in the school.



This Week at St. Mark's Feb 2, - Feb 8, 2014

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA Inquiry 7:00pm - School
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School
Fri.	8:00am School Mass - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm Early Childhood 9:00am Children's Liturgy 9:00am

Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb 7	5:30pm Fr. Kyebasuuta
Sun. Feb 8	7:30am Fr. Kyebasuuta
	9:00am Fr. Kyebasuuta
	10:30am Fr. Kyebasuuta
	12:00pm Fr. Kyebasuuta
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Jan 31	5:30pm Power House of Prayer
Sun. Feb 1	7:30am Q.J. Jacobs & Family †
	9:00am Lawrence Saldibar †
	10:30am Auveen O'Neill †
	12:00pm Guadalupanas
	5:30pm Vincent Galea †
Mon. Feb 2	8:00am Inez Watson †
Tues. Feb 3	8:00am Michael Enright †
Wed. Feb 4	8:00am Antonio Gonzalez
Thurs. Feb 5	8:00am Pope John Paul II
Fri. Feb 6	8:00am Pope John Paul II
Sat. Feb 7	8:00am Virgen del Rosario de Talpa

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Learn the basics of Internet safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet: Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home; establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long; remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops; surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online; know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, emailing, online gaming, and using webcams. For more information visit: <http://www.netSMARTZ.org/InternetSafety>.

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 NIÑOS

Aprenda lo básico de la seguridad en Internet

Los niños usan una variedad de servicios en línea y cada uno de estos servicios pueden ir acompañados de distintas preocupaciones sobre seguridad. Sin embargo, hay algunos consejos básicos que usted puede usar sin importar cómo sus hijos usan la Internet: Mantenga la computadora en un área de su casa con alto tráfico de personas; establezca los límites de cuales sitios en línea pueden visitar los niños y por cuanto tiempo; recuerde que la tecnología de Internet puede ser móvil, así que asegúrese de monitorear teléfonos celulares, aparatos de juego y laptops; navegue la Internet con sus hijos y deje que ellos les muestren lo que les gusta hacer en línea; esté al tanto de quien se conecta con sus hijos en línea y ponga reglas para el uso de redes sociales, mensajes instantáneos, correo electrónico, juegos en línea y uso de cámaras web. For more information visit: <http://www.netSMARTZ.org/InternetSafety>.

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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SPIRITUAL LIFE

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.

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

TURNING POINT SHELTER

Calling all students in need of service hours. Turning Point Shelter needs help Monday - Thursday between 3:30pm - 6:30pm preparing and serving dinner for their clients. Please call Donna Miller at 310-264-6646 ext 235.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for Oleum Infirmarum), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.