

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

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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
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

When I think of Jesus spending those forty days in the desert, I find it hard to imagine what it was like. The dry heat, the desert wind, and no food to eat. And, the three temptations from the devil that we read about in last Sunday's Gospel. Personally, I'm not sure I would have been able to persevere as Jesus did!

But, in order to follow the example of Jesus, we do not need to literally go into a desert. During this time of Lent we can encounter Our Savior right here at home.... in our prayer life, and in our reaching out to others.

At our Masses this weekend we will have an opportunity to hear from Thomas Awiapo, a representative of Catholic Relief Services who works in his home country of Ghana with some of the poorest people on our planet. Many of the citizens of Ghana are subsistence farmers, who barely grow enough crops to feed their families. The majority of the people in Ghana survive off of less than \$3.00 per day. I can't even imagine what it is like to wonder where your next meal is coming from, or if you will have access to clean, safe drinking water during the upcoming week.

However, we are not to be discouraged by what is happening in Africa, Asia, and South America. Rather, we are called to reach out to our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world by praying for them, and sharing what we have with them. We want every child in the world to have the same opportunities that children in America have. We want every child to have clean drinking water, nourishing food, access to good health care, and a solid education. And, most importantly, a sense of spirituality that enables them to experience the God who created us.... the God who loves us!

I am looking forward to hearing what Thomas has to say. I am sure that he will enlighten us with stories of what life is like in Ghana, and I am sure that he will challenge us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

During this Lenten season, let us continue to walk with Jesus in the proverbial desert, and to see the face of Christ in all of our brothers and sisters.... even those who live half way around the world!

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

Father Paul Spellman

La Esquina del Párroco

Cuando pienso en Jesús que paso los cuarenta días en el desierto, se me hace difícil imaginar lo que era. El calor seco, el viento del desierto y sin comida. Y las tres tentaciones del diablo que leímos en el Evangelio del domingo pasado. Personalmente, no estoy seguro que hubiera podido perseverar como lo hizo Jesús. Pero, con el fin de seguir el ejemplo de Jesús, no tenemos que ir literalmente a un desierto. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma podemos encontrar a nuestro Salvador aquí en casa... en nuestra vida de oración, y en nuestro acercamiento a otros.

En nuestras Misas de este fin de semana tendremos la oportunidad de escuchar a Thomas Awiapo, un representante de Catholic Relief Services. Él trabaja en su país de Ghana con algunos de los más pobres de nuestro planeta. Muchos de los ciudadanos de Ghana son agricultores que apenas tienen suficientes cultivos para alimentar a sus familias. La mayoría de la gente en Ghana sobrevive con menos de \$3,00 por día. Aun no puedo imaginar lo que es no saber de donde viene su próxima comida, o si tienes acceso a agua potable limpia y segura durante la próxima semana.

Sin embargo, no debemos ser desanimarnos por lo que está sucediendo en África, Asia y América del sur. Por lo contrario, estamos llamados a alcanzar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el otro lado del mundo, orando por ellos y compartiendo lo que tenemos con ellos. Queremos que todos los niños del mundo tengan las mismas oportunidades que tienen los niños en América. Queremos que cada niño tenga agua potable, alimentos nutritivos, acceso a buena atención de salud y una educación sólida. Y, lo más importante, un sentido de espiritualidad que les permite experimentar al Dios que nos creó... el Dios que nos ama.

Estoy deseando escuchar lo que cuenta Thomas. Estoy seguro que él nos iluminara con historias de cómo es la vida en Ghana, y estoy seguro que nos pondrá a prueba a llegar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están en necesidad.

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, sigamos a caminar con Jesús en el desierto proverbial y ver el rostro de Cristo en todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas... incluso aquellos que viven la mitad del mundo!

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todas las formas,

Padre Paul Spellman

SPIRITUAL LIFE

CRS RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

This week, we encounter the Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SAVE THE DATE! RICE BOWL SUNDAY

All are invited to enjoy a free donut and fair trade coffee in the parish hall on March 26th as part of our Rice Bowl Sunday Open House. The hall will also feature cooking demonstrations, interactive presentations and a fair trade craft and food sale. The Open House will be open until 2:00pm. Learn about ethical trade, meet fair trade vendors that represent artisans and workers around the world and how we can all be a part of the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing globally and in Los Angeles to end the cycle of poverty. Please take some time in fellowship with other parishioners and explore the resources provided to *Encounter Lent* in new ways.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week we will be taking up a special collection for The Catholic Relief Services. Your contribution funds several national Catholic organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, provide agricultural assistance, water programs, health care, help alleviate poverty in developing countries and advocates for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace. The special envelopes for this special collection are in the pews today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

VIDA ESPIRITUAL

PLATO DE ARROZ DE CRS: ENCUENTRO INNOVACION

Esta semana, nos encontramos con Evelina en Zambia. Ella y otras madres en su comunidad aprenden nuevas formas de proporcionar comidas nutritivas para sus familias. ¿Cómo podemos garantizar que los que tienen hambre tengan no solo alimentos, sino una verdadera nutrición? Para más información, visite crsricebowl.org.

DOMINGO DE PLATO DE ARROZ

Todos están invitados a disfrutar de un donut gratis y café de comercio justo en el salón parroquial el 26 de marzo para el Domingo de Plato de Arroz. Habrán demostraciones de cocina, presentaciones interactivas y una venta de artesanía y alimentación de comercio justo hasta las 2:00pm. Por favor de unirse con nosotros y aprender cómo todos podemos ser parte de la obra que CRS está haciendo a nivel mundial y en Los Angeles para terminar el ciclo de la pobreza.

COLECTA ESPECIAL

El próximo domingo habrá una colecta especial para CRS - Los Servicios de Ayuda Católicos. Su contribución financia varias organizaciones católicas nacionales que ayudan a las víctimas de desastres naturales, proporcionan asistencia agrícola, programas de agua, salud, alivian la pobreza en los países en desarrollo y defensores de las políticas y programas que promuevan la paz y la justicia global. Los sobres especiales para esta colecta están en las bancas hoy.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38
 Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
 Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
 Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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 April 15. Last Sunday Danielle Healey, Estrella Lewis, Maya Lewis, Myles Montgomery, Georgia Purcell, Denise Terzoli and Finn Tipton celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This Sunday the candidates Blythe Jackson and Jennea Velador will go to the Cathedral for the Call to Continuing Conversion. On the next three Sundays our Elect will be reminded of the mercy of our loving God at the Scrutiny Rites. This rite will be celebrated next Sunday March 19 at 9am mass, followed by a Scrutiny on March 26 at 10:30am mass and the final Scrutiny on Sunday April 2 at 9am 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.

NET Retreats

St. Mark acknowledges the members of the National Evangelization Team who presented retreats for our junior high and high school youth last weekend. May they be much blessed as they continue their ministry to youth during their year of service to the Catholic Church.

First Confessions

On March 11 and March 18 Religious Education and St Mark School children and youth celebrated their First Reconciliation. We pray for all of them as they experience the grace of God's forgiveness in this sacrament.

This Week at St. Mark's Mar 13- Mar 19, 2017

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 at 6:30pm - School
Wed.	RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
Fri.	8:00am Mass - Church Soup Supper 6:00pm - Hall Stations of the cross 7:00pm - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church Early Childhood 9:00am - School RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	3rd Sunday of Lent Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church/School

Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 18	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Mar 19	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Roderic Guerrini 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Michael Tang 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. Mar 11	5:30pm Joseph Popejoy †
Sun. Mar 12	7:30am Jose Sison † 9:00am Aaron B. 10:30am Joe Miles † 12:00pm Marianita y Erik De Lao 5:30pm Nicholas Elias †
Mon. Mar 13	8:00am Dading Rebuca †
Tues. Mar 14	8:00am Javier Gonzalez †
Wed. Mar 15	8:00am Pat Wijangco †
Thurs. Mar 16	8:00am Jenny del Rocio Torres †
Fri. Mar 17	8:00am Clemente Neflas †
Sat. Mar 18	8:00am Joseph Romero †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

Evangelio — “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo” (Mateo 17:1-9).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

SCHOOL NEWS

Stress can affect the children around you

Everyone has stress, whether it's a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress – for your own sake and for the children around you. Too much stress can make it difficult to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress, please email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (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 NINOS

El estrés puede afectar a los niños que le rodean

Todo el mundo tiene estrés, ya sea un mal día en el trabajo, problemas con el automóvil, o simplemente demasiadas cosas que hacer. Es importante aprender a manejar su estrés, por su propio bien y por los niños que lo rodean. Demasiado estrés puede hacer que sea difícil para usted ofrecer una paternidad efectiva. Después de un tiempo, sus hijos pueden mostrar signos de estar estresados, también. Para obtener una hoja informativa sobre cómo manejar el estrés, envíe un correo electrónico a bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.

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.



Welcome to Our Community

Penn Family
Ryan, Kristin & Owen

Martin Family
Fabian, Celila, Zoe, Zaira & Daniel

Hadad-Austin Family
Alex, Roxanna, Phoebe

Ingerso-Benedicto Family
Paul, Ann & Ulysses

Kiburtz Family
Jeffrey, Luciana, Olivia & Amika

Nugent Family
Patrick, Katherine, Margaret, Grace & Declan

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ!

St. Mark School is pleased to invite the entire St. Mark Community to their 23rd Annual Auction next Saturday, March 18th at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina Del Rey. Tickets can be purchased online at stmarks.onlineauctionbook.com For more information please visit auction@stmarkschool.com.

SPRING MUSICAL

Our Spring Musical, Disney's Lion King Jr., will be in April. More information coming soon!

To learn more about St. School Mark or to attend one of our Prospective Parent Information Sessions, visit our website at www.stmarkschool.com. Remember to like our page on Facebook and follow us on Instagram! @saintmarkvenice

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Saint Mark School

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

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.