

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

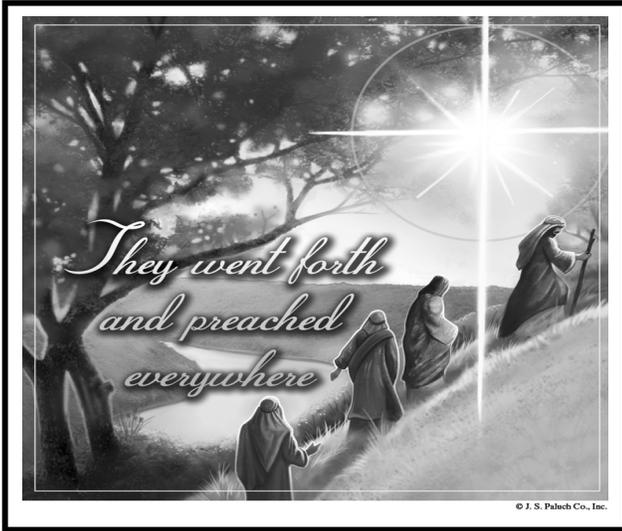
The Ascension of the Lord

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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

When I was the Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church in South Los Angeles, it seemed like we were always struggling to pay our bills and to set aside a little money for a rainy day. Though the sky was clear on most days, it seemed like we had more than our share of "financial rainy days." But all of our bills were paid - on time - every month - for the entire nine years that I was Pastor.

Upon my arrival here at Saint Mark I was pleasantly surprised to see that the parish had a Peace and Justice Fund that was set up to assist those who were struggling financially. Since I have been here at Saint Mark these funds have been used to support the Turning Point Shelter, Catholic Charities, the Saint Joseph Center, the Union Rescue Mission, and our Thanksgiving Gift Basket program. And, after all that, we still have some funds remaining in the account.

As we all know, the people of Nepal are suffering the effects of that devastating earthquake that killed over 7,000 people and left many others injured and without homes. And, as you may have seen in last Sunday's bulletin, the Archdiocese Missionary Childhood Association received an offer from an anonymous donor to match all donations for the people of Nepal up to \$100,000.00! After taking some time for prayer and discernment, and discussing this with our Parish Pastoral Council and our Finance Council, Saint Mark Church has decided to donate \$20,000.00 to the Missionary Childhood Association to assist the survivors of this tragedy. Yes, it is a lot of money, but we would not feel comfortable letting the funds sit in the bank when we know that this money was donated by our parishioners in order to help our brothers and sisters who are in need. This earthquake and its aftershocks are affecting some of the poorest people in the world, and we have an opportunity to step up and lend a hand to those who are suffering.

So, if you are one of the many parishioners who has donated to our Peace and Justice Fund over the past years, please know that your donations are being used to help the suffering people of Nepal and the surrounding areas. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Cuando era párroco de la Parroquia El Santo Nombre de Jesús en el sur de Los Ángeles, parecía que siempre estábamos luchando para pagar nuestras cuentas y para apartar un poco de dinero para un día lluvioso. Aunque el cielo estaba despejado en casi todos los días, parecía que teníamos más que nuestra cuota de "días lluviosos financieros". Pero todas nuestras cuentas fueron pagadas - el tiempo - cada mes - por los nueve años que era Pastor.

A mí llegada aquí en San Marcos, me sorprendió gratamente al ver que la parroquia tenía el Fondo de Paz y Justicia que se creó para ayudar a quienes estaban luchando financieramente. Desde que estoy aquí en San Marcos se ha usado de estos fondos para apoyar el Turning Point Shelter, Caridades Católicas, el centro de San José, la Misión de Rescate y nuestro programa de las Canastas del Día de Acción de Gracias. Y, después de todo, todavía tenemos algunos fondos en la cuenta.

Como todos sabemos, el pueblo de Nepal está sufriendo los efectos del devastador terremoto que mató a más de 7.000 personas y dejó muchos heridos y personas sin hogar. Y, como ustedes pueden haber visto en el boletín del domingo pasado, la Asociación de Infancia Misionera de la Arquidiócesis recibió una oferta de un donante anónimo que coinciden todas las donaciones para el pueblo de Nepal hasta \$100,000.00. Después de tomar un tiempo para la oración y discernimiento y conversar con nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y nuestro Consejo de Finanzas, la Parroquia de San Marcos ha decidido donar \$20.000,00 a la Asociación de Infancia Misionera para ayudar a los sobrevivientes de esta tragedia. Sí, es un mucho dinero, pero no nos sentiríamos cómodos dejando los fondos en el banco cuando sabemos que este dinero fue donado por nuestros feligreses para ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están en necesidad. Este terremoto y sus réplicas están afectando a algunos de los más pobres en el mundo, y nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de intensificar y dar una mano a aquellos que están sufriendo.

Entonces, si usted es uno de los muchos feligreses que ha donado a nuestro Fondo de paz y Justicia en los últimos años, puede saber que sus donaciones se utilizan para ayudar a las personas que sufren en Nepal y las áreas circundantes. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

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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 will be this Sunday, May, 17th at 6:30pm in the school's faculty room. Monthly meetings include food, fellowship, prayer and faith sharing. Please enter the school through the front entrance on Coeur d'Alene Avenue. For more information about Young Adult Ministry and its upcoming events, find us on Facebook or see the front of the bulletin to be added to our mailing list.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Why you should become a Knight? If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

Harry L. Williams, Grand Knight
323-542-8511

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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

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.

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 please call Pam Monday - Friday between 9:30am & 12:30pm at 310-559-0666.

TURNING POINT SHELTER

Calling all students in need of service hours. Turning Point Shelter needs help Monday - Thursday between 3:30pm - 6:30pm preparing and serving dinner for their clients. Please call Donna Miller at 310-264-6646 ext 235.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Saint John's Health Center and Saint Mark Church have once again united to sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, June 7th from 8:30am to 1:15pm in the Deacon Compean Hall. Make your life-saving appointment now! To sign up please contact Saint John's Health Center at 310-829-8886 or email Sherry.Arroyo@providence.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacramental Celebrations

The Community of St. Mark prays with the children, youth and adults who are celebrating their sacraments during the month of May. We congratulate the children of St. Mark Religious Education as they celebrate First Communion this Sunday May 17 at 9am. On May 31 St. Mark will welcome Bishop Gordon Bennett for the Confirmation of 48 teens and 18 adults at a 4pm liturgy.

Religious Education

As this school year quickly draws to a close it is time for parents whose children attend public or non-Catholic private schools to plan for their continuing religious education. Registration is now open for all programs at St. Mark from Sunday pre-school through high school Confirmation preparation. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information and registration materials.

Educación Religiosa

Pronto terminara al año escolar y es tiempo para que los padres de los niños, que asisten a las escuelas públicas o privadas que no son católicas, hagan planes para que sus niños continúen su educación religiosa. En San Marcos está abierta la inscripción para todos los programas desde pre-escolar hasta los grados 7 y 8 y el Programa de Confirmación. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

This Week at St. Mark's May 18, - May 24, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Prayer Group 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 RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - 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/5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	Pentecost Sunday Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm

Mass Schedule

Sat. May 23	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. May 24	7:30am Fr. Tom King 9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman 10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. May 16	5:30pm Maurice DuBois †
Sun. May 17	7:30am Mother's Day Novena 9:00am Leoncia S. Gutierrez † 10:30am Vincent Vasquez 12:00pm Maria Luisa Robledo † 5:30pm Estelle Dondero †
Mon. May 18	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Tues. May 19	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Wed. May 20	8:00am Juan Aquino †
Thurs. May 21	8:00am Carlos Acosta †
Fri. May 22	8:00am Al Putziger †
Sat. May 23	8:00am Maria Luisa Montes †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Jesús se elevó en presencia de los discípulos (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Dios Padre sentó a Jesús a su derecha en los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23) o *Efesios 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Evangelio — Jesús fue llevado al cielo después de pedir a sus discípulos que fueran por todo el mundo proclamando el Evangelio (Marcos 16:15-20).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Child molesters look like everyone else

They do not look like scary people that anyone should know to avoid. They do live with their families and in our neighborhoods. An important way to assure the safety of children is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Some of these signs include: 1. Wanting to be alone with children. 2. Allowing children to do things their parents would not permit. 3. Being more excited to be with children than with adults. 4. Discouraging others from participating in activities involving kids. For information about the VIRTUS® Child Sexual Abuse Prevention programs contact: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or go to www.virtus.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

Los abusadores sexuales parecen gente normal

Ellos no tienen una apariencia asustadora que llevaría a cualquiera a querer evitarlos. Por el contrario, viven con sus familias y en nuestros vecindarios. Uno de los medios más importantes para garantizar que nuestros niños estén seguros es conocer las señales de alarma de aquellos adultos que son un riesgo y pueden lastimar a los niños. Algunas de esas señales pueden ser: 1. Siempre quiere estar a solas con los niños. 2. Permite a los niños hacer cosas que sus papás no aprobarían. 3. Se siente más a gusto con niños que con adultos. 4. Impide a otros que participen en actividades con niños. Para más información sobre los programas para la prevención de abuso sexual infantil VIRTUS®, escriba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org o visite www.virtus.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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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark’s Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to “proclaim the gospel to every creature.” For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God’s family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father’s control to her husband’s. The “big moment” of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride’s donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household’s gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn’t recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ’s presence.



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