

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

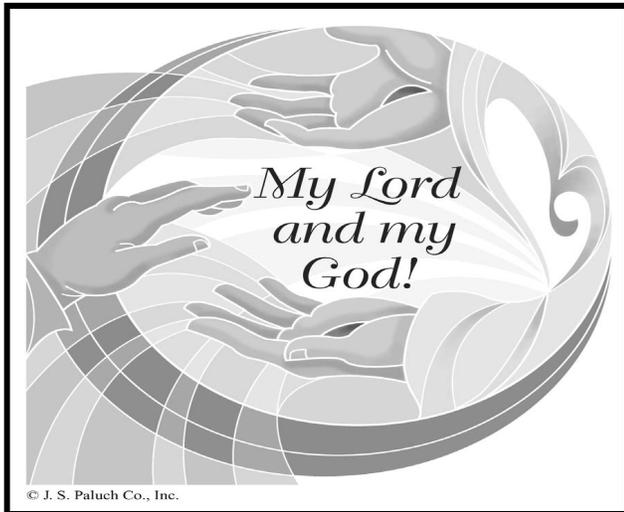
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Sunday Masses:	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
Daily Masses:	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses:	8:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm (Bilingual)
Eucharistic Adoration :	First Monday of each month 8:30am 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 rectory office.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Last Sunday we entered our church, greeted by an array of flowers, banners, streamers, and other decorations that proclaimed the message of "He has risen!" Our church environment welcomed us into a holy space that reminded us of our Lord's message of resurrection, salvation, and eternal life. Just as He did with Lazarus and the son of the widow of Nain, Jesus brings us the message of resurrection and the recognition that this life is a preparation for the next life, a life in the heavenly kingdom!

Now we celebrate a day in which we acknowledge the unending mercy of the Savior of the world. So often people of faith struggle with aspects of their lives that result in pain, anxiety, and turmoil. Too often we find ourselves drifting off the highway of life, and on to the shoulder of the road, and then on to the gravel, and finally into the dirt that makes steering so difficult. How do we get ourselves back on the route in which God calls us? We begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by recognizing the mercy of Jesus that is so evident in our Bible, especially in the Gospels. Jesus will never turn away from us; He will never abandon us; He will never forget us.

But we also must reach out to those whom we have hurt. Damaged relationships cause such great pain, and taking the first step towards healing a fractured relationship can be a great challenge. But, with the grace of God, anything is possible!

During this week let us recognize that our world is affected by the lingering effects of sin.... but there is something more powerful at work in our lives.... and that is the enduring power of grace!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy es el segundo domingo de Pascua, también conocido como el Domingo de Divina Misericordia. El domingo pasado entramos en nuestra iglesia y fuimos recibidos por una gran variedad de flores, banderas y otras decoraciones que proclamó el mensaje de "¡Él ha resucitado!" Nuestro entorno de la Iglesia nos dio la bienvenida en un espacio sagrado que nos recuerda el mensaje de nuestro Señor de la resurrección, salvación y vida eterna. Tal como lo hizo con Lázaro y el hijo de la viuda de Naín, Jesús nos trae el mensaje de la resurrección y el reconocimiento de que esta vida es una preparación para la próxima vida, una vida en el reino celestial.

Ahora celebramos un día en el que reconocemos la misericordia infinita del Salvador del mundo. Tan a menudo la gente de fe lucha con aspectos de sus vidas que resultan en dolor, ansiedad y agitación. A menudo nos encontramos a la deriva junto a la autopista de la vida y en el hombro de la carretera, luego en la grava, y finalmente en la suciedad que hace que el manejo sea tan difícil. ¿Cómo conseguimos nosotros volver a la ruta en la que Dios nos llama? Empezamos con el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, mediante el reconocimiento de la misericordia de Jesús que es tan evidente en nuestra Biblia, especialmente en los Evangelios. Jesús nunca nos dará la espalda a nosotros; Él nunca nos abandonará. Nunca nos olvidara.

Pero también hay que llegar a aquellos a quienes hemos herido. Relaciones dañadas provocan gran dolor, y tomar el primer paso para sanar una relación fracturada puede ser un gran desafío. ¡Pero, con la gracia de Dios, todo es posible!

Durante esta semana reconozcamos que nuestro mundo se ve afectado por los efectos persistentes del pecado... pero hay algo más poderoso en el trabajo en nuestras vidas... y es el poder duradero de la gracia.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord - and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Columbia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! If you still have not turned in your CRS Rice Bowl, it is not too late. It can be turned in at the rectory office this week.

FECHAS DE COLECCIÓN DE “PLATO DE ARROZ”

Oramos, ayunamos y dimos limosna, y ahora celebramos! Nuestro camino cuaresmal con el plato de arroz de CRS termina en nuestros propios corazones, donde Jesús reina para siempre. Alegrémonos en el Señor resucitado - y en las vidas que hemos cambiado esta Cuaresma en Columbia, Laos, Madagascar, Rwanda, Honduras y todo el mundo! Si se les olvido de entregar su plato de arroz de CRS durante Misa este fin de semana por favor de entregarlos a la oficina de la rectoría.

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Are you new to the area or have you been considering joining a Catholic faith community? Have you been away from a while and are looking for opportunities to get more in touch with your faith? 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 host several social, spiritual and service events each month. 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Please join us for the next meeting of St. Mark Parish men's small group ministry on Wednesday April 13th at 7:30pm in the Lennon Room of the parish hall. The ministry is simply men of the parish who share their faith journey and encourage others in their faith journey in a small group setting. All men are welcome! For more information please contact Mike Fitz at (310)-961-8215 or at(fitz_michael@verizon.net)

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.

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

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**Bake
Sale**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a bake sale out on the church patio this Sunday after all the morning masses. Please stop by and enjoy some delicious treats!

Steve Gunning, Grand Knight at 310-306-9035.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
- Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Domingo: Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; Ap 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Mark Neophytes

The Parish of St. Mark welcomes our newest members, now called "neophytes." They are Stacey Teruya, Joseph Bonaventura, Sara Hannigan, Modesto Hernandez, Joel Karlsson, Esteban Mendez, Shawna Tobalina, Nohemi Vargas and Trina Wilson. We continue to celebrate with them during the Period of Mystagogy (an experience of the unfolding Mystery of God's love), and we pray that our continued journey together might be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit as we live in the love of our Risen Lord.

Thank You

Many thanks to Susan Lewis, RCIA Coordinator, and the RCIA team for their loving service in the ministry of welcome, hospitality, teaching, and mentoring. Thanks also to the many parish groups who participated in hosting the reception after Easter Vigil. It was truly a night to remember. Members of St. Mark Parish are encouraged to invite new inquirers to consider a faith journey through the RCIA process. Regular RCIA Inquiry sessions resume on Wednesday April 13 at 6:30pm in the school. Members of our parish are welcome to volunteer for this vibrant RCIA ministry. For more information about RCIA, please call the Religious Education Office.

Easter Break

Religious Education classes for grades 1 – 6 will not meet on Saturday April 2. They will resume on Saturday April 9 at 9am. Classes for grades 7 and 8 will not meet on April 5, but will continue on Tuesday April 12 at 6:30pm.

This Week at St. Mark's Apr 4 - Apr 10, 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 Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church Choir rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
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.	3rd 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 9	5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun. Apr 10	7:30am Fr. Tom King
	9:00am Fr. Stephen Hess
	10:30am Fr. Tom King
	12:00pm Fr. Michael Mandela
	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat. Apr 2	5:30pm Sanchez Family
Sun. Apr 3	7:30am Holy Spirit
	9:00am Jose & Jisela Martinez †
	10:30am Lupita Gonzalez †
	12:00pm Guadalupanas
	5:30pm Jovita Sauza †
Mon. Apr 4	8:00am Maria Maciel †
Tues. Apr 5	8:00am AJ Schlatter Flynn †
Wed. Apr 6	8:00am Alberto Avila
Thurs. Apr 7	8:00am Ben Miller †
Fri. Apr 8	8:00am Holy Spirit
Sat. Apr 9	8:00am Jim Rogers

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los apóstoles hacen muchas señales y maravillas entre la gente. (Hch 5:12-16).

Salmo — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Juan, contagiado por el Espíritu, tiene una visión del Señor glorificado (Apocalipsis 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Evangelio — Jesús resucitado visita a los discípulos con su paz y con el Espíritu. Tomás, ausente, duda de la aparición de Jesús (Juan 20:19-31).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

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.

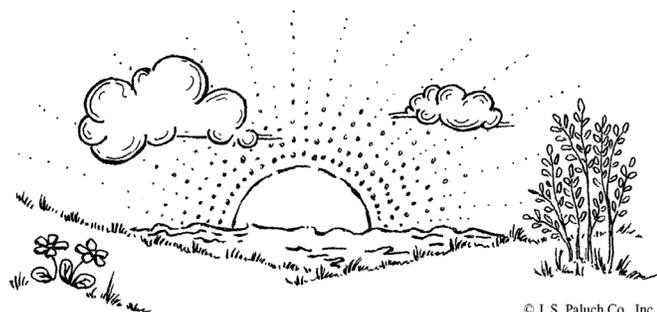
For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650 or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

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.



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SPIRITUAL LIFE

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the “banns” are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the “banns” in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, “If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . .” This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today’s scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories “recorded to help you believe,” as the passage from John’s Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles’ faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John’s mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, “Once I was dead, but now I live” (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.