

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Pentecost Sunday **May 15, 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
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Holy Eucharist for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Please contact the rectory office.

Parish Staff

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Altar Servers	Joan Horne	463-9017
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To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez	306-8768

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	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..	306-9035

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Principal	Mary Ann McQueen	821-6612
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Blessed Pentecost to each of you and your loved ones! Pentecost has become a special time for me in my spiritual life. Not only is it the "birthday of the Church" but it is also the anniversary of my celebrating my first Mass as a priest!

Our seminary class was ordained on Saturday, June 2, 2001 and the next day was Pentecost Sunday. And that is the day on which we celebrated our first Masses. My first Mass was at the chapel at Central Juvenile Hall where I had been a volunteer for twelve years (1983 to 1995) before I entered the Seminary.

I was joined by over 200 incarcerated youth who were all dressed in bright orange. Colors of the Pentecost? Sure... but also the colors of Los Angeles County detention facilities!

My next Mass was at Saint Margaret Mary Church in Lomita, where I had served as a parish intern. That evening I celebrated my third Mass at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach. The next day I flew to Memphis and celebrated Mass in the church where I grew up, and, a week later I boarded a plane for Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where I spent two weeks with the staff of Catholic Relief Services. Then, on July 1st, I began my first assignment as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Claremont. I can not believe how fast these past fifteen years have flown by. And I feel so blessed by God for the path that I have taken in following the Lord's will.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. After his homily, Bishop Gordon Bennett will stand in front of the altar and each of our high school students and young adults will approach him, ready to be anointed with the sacred Chrism Oil. Each candidate will hear the Bishop say the words, "Be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!" And each person will respond, "Amen!" This is a monumental point in a young person's faith journey, and we will keep each one of them in our prayers as they continue to walk under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

During this celebration of Pentecost I pray that each one of us recognizes the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and that we continue to follow the example of the Apostles as we share the Good News of the Gospel from generation to generation!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Bendito día de Pentecostés para cada uno de ustedes y sus seres queridos. Pentecostés es un tiempo muy especial para mí en mi vida espiritual. No sólo es el "cumpleaños de la iglesia" pero también es el aniversario de la primera Misa que celebre como sacerdote.

Nuestra clase del seminario fue ordenada el sábado, 02 de junio de 2001 y al día siguiente era Domingo de Pentecostés. Y fue es el día en el que celebramos nuestras primeras misas. Mi primera Misa fue en la capilla del Juvenile Hall donde fui voluntario durante doce años (de 1983 a 1995) antes de entrar al seminario.

Estaba acompañado por más de 200 jóvenes encarcelados que estaban todos vestidos de color naranja. ¿Colores de Pentecostés? Seguro... pero también los colores de los centros de detención de Condado de Los Ángeles.

La siguiente Misa fue en Saint Margaret Mary Church en Lomita, donde había servido como interno. Celebré mi tercera Misa en la Iglesia American Martyrs en Manhattan Beach. El día siguiente fui a Memphis y celebre Misa en la iglesia donde crecí y, una semana más tarde abordé un avión para Phnom Penh, Cambodia, donde pasé dos semanas con el personal de Catholic Relief Services. Entonces, el 1 de julio, comencé mi primera tarea como Pastor asociado en la Iglesia de Our Lady of the Assumption en Claremont. No puedo creer qué rápido han pasado estos últimos diez años. Y me siento tan bendecido por Dios por el camino que he tomado en seguir la voluntad del Señor.

El próximo domingo a las 4:00pm vamos a celebrar el Sacramento de Confirmación. Después de su homilía, el Obispo Gordon Bennett estará frente al altar y cada uno de nuestros estudiantes de secundaria y jóvenes adultos se acercará a él, listo para ser ungidos con el Aceite Sagrado de la Crisma. Cada candidato escuchará el obispo decir las palabras, "¡Se sellado con los dones del Espíritu Santo!" Y cada persona responderá, "¡Amén!" Este es un punto monumental en la fe de una persona joven, y vamos a mantener cada uno de ellos en nuestras oraciones mientras siguen caminando bajo la guía del Espíritu Santo.

Durante esta celebración de Pentecostés ruego que cada uno de nosotros reconozca los dones del Espíritu Santo que recibimos en el Sacramento de Confirmación, y que continuemos a siguiendo el ejemplo de los apóstoles mientras compartimos la Buena Noticia del Evangelio de generación en generación.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Stan Bacon

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Funeral services will be here at St. Mark Church
Friday, May 20th at 11:00am
Reception to follow in the parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This weekend the St. Mark Religious Education children celebrate First Communion at the 9am and 12 noon masses and on May 22nd another group of students from Religious Education will celebrate First Communion at 9am. Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving their first Holy Communion this month!

CONFIRMATION MASS

Next Sunday May 22nd, Bishop Gordon Bennett will be coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please note, the Confirmation mass will be at 4:00pm. Because of this special mass, the regular 5:30pm Mass will not be celebrated that day.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saint John's Health Center and Saint Mark Church have once again united to sponsor a blood drive Sunday, June 5th from 8:30am to 1:15pm in the Deacon Compean Hall. To sign up please contact Saint John's Health Center at 310-829-8886 or email Sherry.Arroyo@providence.org with a time preference.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knight's of Columbus is sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Saturday, June 18th. The event costs \$25 and includes \$5 in gambling money, drinks and food, and the bus. The bus will leave St Mark at 9:30 am and will return around 7:00 pm. Reservations are required. Contact Terry Ballentine at 310-351-9743 for more information.

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

The Marina Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are available to help take communion to the sick Monday through Friday. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Carolyn Griswold at 310-821-9862.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Stgo 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29
- Martes: Stgo 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54):7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37
- Miércoles: Stgo 4:13-17; Sal 49 (48):2-3, 6-11; Mc 9:38-40
- Jueves: Stgo 5:1-6; Sal 49 (48):14-20; Mc 9:41-50
- Viernes: Stgo 5:9-12; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mc 10:1-12
- Sábado: Stgo 5:13-20; Sal 141 (140):1-3, 8; Mc 10:13-16
- Domingo: Prov 8:22-31; Sal 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion

Religious Education children celebrate their First Communion this weekend at the 9am and 12 noon masses. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteers

Have you considered being part of the St. Mark ministry to teens or adults? Our youth Confirmation and our RCIA teams are seeking a few new volunteers. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

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! Please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201.

Bible Study

All are welcome to read, study and experience the faithful God who calls all people to a joyful and abundant life. Please join us Mondays at 7pm in the school.



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This Week at St. Mark's May 16 - May 22, 2016

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church
Meditation Group 6:30pm - School
Baptism Prep Class 7:00pm - 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
English Baptism 10:30am - Church
Spanish Baptism 11:30am - Church
RE Grades 1-6 at 9:00am - School

Sun. The Most Holy Trinity
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish) **4:00pm** - Church
There is no 5:30pm Mass
Early Childhood 9:00am - School

Mass Schedule

Sat. May 21 5:30pm Msgr. John Morales
Sun. May 22 7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
12:00pm Fr. Michael Tang
4:00pm Bishop Gordon Bennett



Sat. May 14 5:30pm Maurice DuBois †
Sun. May 15 7:30am Holy Spirit
9:00am Armando Pineda
10:30am Niceno Penalozza †
12:00pm Mark Astle †
5:30pm Nolverta & Roberto Munoz †

Mon. May 16 8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Tues. May 17 8:00am Estelle Dondero †
Wed. May 18 8:00am Jane Adams Woods Rousseau †
Thurs. May 19 8:00am Nicholas Almir †
Fri. May 20 8:00am Al Putziger †
Sat. May 21 8:00am Zacharias Camacho †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans 8:8-17*.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) *or John 14:15-16, 23b-26*.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Llenos del Espíritu Santo, los apóstoles empezaron a hablar en lenguas (Hch 2:1-11).

Salmo — Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, a renovar la tierra. Aleluya (Salmo 104 [103]).

Segunda lectura — Fuimos bautizados en el Espíritu para formar un sólo cuerpo (1 Corintios 12:3b-7, 12-13) *o Romanos 8:8-17*.

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía en su misión con el poder de perdonar o retener los pecados mediante el Espíritu Santo (Juan 20:19-23) *o Juan 14:15-16, 23b-26*.

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Know the signs of human trafficking

Human trafficking claims many young victims every year, and often, we see these victims in our daily lives. It is important to recognize the signs of abuse and to know how to interact with possible victims. The best way to start a tough conversation with teens who may be at risk is simply to talk to them—ask what’s going on in their lives, and if they are okay. Signs of abuse include suspicious or inexplicable injuries, avoidance, or reliance on an older “friend.” For more information please visit <http://www.missingkids.org/1in5>.

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

Conozca las señales del tráfico humano

El tráfico humano reclama cada año a muchas víctimas jóvenes, y muchas veces vemos a estas víctimas en nuestra vida diaria. Es importante reconocer las señales de abuso y saber cómo interactuar con posibles víctimas. La mejor forma de comenzar una difícil conversación con adolescentes que pueden estar en riesgo es simplemente hablando con ellos, preguntándoles qué está pasando en sus vidas y si ellos están bien. Señales de abuso incluyen heridas sospechosas e inexplicables, evasión, o dependencia en un/a “amigo/a” mayor. Para más información, por favor visitar <http://esp.missingkids.org/1in5>.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Order” and “presbyter” are not everyday words in our vocabulary, since we think of order as a quality of life rather than a collective noun, and “priest” usually does just fine in everyday conversation. Yet each word has deep roots in our tradition. At an ordination we select men for service to the community. Ordo is a Latin word drawn not from pagan religious life but from Imperial Rome. It meant a distinct body standing apart from the people, such as a body of people responsible for civil governance, senators for example. Think of the selectmen or board of governors in your civic home, and you will get the idea. The church borrowed the term to describe the place of certain people within the people of God, thus the “order of deacons,” “the order of presbyters,” and even “the order of virgins, catechumens, widows, neophytes, penitents,” and so on, as distinct groups within the church.

Just as ancient Rome had various uniforms for the ranks and stations in civil life, so too did certain garments give clues to membership in an “order” in the church. So, our tradition favors the idea of an ordination liturgy not as receiving something so much as being received. This is clearly expressed in the liturgy. The “kiss of peace” is given only by the ordaining bishop and priests to the newly “ordained,” not by the faithful, the deacons, or the concelebrating bishops who are present.

THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You’ll find no race of people left out; you’ll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the “birthday of the church.” In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today’s Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today’s second reading that “all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.” When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don’t. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

