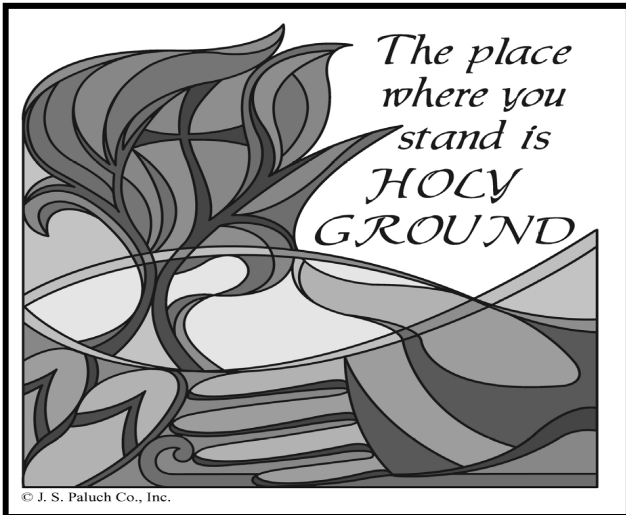


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

3rd Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

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Please contact the rectory office.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Last Thursday evening we held a Town Hall meeting in which we discussed the limitations that we are facing in terms of our property, our buildings, and our facilities. It would be nice if we had an additional five acres of space, and a couple of million dollars in the bank. Unfortunately, that is not the case. So, we have to move slowly and methodically in making decisions about what is the best use of the property that we have.

Deacon Scott Palmer from Bishop Clark's Office gave a wonderful presentation on the need for a Facilities Master Plan. The goal of this plan is to address the needs of the parish, given the land and buildings that we currently have. Blanca Meza, our Facilities Coordinator, is working with me and Deacon Scott on designing a plan. Then we will work with the Parish Pastoral Council and Bishop Clark to determine that we are on track for what is best for our church, our school, our Religious Education program, and all of our parish ministries.

The goal of this plan is to make sure that we have an organized, well-thought-out plan for our parish community that will help us serve the people of faith for many years to come. Without a Facilities Master Plan, we are running the risk of doing things in a "piecemeal" approach that does not serve our parishioners in the long run.

This is going to take some time, so I ask for your patience on this. However, I would rather do this slowly and correctly, rather than rush into things without the proper long-term vision.

As with any plans, not everyone will be pleased with the results. But that is why we had the Town Hall meeting, so that everyone would have an opportunity to hear what is being discussed, and to have their voices heard. However, as I said before, we are limited in our space and our finances. As a result, we must be good Stewards of the gifts that God has given to us!

Please keep me in your prayers as we all work together to make Saint Mark parish the best that it can be!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

El jueves pasado por la noche celebramos una reunión en la que discutimos las limitaciones que enfrentamos en nuestra propiedad, nuestros edificios y nuestras instalaciones. Sería bueno si tuviéramos una hectáreas adicionales de espacio y un par de millones de dólares en el Banco. Desafortunadamente, ese no es el caso. Por lo tanto, nos tenemos que mover lentamente y metódicamente para tomar decisiones sobre cuál es el mejor uso de la propiedad que tenemos.

El Diácono Scott Palmer de la oficina del Obispo Clark dio una presentación maravillosa sobre la necesidad de tener un plan Maestro de instalaciones. El objetivo de este plan es atender las necesidades de la parroquia, dado los terrenos y edificios que tenemos actualmente. Blanca Meza, nuestra coordinadora de servicios, está trabajando conmigo y el Diacono Scott en el diseño de este plan. Entonces vamos a trabajar con el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y el Obispo Clark para determinar que estamos en el camino que es mejor para nuestra iglesia, nuestra escuela, nuestro programa de educación religiosa y todos nuestros ministerios de la parroquia.

El objetivo de este plan es para asegurarnos que contamos con un plan organizado, bien pensado para nuestra comunidad parroquial, que nos ayudará a servir a las personas de fe en el futuro. Sin un Plan Maestro de instalaciones, estamos corriendo el riesgo de hacer las cosas en enfoques "parciales" que no le servira a nuestros feligreses a largo plazo.

Esto va a tomar algún tiempo, así que les pido que tengan paciencia. Sin embargo, sería algo que hay que hacer lentamente y correctamente, en lugar de precipitarse a las cosas sin la adecuada visión a largo plazo.

Como con cualquier plan, no todo el mundo estará contento con los resultados. Pero es por eso que tuvimos la reunión el jueves pasado, para que todos tuvieran la oportunidad de escuchar lo que se está discutiendo, y para que sus voces sean oídas. Sin embargo, como he dicho antes, estamos limitados en nuestro espacio y nuestras finanzas. Como resultado, debemos ser buenos administradores de los dones que Dios nos ha dado.

Por favor les pido que me mantengan en sus oraciones mientras todos trabajamos juntos para hacer que la parroquia de San Marcos sea lo mejor que se pueda.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!

The Saint Mark School Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies out on the church patio after the 7:30am and 9:00am masses this Sunday. Please stop by and support our girl scouts.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are collecting for the "40 cans for Lent" program. Every family is asked to donate one can of food per day during Lent. Collections will be on the patio after each Mass on Sunday as well as on Fridays at the Lenten Soup Suppers in the parish hall. We thank you all for your continuing generosity. For more information please contact Steve Gunning, Grand Knight at 310-306-9035.

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 and meets each month for prayer and fellowship as we encourage one another to live out the gospel in every day life. We will be hosting a Spring Dinner Social on Sunday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information about upcoming events, visit us at Facebook.com/saintmarkyam, follow us on Twitter @saintmarkyam, or to be added to our mailing list, contact us at SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com.

HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SPEAKER EVENT—SAVE THE DATE!

Our next parish speaker event will be on Sunday, March 13 and features Sergio Lopez, the West Region Relationship Manager for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS is the official international humanitarian organization of the Catholic community in the United States that seeks to end poverty, hunger and disease around the world. The presentation will be given at 10:30am in English and 1:15pm in Spanish. The event is hosted by the Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry and is open to all adults. For more information, contact Heidi at saintmarkyam@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 at 310-821-5058 to arrange a time for a visit.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please mark your calendars now for our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift for you. Come and feel the love and forgiveness of Christ. Grace and peace to all of you during this Lenten Season.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mc 12:28-34

Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab;
Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7;
2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The RCIA candidates are now entering the immediate preparation period for their Reception into the Church and the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 26. Last Sunday Stacy Teruya celebrated the Rite of Election and Joseph Bonaventura, Sara Hannigan, Ivett Hernandez, Modesto Hernandez, Jazmin Herrera, Joel Karlsson, Esteban Mendez, Shawna Tobalina, Nohemi Vargas and Trina Wilson were Called to Continuing Conversion. On the next three Sundays our Elect, Stacy Teruya, will be reminded of the mercy of our loving God at the Scrutiny Rites. This rite will be celebrated this Sunday Feb. 28 at 5:30pm mass, followed by a Scrutiny on March 6 at 9am mass and the final Scrutiny on Saturday March 12 at 5:30pm mass. The Scrutinies are also a reminder for each of us that during this time of Lent we are each called to a new step in our ongoing conversion.

Soup Supper and Stations

There will be no soup supper this Friday March 4. However, Stations of the Cross will be led by the Knights of Columbus at 7pm in the church. Please plan to attend the next supper on Friday March 11 at 6pm in the hall hosted by RCIA members, followed by the Stations to be led by the children of Religious Education.

Viacrucis Y Cena de Sopa

No estará una cena de sopa este viernes 4 de marzo. Pero vengan a la iglesia a las 7pm para el Viacrucis. Por favor únase con feligreses para la cena de sopa de Cuaresma en el salón parroquial el viernes el 11 de marzo a las 6.00pm, organizado por los miembros de RICA. Después de la simple cena, lleguen a la iglesia a las 7.00pm para el Viacrucis con los niños de Educación Religiosa.

This Week at St. Mark's Feb 29 - Mar 6, 2016

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Meditation 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 6:30pm - School Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Wed.	RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School Choir 6:30pm - Church
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Prayer Group - Church
Fri.	8:00am Mass - Church No Soup Supper Stations of the Cross 7:00pm - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm /5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	4th Sunday of Lent Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm - Church Early Childhood 9:00am - School

Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 5	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Mar 6	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat. Feb 27	5:30pm Panizza Family
Sun. Feb 28	7:30am Patrick Sheenan † 9:00am Juan & Nonie Aquino † 10:30am Mary Kathryn Erker † 12:00pm Tobias Herrera † 5:30pm Power House of Prayer
Mon. Feb 29	8:00am Kayla Isabelle
Tues. Mar 1	8:00am Q. J. Jacobs & Family †
Wed. Mar 2	8:00am Inez Watson †
Thurs. Mar 3	8:00am Rose Morgan
Fri. Mar 4	8:00am Jim Reeves †
Sat. Mar 5	8:00am Adrian

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalms 95*.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Exodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Kik Messenger and the dangers of anonymous messages

Social media sites are available to anyone with an internet connection (computer, phone, tablet). Your kids may be sharing their lives with complete strangers, and parents should be aware of the sites they use, what they share, and who their friends are. One mobile app, Kik, is regarded as the most dangerous site for internet predators, because users can send messages to anyone with a cellphone, including young children. Kik has no options for parental controls, leaving kids exposed to the entire web. To learn more about this app in the Virtus® article “Mobile App Danger—Kik Messenger,” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

Kik Messenger y los peligros de mensajes anónimos

Sitios de redes sociales están disponibles a cualquiera con una conexión de Internet (computadora, teléfono, tableta). Sus hijos pueden estar compartiendo sus vidas con completos extraños y los padres de familia deben estar al tanto de los sitios que ellos usan, lo que comparten y quiénes son sus amistades. La aplicación móvil Kik, es considerada como el sitio más peligroso para depredadores de Internet porque los usuarios pueden enviar mensajes a cualquiera con un teléfono celular, incluyendo niños pequeños. Kik no tiene opciones para control de los padres de familia, dejando a los niños expuestos a toda la Web. Para aprender más sobre esta aplicación en el artículo de Virtus® “Mobile App Danger—Kik Messenger” (Peligro de la aplicación móvil Kik Messenger) envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, “Great Lent” has a bit of a prelude. On “Meatfare Sunday” the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, “Cheesefare Sunday” has dairy on the menu for the last time until *Pascha* (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called “Sunday of Forgiveness,” the church gathers for “Forgiveness Vespers.” The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God’s forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one’s neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season.

How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the Feast of the Annunciation falls during Great Lent, then fish may be served.

“I AM”

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.