

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

4th Sunday of Lent March 6, 2016

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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.
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Anointing of The Sick: Sacrament for the sick is celebrated
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

This weekend we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Lent, our time of journeying through the proverbial desert with our Lord Jesus Christ, as we concentrate on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In two weeks we will celebrate Palm Sunday, and the following Sunday is Easter Sunday, when we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead and His message of eternal life!

During these remaining weeks of Lent, I invite you to take some time to pray for those who will be joining us in our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter Sunday. We pray for the Elect who will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. And we pray for our Candidates (those who have already been Baptized) who will be received into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Throughout this past year I have enjoyed meeting those who are journeying towards the Easter Vigil, and giving presentations about the teachings of our church. Most of us were Baptized as infants or as young children, and the Catholic life is the only life we have known. But for those who are joining us from another faith tradition, it has been a wonderful journey as we walk together in the Light of Christ!

As we approach these final weeks of Lent, let us take some time to stop and reflect upon how God is guiding us in our journey of faith, And let us continue to pray for those who will be joining us at the Easter Vigil at the Table of the Lord!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Este fin de semana celebramos el Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, nuestro tiempo de jornada por el desierto proverbial con nuestro Señor Jesucristo, mientras nos concentramos en la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. En dos semanas vamos a celebrar El Domingo de Ramos y el siguiente domingo es el Domingo de Pascua cuando celebramos la resurrección de nuestro Señor y su mensaje de vida eterna.

Durante las restantes semanas de Cuaresma, los invito a tomar tiempo para orar por los que se unirán a nosotros en nuestra Fe Católica en la Vigilia de Pascua, la noche del sábado antes del Domingo de Pascua. Oremos por los escogidos que estarán recibiendo los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Y oremos por nuestros candidatos (los que ya han sido bautizados) que serán recibidos en la Iglesia Católica con los Sacramentos de Confirmación y la Eucaristía.

A lo largo de este último año he disfrutado conocer a quienes van en esta jornada hacia la Vigilia de Pascua y darles presentaciones sobre las enseñanzas de nuestra iglesia. La mayoría de nosotros fuimos bautizados de infantes o niños pequeños, y la vida católica es la única vida que hemos conocido. Pero para aquellos que están con nosotros desde otra tradición de la fe, ha sido un viaje maravilloso mientras caminamos juntos a la luz de Cristo

Al acercarnos a estas últimas semanas de la Cuaresma, tomemos tiempo para parar y reflexionar sobre cómo Dios nos está guiando en nuestra jornada de fe y sigamos orando por los que se unirán a nosotros en la Vigilia Pascual en la Mesa del Señor!

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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. They are hosting a Spring Dinner Social this Sunday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Meet members of the ministry, learn about monthly activities and bring a friend! For more information about upcoming events, visit us at [Facebook.com/saintmarkyam](https://www.facebook.com/saintmarkyam), follow us on Twitter @saintmarkyam, or to be added to our mailing list, contact us at SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com.

HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To who are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

PARISH 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). His 10:30am English presentation is entitled "Home Sweet Home? Pope Francis' Teaching on Creation and the Catholic Church's Role in Saving our Common Home." Refreshments will be offered by Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry and the event is open to all adults. Reservations are now open for free child care for school-aged children. For more information, contact Heidi at saintmarkyam@gmail.com

EVENTO DE LA PARROQUIA—GUARDA LA FECHA

El 13 de marzo habrá una presentación en español a las 1:15pm en el salón parroquial con Sergio Lopez, un Gerente de Relaciones de Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Su presentación de la Misión Global Durante la Cuaresma se titula "Da la Mano a Tu Hermano". Refrescos serán ofrecidos por el Ministerio de los Adultos Jóvenes. Este evento es para todos los adultos y habrá cuidado de niños en edad escolar. Para obtener mas información o para reservar sus niños póngase en contacto con Heidi en saintmarkyam@gmail.com.

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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
 Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;
 Jn 4:43-54
 Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
 Jn 5:1-16
 Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 3:8-14;
 Jn 8:1-11; Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Bible Study

An Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy was proclaimed by Pope Francis beginning December 8, 2015 and lasting until the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. This period of prayer, like previous jubilees, is seen by the Church as a period for remission of sins and universal pardon focusing particularly on God's forgiveness and mercy. Come join the new Bible Study, "Divine Mercy," beginning this Monday March 7 at 7pm in the school. Find the God of graciousness and mercy in both the Old and New Testaments. Experience an opportunity to "open the door" to the heart of Scripture and true meaning of "mercy."

Soup Supper and Stations

Next Friday March 11 the children of the Religious Education programs will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. Prior to the Stations, all parishioners are invited to attend the Lenten Soup Supper hosted by members of RCIA in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

Easter Vigil

All members of St. Mark Parish are invited to celebrate the Risen Christ at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 26 at 7pm. During this joyful liturgy our Elect and ten Candidates will celebrate Full Initiation into the church. A parish reception will be held in the hall at the conclusion of the liturgy. All are invited. If you would like to assist in some way please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201.

This Week at St. Mark's Mar 6 - Mar 13, 2016

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church
Adoration 8:30am - Church
Meditation 6:30pm - School
Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Benediction 8:30pm - Church

Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church
RE Grades 7-8 6:30pm - School

Wed. RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
Choir 6:30pm - Church
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School

Thurs. 8:00am Mass - Church
Spanish Prayer Group - Church

Fri. 8:00am 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 /5:30pm Mass - Church

Sun. 5th Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm - Church
Early Childhood 9:00am - School
Guest Speaker 10:30am (Eng) & 1:15pm (Sp) - Hall

Mass Schedule

Sat.	Mar 12	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Mar 13	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Roderic Guerrini
		12:00pm	Fr. Michael Tang
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat.	Mar 5	5:30pm	Jose Angel Alvarez
Sun.	Mar 6	7:30am	Holy Spirit
		9:00am	Kayla Isabelle
		10:30am	Alberto Ramirez
		12:00pm	Guadalupanas
		5:30pm	Jose Sison †
Mon.	Mar 7	8:00am	Paulino & Manuel Salasac †
Tues.	Mar 8	8:00am	Jim & Jenny Sigl
Wed.	Mar 9	8:00am	Bobby Herrera †
Thurs.	Mar 10	8:00am	Ron Carpintero †
Fri.	Mar 11	8:00am	Holy Spirit
Sat.	Mar 12	8:00am	Huang Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pueblo de Dios entra a la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) *o* 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) *o* Salmo 23(22).

Segunda lectura — Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo (Corintios 5:17-21) *o* Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio — Debemos celebrar cuando nuestro hermano se arrepiente y vuelve a la vida (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) *o* Juan 9: 1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

SCHOOL NEWS

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 NINOS

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.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Be part of our St. Mark community by attending the St. Mark School Annual Auction, Carnival in Rio! on Saturday, March 19 at the Marina City Club. There will be dinner, drinks, silent and live auction and entertainment and a guaranteed good time for all! Support our school and enjoy yourself at the same time. We will be selling tickets after 9am mass or purchase tickets online at marks.onlineauctionbook.com. We hope to see you there!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the first steps to a Catholic wedding takes place in the parish rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to “set a date.” We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor’s creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

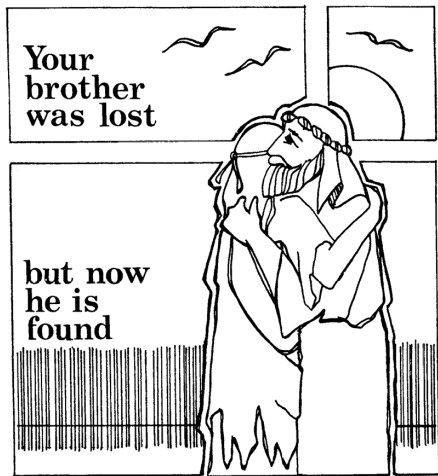
That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples’ surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage “count.” If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not “take.” Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkerboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today’s Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father’s initial grief over his young son’s avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son’s grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son’s bewilderment over his father’s generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It’s time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.



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