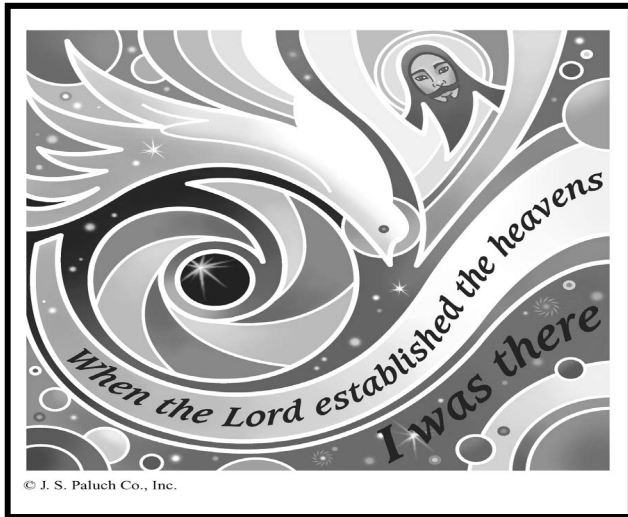


# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

The Most Holy Trinity      May 22, 2016

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
<b>Daily Masses:</b>	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses:</b>	8:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm (Bilingual)
<b>Eucharistic Adoration :</b>	First Monday of each month 8:30am to 8:30pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday 4:30 - 5:15pm
<b>Baptism:</b>	3rd weekend of each month. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Marriage:</b>	6 months notice is required. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Anointing of The Sick:</b>	Sacrament for the sick is celebrated upon request. Please contact the rectory office.
<b>Holy Eucharist for the Sick:</b>	Communion is given upon request. Please contact the rectory office.

## Parish Staff

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez .....821-5058
Church Care	Catalina Blasi .....821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza .....821-5058
Bookkeeper	Joe Stockemer .....821-5058

## Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne .....463-9017
Altar Society	Chris Putziger .....396-3265

## Eucharistic Ministry:

In Church	MaryAnn Long .....717-2645
To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman .....821-5058
In Church	Romeo Santos .....720-0084
To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez .....306-8768

## Ministry of the Word

English	Brittany Git .....821-5058
Spanish	Erick Yela .....463-9080
Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058

## Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings .....902-0109
Adult Choir	Valerie Vinnard ... 323-804-7720
Spanish Choir	Alex Venegas ..... 213-675-0564
Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling .....390-3646
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..306-9035

## Ushers

## Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ....821-6612
Secretary	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson .....821-6612

## Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard .....822-1201 ext 249
Office Secretary	Maria Acosta...822-1201 ext 250
Confirmation	Edwin Ambrosio 822-1201 ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis...822-1201 ext 247

## Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt .....827-1585
Guadalupeans	Isaias Flores .....391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning .....306-9035
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez .....702-7929
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross .....306-2796
Pastoral Council	Tom Suchy .....821-5058
Young Adult	SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul	.....424-272-1629

## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)	.....822-1201
Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fernando Guzman .....702-7701

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

Throughout this past year the members of Saint Mark Parish have been introducing the concept of Stewardship, whereby we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God, and that we are called by God to share our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Last Fall we held our two week Ministry Fair in which members of our faith community set up tables on the patio and gave members of our parish the opportunity to learn more about our various ministries, and to discern whether God was calling us to donate our Time and Talent to one of our Liturgical Ministries or one of our Outreach Ministries. As you can see, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved, depending on their gifts and talents. And it is never too late to start serving in one of our ministries!

The third area of Stewardship involves sharing our Treasure. Here at Saint Mark Church we have approximately 1,500 registered families. Of those 1,500 families, about 380 use offering envelopes, or write checks, or utilize on-line banking for their donations. This represents about 25% of our registered families. And these 380 families contribute approximately 80% of our weekly donations. The other 1,120 families contribute the remaining 20% of our weekly collections, and this is donated by loose cash and coins. We are able to determine this because all envelopes and checks are recorded in our office so that we can send out the tax deduction letters each January. This past January we mailed out almost 400 tax deduction letters.

We are thankful for every donation that is made to Saint Mark Church. And we do our best to be good Stewards of your donations by monitoring our expenditures. Also, we recognize that not every family can donate as much as some other families. What we are asking is that each family prepare their donation before they come to Mass, and use an offering envelope (or write a check) (or use on-line banking, if possible). We are not asking you to give the church as much as you pay in rent or for your mortgage payment. But, if you are not currently using offering envelopes, let us ask ourselves the question: "Can we give the church as much as we spend on our cable television, or our cell phones, or our internet service, or our meals in restaurants? Considering the many blessings that God has bestowed on us, let us prayerfully consider how we can give back to God in a spirit of thanksgiving.

Last year our parish received enough income to pay all of our expenses, and have some funds left over to add to our reserve accounts. This year it appears that we will be slightly short in covering our expenses, due to a number of factors. As we get closer to the end of our fiscal year on June 30th I will provide you with more details about the results our financial operations.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your contributions of your Time, your Talent, and your Treasure to Saint Mark Church. And, I encourage you to prepare your donation before you come to Mass so that we may continue to show our thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received!

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

***Father Paul***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

A lo largo de este año los miembros de la parroquia de San Marcos han sido introducidos al concepto de administración, por el que reconocemos que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, y que estamos llamados por Dios para compartir nuestros dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro. El otoño pasado celebramos dos semanas de nuestros Ministerios en las que los miembros de nuestra comunidad de fe tenían mesas en el patio y dieron a miembros de nuestra parroquia la oportunidad de aprender más acerca de nuestros diversos ministerios para que ellos pudieran discernir si Dios los llamaba a donar su tiempo y talento a uno de nuestros ministerios litúrgicos o a uno de nuestros ministerios de alcance. Como se puede ver, hay oportunidades para que todos puedan participar, según sus dones y talentos. Y nunca es tarde para empezar a servir en uno de nuestros ministerios.

La tercera área de mayordomía consiste en compartir nuestro tesoro. Aquí en San Marcos tenemos aproximadamente 1.500 familias. De las 1.500 familias, aproximadamente 380 usan sobres de ofrenda, escriben cheques o utilizan el banco en línea para sus donaciones. Esto representa aproximadamente el 25% de las familias registradas. Y estas 380 familias contribuyen aproximadamente el 80% de nuestras donaciones semanales. Las otras 1.120 familias contribuyen el 20% restante de nuestras colectas semanales, y esto es donado por monedas y efectivo. Somos capaces de determinar esto porque todos los sobres y cheques se registran en nuestra oficina para que podamos enviar las letras de deducción de impuestos cada mes de enero. El pasado enero, hemos enviados casi 400 cartas de deducción de impuestos.

Estamos agradecidos por cada donación que se hace a la iglesia de San Marcos. Y hacemos nuestro mejor esfuerzo para ser buenos administradores de sus donativos mediante el control de nuestros gastos. También, reconocemos que no todas las familias no pueden donar tanto como algunas otras familias. Lo que pedimos es que cada familia prepare su donación antes de venir a la Misa y use un sobre de ofrenda (o un cheque) (o use el banco en línea, si es posible). No le pedimos a la iglesia cuanto pagan de alquiler o su pago de hipoteca. Pero, si no está usando actualmente los sobres de ofrenda, nos preguntarnos: ¿podemos dar a la iglesia cuanto gastamos en nuestra televisión por cable, o nuestros teléfonos celulares, o nuestro servicio de internet o nuestras comidas en los restaurantes? Teniendo en cuenta las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado, ¿que podemos dar de vuelta a Dios en un espíritu de acción de gracias?

El año pasado nuestra parroquia recibió suficientes ingresos para pagar todos nuestros gastos, y algunos fondos de sobra para añadir a nuestras cuentas de reserva. Este año, debido a una serie de factores, parece que estamos un poco cortos para cubrir nuestros gastos. A medida que nos acerquemos al final de nuestro año fiscal, el 30 de junio, les proporcionare más detalles acerca de los resultados de nuestras operaciones financieras.

Una vez más, quiero agradecer a cada uno de ustedes por sus aportaciones de su tiempo, su talento y su tesoro a nuestra iglesia de San Marcos. Y los animo a preparar su donación antes de venir a Misa para que podamos continuar mostrando nuestro agradecimiento a Dios por las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

***Padre Paul***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**MEN'S MINISTRY**

The next meeting of St. Mark Parish men's small group ministry on Wednesday May 25th 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)

**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.

**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.

**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 censuses 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

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**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

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c;  
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;  
Lk 9:11b-17

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes: 1 Pe 1:3-9; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 5-6, 9-10c;  
Mc 10:17-27

Martes: 1 Pe 1:10-16; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Mc 10:28-31

Miércoles: 1 Pe 1:18-25; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Mc 10:32-45

Jueves: 1 Pe 2:2-5, 9-12; Sal 100 (99):2-5;  
Mc 10:46-52

Viernes: 1 Pe 4:7-13; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mc 11:11-26

Sábado: Jds 17, 20b-25; Sal 63 (62):2-6; Mc 11:27-33

Domingo: Gn 14:18-20; Sal 110 (109):1-4;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Lc 9:11b-17

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Confirmation

The Parish of St. Mark joyfully congratulates the 45 teens and 7 adults who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Many thanks to Bishop Gordon Bennett and to the St. Mark Confirmation Team for sharing their gifts of faith.

### Religious Education Registration

As this school year comes to a close this is a reminder that registrations for Religious Education programs for Early Childhood (4-5yr olds), Elementary (grades 1-6), Middle School (grades 7-8) and Confirmation (grades 9 and above) are now being accepted. Please call 310-822-1201 for more information.

### Educación Religiosa

Este año escolar llega a su fin y este es un recordatorio de que las inscripciones de los programas de educación religiosa para la primaria (grados 1-6), Junior High (grados 7-8) y la confirmación (grados 9 y superiores) ahora están siendo aceptadas. Puede llamar 310-822-1201 para obtener más información.



### This Week at St. Mark's May 23 - May 29, 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 Men's Ministry 7:30pm - Lennon Room
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.	Corpus Christi Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church There is no 5:30pm Mass Early Childhood 9:00am - School

## Mass Schedule

Sat. May 28	5:30pm Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun. May 29	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Roderic Guerrini
	12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat. May 21	5:30pm Nicholas Almir †
Sun. May 22	7:30am Severo & Teodicia Garcia †
	9:00am Marti Newman †
	10:30am Auveen O'Neill †
	12:00pm Zacarias Camacho †
	4:00pm Herbert Hill †
Mon. May 23	8:00am Nicholas Almir †
Tues. May 24	8:00am Antonio De la Ventura †
Wed. May 25	8:00am Juan & Nonie Aquino †
Thurs. May 26	8:00am Mary Colello
Fri. May 27	8:00am Ron Carpintero †
Sat. May 28	8:00am Ann Brindamare †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Before anything was created, the wisdom of God was brought forth (Proverbs 8:22-31).

**Psalm** — O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

**Gospel** — Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15).

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Antes de que algo fuese creado, la sabiduría de Dios estaba presente (Proverbios 8:22-31).

**Salmo** — ¡Qué admirable, Señor, es tu poder! (Salmo 8)

**Segunda lectura** — El amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestro corazón mediante el Espíritu Santo que hemos recibido (Romanos 5:1-5).

**Evangelio** — Todo lo que el Padre tiene es mío; el Espíritu de verdad tomará todo lo que es mío y te lo concederá (Juan 1:12-15).

## SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

### 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 NIÑOS

### 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.



William Magee, Casey O’Connell, Conner & Liam

Rudy Froman-Adrian

Deb De La Cava

Daniel & Claudia Gorton

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, “While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.” He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God’s kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek *episkopos*, would become simply “overseer;” priest, from the Greek *presbyter*, would become “elder;” and deacon, from the Greek *diakonos*, would be “servant.” Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God’s kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today’s readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God’s plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth—take us onward.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, “[W]e even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity—a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate