

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

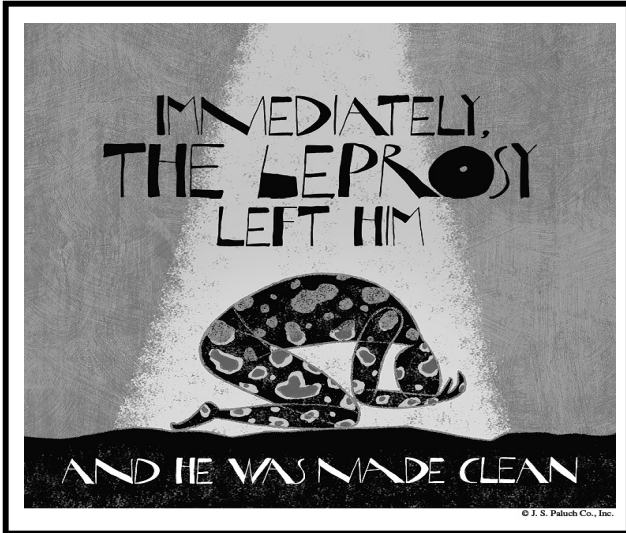
Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Joseph Girard

February 15, 2015

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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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In Church	Romeo Santos.....973-4129
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos973-4129

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	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

Ushers

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Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ... 821-6612
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Last weekend Father John and Deacon Jim spoke about the importance of Together In Mission and how your generosity helps support 80 parishes and 62 Catholic schools as they proclaim the Gospel message in communities that are struggling economically. At my previous parish, Holy Name of Jesus, 83% of the students in the school are living at or below the Federal poverty level. Many of these families are struggling to pay their rent and utilities, and to put food on the table. And we are asking them to pay tuition and to buy uniforms for their children. And, for many, that is almost impossible.

However, thanks to the generosity of Catholics throughout our Archdiocese, we are able to assist those families in obtaining a Catholic, faith-based education for their children. And that is a real blessing for these families and for our community. As Deacon Jim stated, "You are helping us pave a pathway out of poverty."

This weekend we will be asking you to make a pledge to Together In Mission. Once you have made your pledge you may make your payment all at once, or you may spread it out over the next few months. However you decide to do it, remember that your contributions will be going to help spread the message of the Gospel from generation to generation!

Don't forget, this Tuesday is our parish *Mardis Gras* and Pastor's birthday celebration in the parish hall from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Come and join us for fun, food, and fellowship! And this Wednesday is *Ash Wednesday*, the beginning of Lent. Our Mass times are included in this bulletin. I pray that we each have a Spirit-filled Lent as we walk through the proverbial desert with our Lord and Savior, discerning God's will in our lives.

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

La semana pasada el Padre John y el Diácono Jim hablaron sobre la importancia de la campaña Unidos en Misión y cómo su generosidad ayuda a proclamar el mensaje del Evangelio a 80 parroquias y 62 escuelas católicas en las comunidades que luchan económicamente. En mi parroquia anterior, Santo Nombre de Jesús, el 83% de los estudiantes en la escuela están viviendo por debajo del nivel Federal de pobreza. Muchas de estas familias están luchando para pagar su alquiler y servicios públicos y para poner comida sobre la mesa. Y les estamos pidiendo que paguen y compren uniformes para sus hijos. Y, para muchos, eso es casi imposible.

Sin embargo, gracias a la generosidad de los católicos a lo largo de nuestra Arquidiócesis, podemos ayudar a las familias a obtener una educación católica para sus hijos, basada en la fe. Y eso es una verdadera bendición para estas familias y nuestra comunidad. Como el Diácono Jim dijo: "nos estás ayudando a pavimentar el camino de la pobreza."

Este fin de semana le pediremos que hagan una promesa a Unidos en Misión. Una vez que usted ha hecho su promesa usted puede hacer un solo pago, o lo puede dividir en los próximos meses. Sin embargo, si usted decide hacerlo, recuerde que sus contribuciones van a ayudar a difundir el mensaje del Evangelio de generación en generación.

No se olviden, este martes es el *Mardis Gras* de nuestra parroquia y el cumpleaños del Pastor que se celebrara en el salón parroquial de 6:00pm a 8:00pm. ¡Vengan y Únanse a nosotros para diversión, comida y compañerismo! Y este miércoles es *miércoles de ceniza*, el comienzo de la *Cuaresma*. Los horarios de la Misa están incluidos en este boletín. Yo rezo para que cada uno de nosotros tenga una *Cuaresma* llena del Espíritu mientras caminamos a través del desierto proverbial con nuestro Señor y Salvador, discerniendo la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18th. Mass times are as follows:

8:00am Mass with Ashes
12:15pm Mass with Ashes
5:30pm Ashes only
7:00pm Mass with Ashes

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. We also, ask that you review the Special Olympics WORLD GAMES " Be a Hero Volunteer " website for this event to sign up for Multi- Day Volunteer at <http://www.la2015.org/koc/volunteer> or Fans in the stands volunteers at <http://www.la2015.org/koc/fans> (for this only the "Captain" has to register and indicate how many people they are bringing).

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

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry works to meet the pastoral needs of singles and couples in their 20's and 30's in the parish. Join us for weekly movie nights as we watch all of the Best Picture nominations before our Oscar Viewing Party on Sunday, February 22. We will be screening two films on-site on February 15 before and after the Sunday 5:30pm mass. For more information about Young Adult Ministry and its upcoming events, find us on Facebook or contact us at saintmarkyam@gmail.com.

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 MaryAnn Long at 310-717-2645.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13
 Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
 Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
 Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
 Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Inquiry

Sessions of Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation will meet this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school. Please call to let us know you are coming.

Bible Study

The weekly Bible Study group continues to meet each Monday at 7pm in the school.

Early Childhood

If you have a child who is 4 -5 (may be in kindergarten) we invite you to consider the St. Mark program for Early Childhood that meets each Sunday morning from 9am – 10am in the school. Registration is required. This program is separate from the Children's Liturgy, the dismissal program for children in grades 1-6. We ask that parents do not send their children younger than first grade to the Children's Liturgy dismissal. If your child is younger than first grade the Early Childhood program is for him/her. For more information call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201.

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

Mon.	President's Day Rectory Office Closed 8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School Fat Tuesday 7:00pm - Hall
Wed.	Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 8:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm - Church Service with Ashes: 5:30pm 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 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm - Church Soup Supper 7:00pm - Hall
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	1st Sunday of Lent 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 21	5:30pm Msgr. John Morales
Sun. Feb 22	7:30am Fr. Tom King
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	12:00pm Fr. Roderic Guerrini
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Feb 14	5:30pm Maurice DuBois †
Sun. Feb 15	7:30am Val Aquino
	9:00am Juan & Nonie Aquino †
	10:30am Sam Liberto †
	12:00pm Adela Avila †
	5:30pm Robbie Ziello †
Mon. Feb 16	8:00am Darlene Graves
Tues. Feb 17	8:00am Sam Liberto †
Wed. Feb 18	8:00am Lucinda Strub
	12:15pm People of the Parish
	7:00pm People of the Parish
Thurs. Feb 19	8:00am Mike McElroy
Fri. Feb 20	8:00am Betty Evans
Sat. Feb 21	8:00am People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

How to Report Inappropriate or Illegal Content on the Internet

One of the main reasons that children do not report the inappropriate content they find online is fear of punishment from parents. If you let them know that it is not their fault if they come across an inappropriate site, they will be more willing to come to you when it happens. If your children ever show you a site that contains illegal behavior, such as pornographic images of children, contact your Internet service provider and the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com.

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

Como Reportar Contenido Inadecuado o Ilegal en el Internet

Una de las razones principales que los niños no divulgan el contenido inadecuado que encuentran en Internet es por miedo al castigo de los padres. Si les deja saber que no es culpa de ellos si atraviesan por un sitio de Internet inapropiado, estarán más dispuestos a venir a usted cuando esto pase. Si sus hijos le muestran un sitio de Internet que contiene materia ilegal, como imágenes pornográficas de niños, póngase en contacto con su proveedor de servicios de Internet y la CyberTipline en www.cybertipline.com.

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

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum.

Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear.

Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.