

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

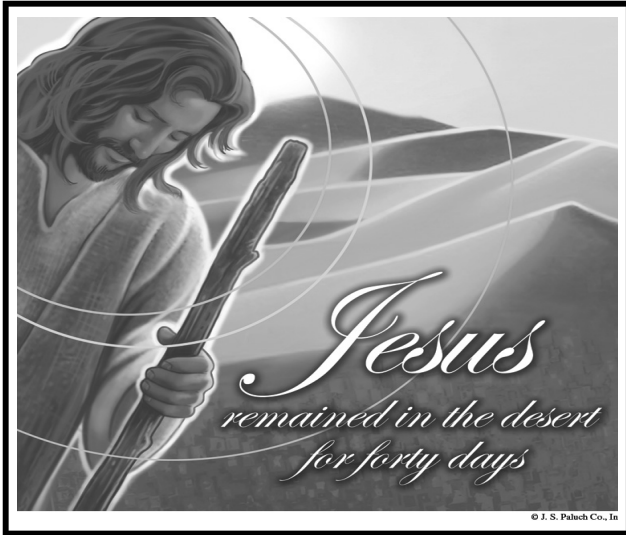
1st Sunday of Lent

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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

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez .....	821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez .....	821-5058
Church Care	Catalina Blasi .....	821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....	821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza .....	821-5058
Bookkeeper	Joe Stockemer.....	821-5058

## Liturgy

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

## Eucharistic Ministry:

In Church	MaryAnn Long.....	717-2645
To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman .....	821-5058
In Church	Romeo Santos.....	973-4129
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos .....	973-4129

## Ministry of the Word

English	Fr. Paul Spellman .....	821-5058
Spanish	Erick Yela .....	463-9080
Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....	821-5058
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/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 Ambrosio822-1201	ext 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
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez .....	735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....	306-2796
Cursillo Group	George Martin. ....	572-1242
Young Adult	SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com	

## Youth Ministry

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

<b>FROM OUR PASTOR</b>
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**Pastor's Corner**

When I walked into our church last Wednesday, I was amazed to see the beautiful desert theme surrounding the altar. Our Environment Committee set out to create a setting that reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert of Judea, in the southern part of Israel. I remember travelling through that area on a pilgrimage in 1994, and each year I am reminded of how we are called to spend our time in the proverbial desert with our Savior during this holy time of Lent.

Here at Saint Mark we invite you to join us each Friday evening at 6:00 for a simple soup supper in our parish hall. No fine lobster bisque, no rich clam chowder, no finger sandwiches and quiche to fill our stomachs. Instead, we are called to have a meal in solidarity with the poor. Half of our world's population lives on less than \$1.00 per day, and they would all be thrilled to have a simple bowl of soup for their daily meal. So we join together for a simple meal, just as Jesus does.

After our simple soup meal we will proceed to our church for our weekly Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. At that time our faith community will gather together as we recall the steps that Jesus took as He was carrying His cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to His crucifixion on Calvary. It was a difficult journey for the Savior of the world, but it is a journey that we must each remember, as we recall the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Throughout this season of Lent we will all have various opportunities to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to prepare for Holy Week. So I invite you to take some time of silence, and prayer, and reflection, as we enter the desert just as Our Lord did.

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

*Father Paul*

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Cuando entré en nuestra iglesia el miércoles pasado, me sorprendió ver el hermoso tema del desierto alrededor del altar. Nuestra Comisión del Medio Ambiente creo un ambiente que nos recuerda los cuarenta días que pasó Jesús en el desierto de Judea, en la parte sur de Israel. Recuerdo haber viajado por esa zona en una peregrinación en 1994 y cada año me acuerdo de cómo durante este tiempo de Cuaresma estamos llamados a pasar nuestro tiempo en el desierto proverbial con nuestro Salvador.

En San Marcos los invitamos a unirse a nosotros cada viernes a las 6:00pm para una cena simple de sopa en nuestro salón parroquial. No langosta, no sopa rica de almejas, no sándwiches y quiché para llenar nuestros estómagos. Por el contrario, estamos llamados a tener una comida en solidaridad con los pobres. La mitad de la población mundial vive con menos de \$1.00 por día, y estarían encantados de que su comida diaria consistiera de un plato de sopa. Así que nos unimos para tener una comida sencilla, como lo hace Jesús.

Después de nuestra comida simple de sopa procederemos a la iglesia para nuestro Vía Crucis semanal que comienza a las 7:00pm En ese momento nuestra comunidad de fe se reunirá para recordar los pasos que Jesús tomo cuando estaba llevando su cruz por las calles de Jerusalén en el camino a su crucifixión en el Calvario. Fue un viaje difícil para el Salvador del mundo pero es un viaje que cada uno debemos recordar, como también podemos recordar el gran sacrificio que Jesús hizo por nosotros.

A lo largo de este tiempo de Cuaresma, todos tendremos varias oportunidades para profundizar nuestra relación con Jesucristo y para prepararnos para la Semana Santa. Así que los invito a tomar algún tiempo de silencio, oración y reflexión, al entrar en el desierto así como Nuestro Señor lo hizo.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

*Padre Paul*

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

May this years Lent Journey bring you closer to God. May it bring you and your family much joy and happiness in service to our God. The Knight of Columbus thank you for all your support this year with are Bread and Soup meal this Lent, Bake Sales, Pancake Breakfast and Special Events. We enjoy the opportunity of service to this community of St Mark's church.

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. For more information about Young Adult Ministry and its upcoming events, find us on Facebook or contact us at [saintmarkyam@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarkyam@gmail.com).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNDLE SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, March 1st, our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Please bring your useable clothing and useable household items on this day. Their truck will be here at our church from 8:00am to 1:30pm. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800)974-3571 for free pick up of the large items.

**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](mailto: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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32  
 Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
 Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Domingo: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115): 10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RCIA

The Community of St Mark celebrates the Combined Rite of Election and Sending for our catechumens and candidates this Sunday February 22 at the 9am mass. Those elected for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Mark Astle, Lori Davis, Andrew Jackson, Cynthia Martinez and Kyle Okamoto. They will be presented to Archbishop Jose Gomez at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Sunday evening. The three candidates who will celebrate a Profession of Faith and/or Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will be called to Continuing Conversion on Sunday evening March 1, also at the Cathedral. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### Bible Study

A new study for Lent begins on February 23 at 7pm in the school. Come, read and be blessed by the "Passion and Resurrection Narratives."

### Stations of the Cross

Please join the Religious Education elementary children as they lead the Stations of the Cross next Friday February 27 at 7pm in the church. The Stations are preceded by a simple soup supper in the parish hall at 6pm. On February 27 the St. Mark Young Adult Ministry will host the supper. All are invited.



### This Week at St. Mark's Feb 23, - Mar 1, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School
Wed.	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 Soup Supper 6:00pm - Hall Stations of the Cross 7:00pm - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	2nd 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 28	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Mar 1	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Tom King 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca



Sat. Feb 21	5:30pm Carlos Acosta †
Sun. Feb 22	7:30am Mary Ketchem † 9:00am Jose Amado Pinon 10:30am Elizabeth O'Neill † 12:00pm People of the Parish 5:30pm Ana Hammer †
Mon. Feb 23	8:00am Jesus Esqueda †
Tues. Feb 24	8:00am Aidan Garcia
Wed. Feb 25	8:00am Juana Martinez
Thurs. Feb 26	8:00am David Woods
Fri. Feb 27	8:00am People of the Parish
Sat. Feb 28	8:00am Inez Watson †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

**Salmo** — Descúbreanos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24)).

**Segunda lectura** — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

**Evangelio** — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

### SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

#### Archdiocesan personnel is mandated to attend VIRTUS training

Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? VIRTUS is designed to prevent child abuse by making adults aware of how sexual abuse is perpetrated by adults as well as other children. More than 210,000 adults have gone through the VIRTUS training program in the Archdiocese in the last decade. To find out about VIRTUS training sessions near you, please call the parish office or the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227.

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

#### El personal arquidiocesano debe asistir a entrenamiento de VIRTUS

¿Sabe usted que cada persona que trabaja con niños y jóvenes en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles por mandato debe asistir al entrenamiento de VIRTUS? VIRTUS ha sido diseñado para prevenir el abuso de menores, informando a los adultos de como el abuso sexual es perpetrado por los adultos así como también por otros niños. Más de 210,000 adultos han asistido al entrenamiento VIRTUS en la Arquidiócesis en la última década. Para más información sobre las sesiones de entrenamiento VIRTUS más cercanas a usted, llame a la oficina de la parroquia o a la Arquidiócesis al programa Protegiendo Los Niños al (213) 637-7227.

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

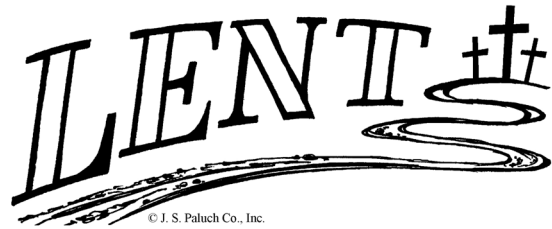
The Meals-on-wheels program located in Culver City, serves areas in Venice, Mar Vista, Culver City, Marina del Rey & Westchester. This invaluable program provides home delivered meals for those who need this assistance due to age, disability, illness or convalescence. For only \$7.00 per day, clients 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

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.