

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

4th Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

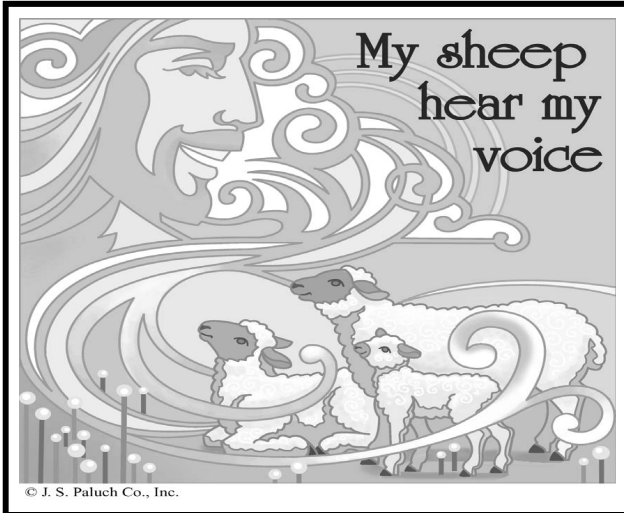
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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**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

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Secretary	Blanca Meza .....821-5058
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Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....463-9017
Altar Society	Chris Putziger.....396-3265

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In Church	Romeo Santos.....720-0084
To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez .....306-8768

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

Greetings from Memphis, Tennessee! I am writing this Pastor's Corner from my sister's home in Memphis, where I am enjoying time with my brother and my sister and my niece, I have also connected with a number of old friends from college, and eaten barbecue at Topp's, Three Little Pigs, and Corky's. If you have ever been to Memphis, all three of those restaurants will sound familiar. If not, you need to try them!

By the time you read this, I will be in St. Petersburg, Florida visiting our other sister and her husband. I am so blessed to have the family that I have, and it is wonderful to be able to spend time with them relaxing and catching up on things. I used to visit my family in the summer, but, if you have ever been to Tennessee or Florida in July or August, you know why I now go in the spring or the fall! The weather is beautiful, dogwoods and azaleas are in bloom, and the spring breezes are heaven-sent!

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus reminds us that we are His sheep. We hear His voice, He knows us, and we follow Him. And, most importantly, He will give us eternal life and we shall never perish! And, that, my brothers and sisters in Christ, is the essence of our faith.

So, while I am relaxing with family and friends, let us keep one another in prayer as we follow the Voice of the Good Shepherd!

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

*Father Paul*

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Saludos desde Memphis, Tennessee. Estoy escribiendo Esquina del Pastor desde la casa de mi hermana en Memphis, donde estoy disfrutando pasando tiempo con mi hermano y mi hermana y mi sobrina, y también me he conectado con un número de viejos amigos del colegio y he comido barbacoa en Topp, Three Little Pigs y Corky. Si usted nunca ha estado en Memphis, estos tres de esos restaurantes no le sonarán familiares. Si no es así, necesitará probarlos.

En el momento que lean esto, estaré en St. Petersburg, Florida visitando nuestra otra hermana y su marido. Estoy tan bendecido por tener la familia que tengo, y es maravilloso poder pasar tiempo con ellos, relajarse y ponerse al día sobre las cosas. Solía visitar a mi familia en el verano, pero, si ustedes han estado en Tennessee o Florida en julio o agosto, saben por qué ahora voy en la primavera o el otoño. El clima es hermoso, las azaleas están en flor, y la brisa de primavera es agradable

En el Evangelio este fin de semana, Jesús nos recuerda que somos sus ovejas. Escuchamos su voz, él nos conoce, y le seguimos. Y, lo más importante, nos dará la vida eterna y no pereceremos. Y eso, mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, es la esencia de nuestra fe.

Así que, mientras estoy con familia y amigos, mantengámonos mutuamente en la oración mientras seguimos la voz del buen pastor.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

*Padre Paul*

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**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. The next monthly gathering is this Sunday, April 17th at 6:30pm in the school's faculty room. 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.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

St. Mark Parish now has an active Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). This conference is part of a worldwide organization of lay Catholic women and men who are committed to live and grow their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. The Society is dedicated to systemic change and to outreach to those, as Pope Francis urges us, at the "fringes of society." The volunteers of the St Mark Conference have learned and trained for a significant period of time and are now poised to bring Catholic Social Teaching into practice. Eight parishioners from St. Mark joined more than 900 other Vincentians on Sunday April 10 for a mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell and to attend the SVdP Los Angeles Annual Meeting. Requests for information about the services SVdP offers or to ask about joining the St. Mark conference can be directed to (424)272-1629 or stmarksvdpveniceca@gmail.com.

**YOUTH URBAN PLUNGE**

The St. Mark Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society is sponsoring an "Urban Plunge" for the teens of our parish on April 23-24. This event will include volunteering at the SVdP shelter on Skid Row, St Vincent's Cardinal Manning Center, a Sunday morning walk on Skid Row followed by mass at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. For more information, please contact Mike Fitz (310)961-8215 (fitz\_michael@verizon.net) or Claire O'Hanlon (charm@manyquarks.com).

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is in need of new Members. We bring communion to 2 nursing homes and people who are not able to come to church. One member teaches a religious education class for children who are 3-5 years of age. We also go door to door to take a census for our church and encourage people to come back to the church. You may already be doing this work. Come join the Legion of Mary. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the school. For more information please call Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY**

Since 1951, the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity has offered hope for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. On May 1st all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up this Annual Collection. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults and families and provides one-time emergency help for food, utilities, medical, housing or funeral expenses. The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the "neediest of the needy," those for whom no other resources exist. Envelopes can be found in the pews today.

**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 or if you would like to volunteer please call Pam Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Domingo: Hch 14:21-27; Sal 145 (144):8-13; Ap 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Volunteers Needed

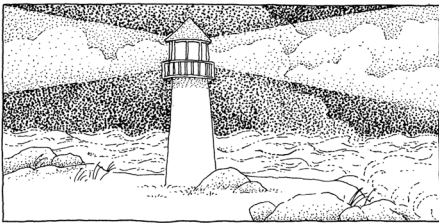
As St. Mark plans for the annual celebration of First Communion and Confirmations we also begin to plan for next fall. There are some excellent opportunities for ministry as a catechist with children (ages preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), Confirmation team (high school youth), RCIA and Adult Formation. Consider giving of your time and talents. Please call and volunteer: 310-822-1201.

### Inquiry

If you, or someone you know, has been considering membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation now is the time to join the newest Inquiry group that meets this Wednesday evening April 20 at 6:30pm in the school. Please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

### Bible Study

The current study, "Divine Mercy," continues this Monday at 7pm in the school. All are welcome to come read, study and experience the faithful God who calls all people to a joyful and abundant life.



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### This Week at St. Mark's Apr 18 - Apr 24, 2016

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Meditation Group 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

Wed. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Choir rehearsal 6:30pm - Church  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School

Thurs. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church  
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School

Fri. 8:00am Mass - Church

Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church  
RE Grades 1-6 at 9:00am - School

Sun. 5th Sunday of Easter  
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church  
Early Childhood 9:00am - School

## Mass Schedule

Sat.	Apr 23	5:30pm	Fr. Michael Tang
Sun.	Apr 24	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Tom King
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales



Sat.	Apr 16	5:30pm	John Estee †
Sun.	Apr 17	7:30am	Gerarda H. Trujillo †
		9:00am	Jesy Aquino
		10:30am	Andrea Herrera †
		12:00pm	Clemencia & Jose Rodriguez †
		5:30pm	Lex & Bess O'Neill †
Mon.	Apr 18	8:00am	Gabriela Garber †
Tues.	Apr 19	8:00am	Irene Saso †
Wed.	Apr 20	8:00am	Hubert DaCosta †
Thurs.	Apr 21	8:00am	Carlos Acosta †
Fri.	Apr 22	8:00am	Jesy Aquino
Sat.	Apr 23	8:00am	Gerarda H. Trujillo †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera Lectura** — Los judíos rechazaron airados la predicación de Pablo y de Bernabé. Luego concentraron sus energías en los gentiles (Hch 13:14, 43-52).

**Salmo** — El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo. Aleluya (Salmo 100 [99]).

**Segunda lectura** — Juan tiene la visión de una multitud en vestiduras blancas ante el trono y ante el Cordero (Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17).

**Evangelio** — Mis ovejas conocen mi voz; ellas me siguen. Yo les doy vida eterna (Juan 10:27-30).

### SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

#### **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

A time to recognize that we all play an important role in protecting our children and young people. Each year, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides a listing of policies, programs, resources and other information on how the Catholic Church is working to help prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2016 brochure are available in the parish vestibule or by contacting [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org)

For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at [\(213\) 637-7650](tel:(213)637-7650) or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

### PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

#### **Abril es el Mes Nacional para la Prevención del Abuso Infantil**

Es un tiempo para reconocer que todos jugamos un papel importante en la protección de nuestra niñez y de nuestros jóvenes. Cada año, la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles publica el folleto "Trabajando juntos para la Prevención del Abuso Sexual Infantil", que ofrece una lista de políticas, programas, recursos y otra información de cómo la Iglesia Católica está trabajando para ayudar a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Copias del folleto del 2016 están disponibles en el vestíbulo de cada parroquia, o al contactar a [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al [\(213\) 637-7650](tel:(213)637-7650) o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.

#### **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)

#### **SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH**

Safe Place for Youth serves the homeless youth between the ages of 18-25 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information regarding SPY or volunteer work please call MaryAnn Long at 310-717-2645.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

#### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

#### **THE POWER HOUSE OF PRAYER**

The Powerhouse of Prayer has been a central part of St. Mark's parish life for over 75 years. It was started by Sister Mercedes, who was instrumental in starting the religious education programs for children attending public schools. She visited families to let them know about those programs for their children. While going on her rounds of the parish, Sister also became aware of ill and immobilize parishioners. The idea that they had so much to offer through prayer for the children and catechists, was presented to those with whom she was in contact. Many of them agreed and accepted the commitment of offering their hardships and prayers for the students in the Religious Education programs. The Powerhouse of Prayer had begun.

Today the circumstances to become a member are the same, i.e. a chronic, somewhat serious health condition, physical or mental, both women and men of any age. We have had and have parents of children too young to undertake the commitment, but have chosen to do it for them. Many years ago, our parish school was added to the ministry of the Powerhouse of Prayer. Of course, the Powerhouse members pray for one another. At present there are over 90 members!

For more information about the Power House of Prayer, please call Barbara Kennedy at 310 823-9387.