

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

4th Sunday of Easter

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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.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

One of the areas that is growing rapidly in the Catholic Church is the concept of Lay Leadership. This began to take root in the Second Vatican Council, and it continues to grow throughout our world.

Here at Saint Mark Church we have a Parish Pastoral Council, a Finance Council, a Liturgy Committee, and a School Board. Each committee has its own function, but the key element is to enable our parish leaders to share their experience and expertise so that our parish can grow stronger in the way in which we serve our members and the wider community.

Last Saturday our Parish Pastoral Council was provided with a workshop that was led by Dr. Mark Fischer, a Professor of Systematic Theology at Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo. He has been on the faculty for 25 years, and brought to us his wealth of expertise in the area of how Parish Pastoral Councils should function. He encouraged the members to emphasize three things when dealing with an issue in the parish:

- #1) Investigate matters related to pastoral activities.
- #2) Reflect on what we are doing and why we are doing it.
- #3) Formulate recommendations to the Pastor.

This was a very productive day for all of us, as Dr. Fischer provided guidance to us as we consider the priorities of the parish over the coming years. We discussed the growing need for Hospitality. We considered the need for a greater sense of Evangelization. And we discussed our church's response to the growing issue of Homelessness here in the Venice area. These are significant issues in our parish and in our community, and our Parish Pastoral Council will be addressing them in future meetings. I will be reporting back to the parish community as we make progress in these critical areas.

So, please keep the Parish Pastoral Council members in your prayers, and, for that matter, all of our parish leaders as we continue to share the Gospel message from generation to generation!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Una de las zonas que está creciendo rápidamente en la iglesia católica es el concepto de liderazgo laico. Esto comenzó a arraigarse en el Concilio Vaticano II, y continúa creciendo a lo largo de nuestro mundo.

Aquí en la iglesia de San Marcos tenemos un Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, un Consejo de Finanzas, un Comité de Liturgia y un Consejo Escolar. Cada Comité tiene su propia función, pero el elemento clave es permitir a nuestros líderes de la parroquia compartir su experiencia y conocimientos para que nuestra comunidad pueda crecer más fuerte en la forma en que servimos a nuestros miembros y a la comunidad en general.

El sábado pasado nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial tuvo un taller que fue conducido por el Dr. Mark Fischer, un Profesor de Teología Sistemática del seminario San Juan en Camarillo. El Dr. Fisher ha sido profesor en el Seminario durante 25 años y nos trajo su riqueza de conocimientos en el área de cómo debe funcionar el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial. Animó a los miembros a destacar tres cosas cuando se trata de un problema en la parroquia:

- #1) investigar asuntos pastorales relacionados con actividades.
- #2) reflexionar sobre lo que estamos haciendo y por qué lo estamos haciendo.
- #3) formular recomendaciones al Pastor.

Este fue un día muy productivo para todos nosotros, el Dr. Fischer nos proporcionó orientación sobre como debemos tener en cuenta las prioridades de la parroquia en los próximos años. Hablamos de la necesidad creciente de hospitalidad. Hemos considerado la necesidad de un mayor sentido de evangelización. Y hablamos sobre la respuesta de nuestra iglesia a al crecimiento del problema de las personas sin hogar en la zona de Venice. Estos son asuntos importantes en nuestra parroquia y nuestra comunidad. Nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial hablara sobre esto en las reuniones que tengamos en el futuro. Informaré a la comunidad parroquial el progreso en estas áreas críticas.

Mientras seguimos compartiendo el mensaje del Evangelio, por favor mantengan a los miembros del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial en sus oraciones y, de hecho, a todos los líderes de nuestra parroquia.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Father, in every generation you provide ministers of Christ and the Church.

We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament. Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

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. Next weekend 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. Please be as generous as possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 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 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SPIRITUAL LIFE

ORACION POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES

Padre Celestial, en cada generación tu regalas a tu Iglesia nuevos ministros de Cristo.

Nos ponemos en tu presencia para pedirte que llames a mas hombres al servicio de nuestra Arquidiócesis en el Sacerdocio ministerial.

Danos sacerdotes que puedan mostrar el camino y guiar a tu pueblo santo reunido por la Palabra y los Sacramentos.

Bendícenos con vocaciones sacerdotales que nos ayuden a seguir siendo verdaderamente una Iglesia Eucarística, fortalecida en nuestro discipulado de Jesucristo tu Único Hijo.

Concédenos, te lo pedimos, hombres que sean generosos En el servicio, deseosos de ofrecer sus vidas y todos sus dones para tu mayor gloria y para el bien de tu pueblo.

Te lo pedimos Padre en la presencia poderosa del Espíritu Santo y en el nombre de Jesucristo Nuestro Señor.

Amen

FONDO DE CARIDAD DEL CARDENAL MCINTYRE

Desde 1951, el Fondo de Caridad del Cardenal McIntyre ha dado esperanza a todos aquellos en situaciones de crisis en toda la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. El próximo fin de semana todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis tendrán la Colecta Anual. Su contribución va directamente hacia las necesidades de emergencia para niños, adultos y familias, y se ofrece ayuda de emergencia una sola vez de alimentos, servicios públicos, médicos, de vivienda o para gastos del funeral.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 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 o (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Domingo: Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22 (21):26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communions

Please keep the children of our parish in your prayers as they complete their preparation for their First Communions. Celebrations will be as follows:

Sunday May 3 at 9am Mass	St. Mark School
Sunday May 10 at 9am Mass	Religious Education
Sunday May 10 at 12 noon	Religious Education
Sunday May 17 at 9am	Religious Education

St. Mark Neophytes


During the 50 days of Easter the St. Mark Neophytes continue their faith journey through the Period of Mystagogy (an experience of the unfolding Mystery of God’s love). They are Mark Astle, Lori Davis, Andrew Jackson, Cynthia Martinez, Connor Jackson, Pammela Jackson and Chris Woodard. We pray that we might be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit as we live in the love of our Risen Lord.

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 on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the school. Please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

This Week at St. Mark’s Apr 27, - May 3, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Prayer Group Leaders 7:00pm - School Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 6:30pm - School Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA Inquiry 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 9:00am - School 4:30pm Confessions - Church 5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	5th Sunday of Easter Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm



Mass Schedule

Sat. May 2	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. May 3	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Tom King
	12:00pm Fr. Luis Proenca
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Apr 25	5:30pm Irene Garcia †
Sun. Apr 26	7:30am Gabriel Bazaldua †
	9:00am Constancia Acance †
	10:30am People of the Parish
	12:00pm Alberto Ramirez
	5:30pm Michael Radigan †
Mon. Apr 27	8:00am James Hilliker †
Tues. Apr 28	8:00am Elizabeth Latini
Wed. Apr 29	8:00am Michael Radigan †
Thurs. Apr 30	8:00am Power House of Prayer
Fri. May 1	8:00am Q.J. Jacobs & Family †
Sat. May 2	8:00am Inez Watson †

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).
Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).
Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).
Salmo — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).
Segunda lectura — Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).
Evangelio — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

As we start April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650. Suzanne Healy is available to help and support.

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

La Arquidiócesis sigue apoyando los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Comenzando el mes de abril, mes para la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles desea reiterar el compromiso de seguir ayudando a los sobrevivientes y a sus familias a encontrar la sanación y la paz. Si usted cree que usted o alguien que conoce es víctima de abuso sexual por algún empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia, por favor contacte a la Coordinadora para la Asistencia de Víctimas al (213) 637-7650. Suzanne Healy está disponible para brindar ayuda.

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



Don DiPaolo

Lindsey Brooks

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Andrew Kotkiewicz

Rosemary Montes

Susan Baggs

Art & Elaine Bejarano

Lourdes Ongkeko

James Creaney

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God's love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home based and family centered. Pagans didn't especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God's love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.