

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

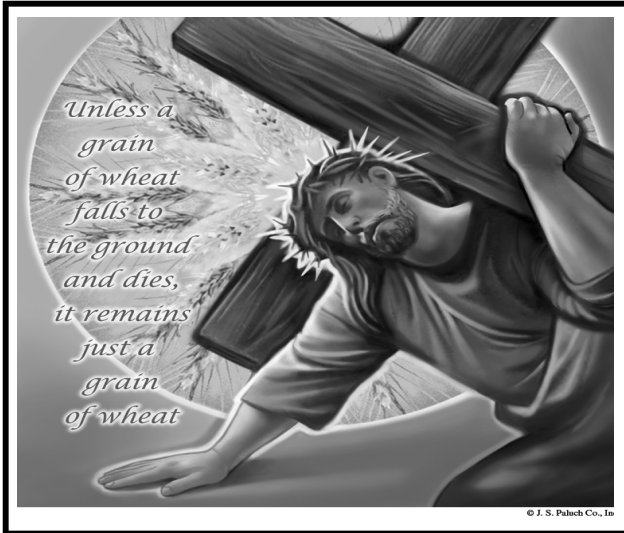
Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

5th Sunday of Lent

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March 22, 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

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez821-5058
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Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....463-9017
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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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Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

Ushers

Parish School

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

Pastor's Corner

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the beginning of Holy Week, and we will commence with our celebrations at the Pam Sunday Masses and continue all week long until Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord!

This Thursday, March 26th, we will have our parish communal Penance Service here in our church at 7:00 p.m. We will have a number of priests from various parishes who will be utilizing the power of the Holy Spirit to absolve you of your sins and to help prepare you for the celebration of Easter.

As I mentioned, next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we will begin each Mass with the blessing of the palms and the reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel. At the 9:00a.m. Mass we will be blessing the palms on the front steps of the church, and we will begin with the blessing at 8:45a.m. so that we may begin Mass in the church promptly at 9:00a.m. So, please come a few minutes early! All other Masses will begin at their regular times.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31st, I invite you to take a "Journey Through The Holy Land" in which we will have an opportunity to see slides of the places where Jesus walked in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Jerusalem. We will also see the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan, as well as the Dead Sea where the oldest copies of Scripture were found in 1947. We will meet in the Deacon Compean Hall at 10:00 in the morning and will have a repeat presentation at 7:00 in the evening.

The schedule for the rest of the Masses and other liturgical services have been mailed to you, and also appear in this week's bulletin. As I mentioned last week, I encourage you to join us for the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. This is the night before Easter Sunday, and it is the Mass in which our elect are received into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. After Mass there will be a wonderful reception in the Deacon Compean Hall. So, please mark your calendars!

This is a wonderfully spiritual time on our Catholic Church year, and I invite you and your loved ones to join us as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

El próximo domingo Domingo de Ramos es el comienzo de la Semana Santa, y comenzaremos con nuestras celebraciones de las Misas del Domingo de Ramos y continuaremos la semana entera hasta el Domingo de Pascua, cuando celebramos la Resurrección del Señor.

Este Jueves, 26 de marzo, tendremos en nuestra parroquia el Servicio Penitencial a las 7:00pm Vamos a tener sacerdotes de varias parroquias que van a usar el poder del Espíritu Santo para absolver sus pecados y ayudarlos a prepararse para la celebración de la Pascua.

Como ya he mencionado, El próximo domingo, Domingo de Ramos, vamos a comenzar la Misa, con la bendición de las palmas y el Evangelio del Domingo de Ramos. En la Misa de 9:00 se bendecirán las palmas en las escalinatas de la iglesia a las 8:45 así podemos comenzar la Misa puntualmente a las 9:00. Así que, por favor venga unos minutos antes. Todas las otras Misas comenzarán en sus horarios regulares.

El martes de Semana Santa, 31 de marzo, los invito a hacer un "viaje a través de la Tierra Santa" en el que tendremos la oportunidad de ver las diapositivas de los lugares donde Jesús caminó en Belén, Nazaret, Capernaum y Jerusalén. También veremos el mar de Galilea y el río Jordan, así como el mar Muerto donde se encontraron las copias más antiguas de las escrituras en 1947. Nos reuniremos en el salón Diacono Compean a las 10:00 de la mañana y habrá una presentación repetida en la 7:00 de la noche.

El horario para el resto de las Misas y otros servicios litúrgicos ha sido enviado y también aparece en el boletín de esta semana. Como ya he mencionado la semana pasada, los invito a unirse a nosotros para la Misa de la Vigilia de Pascua el sábado, el 4 de abril, a las 7:00pm Esta es la noche antes del Domingo de Pascua y es la Misa en el cual nuestros elegidos son recibidos en la iglesia católica con los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Después de la Misa habrá una recepción maravillosa en el en el Salón Parroquial. Así que, por favor marquen sus calendarios.

Este es un momento muy espiritual en el año de nuestra Iglesia Católica. Invito a ustedes y a sus seres queridos a unirse a nosotros mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la Resurrección de Nuestro Salvador.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE



Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Journey Through the Holy Land
10:00am and 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Until 12:00 midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Stations of the Cross 12:00pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 1:00pm

Live Stations of the Cross in Spanish 7:00pm
Outside in the parking lot

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Celebration of the Great Easter Vigil 7:00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00pm (Spanish)
There will be no 5:30pm mass on Easter Sunday

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are all called to participate in the Lent Journey, the Knights of Columbus invite you to join our ranks. Why you should become a Knight? If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

St. Mark Parish has a men's small group faith sharing ministry. This ministry gives the men of the parish a place to share their faith and have that faith be reinforced by others in the parish community. All men are welcome to the next meeting on Monday March 23rd at 7:30pm in the Lennon Room of the parish hall. For more information contact Mike Fitz (310)-961-8215 (fitz_michael@verizon.net).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21;
Jn 8:21-30
Miércoles: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Domingo: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16 (procesión);
Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Fil 2:6-11; Mc 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An Invitation

Please pray for the year's Elect and Candidates as they complete their preparation for the Easter Sacraments. If you have never attended this spectacular Easter liturgy, please consider joining your parish family on Saturday April 4 at 7pm as we light the new fire and enter the church rejoicing in the Risen Christ.

A parish reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the Vigil Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend the Vigil and to continue the celebration in the hall. If you would like to help with the reception in some way please call the Office of Religious Education at 310-822-1201.

Stations of the Cross

We thank the teens of our Confirmation program for leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 20. Next Friday, March 27, the Stations will be led by the St Mark Young Adult group. Plan to attend the Lenten soup supper that precedes the Stations at 6pm in the hall. Thank you to RCIA for hosting the supper on March 20.

Bible Study

The current study of the "Passion and Resurrection Narratives" continues on Monday March 23 and March 30 at 7pm in the school. The group will observe the Easter break on Monday April 6 and resume on Monday April 13.

This Week at St. Mark's Mar 23, - Mar 29, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School Men's Ministry 7:30pm - Lennon Room
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7&8 6:30pm - School
Wed.	RCIA Inquiry 7:00pm - School
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Lenten Penance Service 7:00pm - Church
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.	Palm Sunday 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. Mar 28	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. Mar 29	7:30am Fr. Tom King 9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman 10:30am Msgr. John Morales 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca



Sat. Mar 21	5:30pm Carlos Acosta †
Sun. Mar 22	7:30am Cassandra Hernandez † 9:00am Andrew Ziello † 10:30am People of the Parish 12:00pm Jose Alvarez Sr. † 5:30pm Barbara Backus †
Mon. Mar 23	8:00am Aidan Garcia
Tues. Mar 24	8:00am Juana Martinez
Wed. Mar 25	8:00am Jorge Rojas †
Thurs. Mar 26	8:00am Inez Watson †
Fri. Mar 27	8:00am Power House of Prayer
Sat. Mar 28	8:00am Graciela Fernandez

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34)

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 (50))

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9).

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33)

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Teaching children about boundaries and safe touches is healthy

Teaching children about boundaries and safe touches is not sex education. There are many safety issues we teach children: bike safety, water safety, fire prevention, driver's training, etc. Personal safety programs should have age appropriate lessons that give children the skills they need to protect themselves without frightening them. Keeping children unaware of the dangers around them does not keep them safe. Predators count on children not knowing what to do. For more information, please visit:
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/faqs.cfm>.

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

Es saludable enseñar a los niños sobre la seguridad personal y los límites del contacto físico con otros

Enseñar a los niños sobre los límites y cuando un contacto físico con otros es seguro no es educación sexual. Hay muchos temas de seguridad que enseñamos a los niños: seguridad en las bicicletas, seguridad en el agua, prevención de incendios, entrenamiento para conducir, etc. Los programas de seguridad personal deben contar con lecciones apropiadas para la edad, que les brinde a los niños la información que ellos necesitan para protegerse sin asustarlos. Mantener a los niños sin el conocimiento de los peligros a su alrededor no los mantiene seguros. Los predadores cuentan con que los niños no saben lo que hacen. Para más información, por favor visite:
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/faqs.cfm>.

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.

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

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song harkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

