

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

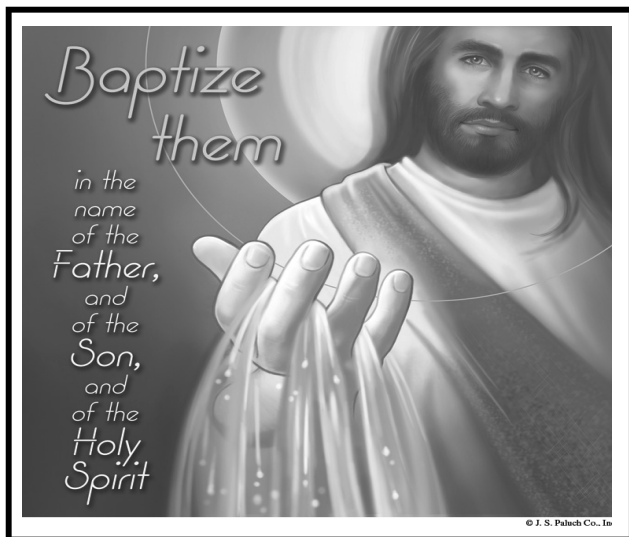
The Most Holy Trinity

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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.

## 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.....973-4129
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos .....973-4129

## 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.....478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

## Ushers

## Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ....821-6612
Secretary	Mary Ann Welchance821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson.....821-6612

## Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard.....822-1201 ext 249
Office Secretary	Maria Acosta...822-1201 ext 250
Confirmation	Edwin Ambrosio822-1201ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis...822-1201 ext 247

## Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt.....827-1585
Guadalupanas	Isaias Flores.....391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Harry Williams..... 323-542-8511
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy ..... 823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez .....735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....306-2796
Cursillo Group	George Martin. ....572-1242
Young Adult	SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com

## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)	.....822-1201
Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fabiola Andrade.....945-6044

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

This weekend the Holy Spirit will be at work in many amazing ways! First off, on Saturday morning, eight men will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. For the past seven years these men have been in formation at Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo, discerning how God is calling them to serve God and to serve God's people. They have been praying, attending Mass, studying the Sacred Scriptures, and learning about the Mass and the Sacraments. They have studied Philosophy, Church History, Moral Theology, Medical Ethics, Canon Law, Systematic Theology, and Liturgy. On weekends they have been assisting at local parishes, and during the week they have been involved in ministries such as visiting the sick and the elderly and helping out at homeless shelters. On Saturday they will each approach Archbishop Gomez, who will anoint their hands with the Chrism Oil, and then send them forth into parish ministry to live out the vocation to which they have been called. Let us keep each one of these eight men in our prayers, and let us continue to pray for vocations!

This afternoon (Sunday) at 4:00 Bishop Gordon Bennett will be here at Saint Mark Church to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 66 young parishioners who have been preparing for the past two years to make a commitment to follow the teachings of Christ. After the homily each candidate will approach Bishop Bennett and he will anoint their foreheads with the same Chrism Oil that is used in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. And, with each anointing, the Bishop will say, "Be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!" This is a powerful moment in each person's life, as we recall the events of the Pentecost that we celebrated last weekend. Perhaps some of these young men or women will discern that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. Some will resist by saying, "I am not holy enough, or I am not equipped well enough to serve." But, as we all know, "Jesus does not call the equipped - equips those whom He has called."

During this week let us pray for all of those who are receiving Sacraments, and let us also pray for each person who is discerning God's will in their life, that they will be open to what God has in store for them!

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

***Father Paul***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Este fin de semana el Espíritu Santo va a trabajar de una manera asombrosa. Primero, el sábado por la mañana, ocho hombres serán ordenados sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles. Durante los últimos siete años estos hombres han estado en formación en el Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo, discerniendo cómo Dios los ha llamado a servir a Dios y a servir al pueblo de Dios. Ellos han estado orando, asistiendo a Misa, estudiando las Sagradas Escrituras y aprendiendo acerca de la Misa y los Sacramentos. Han estudiado Filosofía, Historia de la Iglesia, Teología Moral, Ética Médica, Derecho Canónico, Teología Sistemática y Liturgia. Los fines de semana han estado asistiendo a las parroquias locales, y durante la semana han estado involucrados en ministerios como visitando a los enfermos y a los ancianos y ayudando en refugios de personas sin hogar. El sábado cada uno se acercará al arzobispo Gómez, quien ungirá sus manos con el Aceite Crismal y luego los enviarán al ministerio parroquial para vivir la vocación a la que han sido llamados. Mantengamos a cada uno de estos ocho hombres en nuestras oraciones y continuemos rezando por las vocaciones!

Esta tarde (domingo) a las 4:00 el Obispo Gordon Bennett vendrá a la Iglesia San Marcos para administrar el Sacramento de Confirmación a 66 jóvenes feligreses que se han estado preparando durante los últimos dos años para hacer un compromiso a seguir las enseñanzas de Cristo. Después de la homilía cada candidato se acercará al Obispo Bennett y él ungirá sus frentes con el mismo Aceite Crismal que se utiliza en el Sacramento de las Ordenes Sagradas. Y, con cada unción, el Obispo dirá: "se sellado con los dones del Espíritu Santo" Este es un momento de gran alcance en la vida de cada persona, como nos recuerdan los eventos de Pentecostés que celebramos la semana pasada. Quizás algunos de estos hombres jóvenes o mujeres determinarán que Dios lo está llamando al sacerdocio o la vida religiosa. Algunos se resisten diciendo, "Yo no soy lo suficientemente santo, o no estoy lo suficientemente bien equipado para servir". Pero, como todos sabemos, "Jesús no llama a los están equipados - El equipa a aquellos a quienes ha llamado."

Durante esta semana oremos por todos aquellos que están recibiendo los sacramentos y recemos también por cada persona que tiene que discernir la voluntad de Dios en su vida, que estén abiertos a lo que Dios tiene reservado para ellos.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

***Padre Paul***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**BLOOD DRIVE**

Saint John's Health Center and Saint Mark Church have once again united to sponsor a blood drive next 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend all parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests. This fund provides for all the retired priests who have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities and helps to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those for their generosity to this Special Collection.

**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.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knight's of Columbus is sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Saturday, June 20th. 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.

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

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6;  
Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;  
Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8;  
Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;  
Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes: Tob 1:3; 2:1b-8; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 3b-6;  
Mc 12:1-12  
Martes: Tob 2:9-14; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 7-9;  
Mc 12:13-17  
Miércoles: Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Sal 25 (24):2-5ab,  
6-7bc, 8-9; Mc 12:18-27  
Jueves: Tob 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;  
Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mc 12:28-34  
Viernes: Tob 11:5-17; Sal 146 (145):1b-2, 6c-10;  
Mc 12:35-37  
Sábado: Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tob 13:2, 6efgh-8;  
Mc 12:38-44  
Domingo: Ex 24:3-8; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15-18;  
Heb 9:11-15; Mc 14:12-16, 22-26

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Confirmation

The Parish of St. Mark joyfully congratulates the 48 teens and 18 adults who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Many thanks to Bishop Gordon Bennett and the St. Mark catechists 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), Junior High (grades 7-8) and Confirmation (grades 9 and above) are now being accepted. The Religious Education Office will be open for registration on Saturday June 13 from 9am to 10:30am and on Sunday June 14 from 10am to 1:30pm. 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. La Oficina de educación religiosa estará abierta para inscripciones el 13 de junio desde 9am – 10.30am y el 14 de junio desde 10am – 1:30pm. Puede llamar 310-822-1201 para obtener más información.

### This Week at St. Mark's June 1, - June 7, 2015

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Adoration 8:30am - Church Meditation Group 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School Benediction 8:30pm - Church
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church 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 Altar Server Training 8:30am - Church 4:00pm Confessions/5:30pm Mass - Church
Sun.	Corpus Christi Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm Blood Drive 8:30am-1:15pm - Hall Early Childhood 9:00am - School Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church/School

## Mass Schedule

Sat. June 6	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. June 7	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman 9:00am Fr. Roderic Guerrini 10:30am Fr. Tom King 12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. May 30	5:30pm Irene & Jose Franco †
Sun. May 31	7:30am Power House of Prayer 9:00am Rosalino Acance 10:30am Anna Blasi † 12:00pm Arturo Virgen Jr. † 4:00pm Justo Venegas †
Mon. June 1	8:00am Q.J. Jacobs & Family †
Tues. June 2	8:00am Michael Shrake †
Wed. June 3	8:00am Lorna Watts †
Thurs. June 4	8:00am Albert Debono †
Fri. June 5	8:00am Bill Rosenberg †
Sat. June 6	8:00am Justo Venegas †

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

**Psalm** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

**Gospel** — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor es Dios en los cielos y en la tierra, y no hay otro (Deuteronomio 4:32-34, 39-40).

**Salmo** — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

**Segunda lectura** — Somos hijos de Dios, herederos también; herederos de Dios (Romanos 8:14-17).

**Evangelio** — Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).

### SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

#### Preventing child abuse is everyone's responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive, societal problem, and only rigorous and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. The State of California's Office of Child Abuse Prevention website contains helpful information about how to report abusive behavior and provides contact information of local authorities: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2289.htm>. For particular help you may call the Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

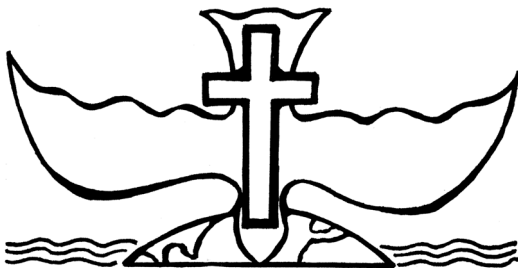
For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650 or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

### PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

#### Prevenir el maltrato infantil es una responsabilidad de todos

Todos los adultos tienen una responsabilidad moral de proteger a posibles víctimas y reportar cualquier sospecha de abuso o negligencia a las autoridades. El abuso infantil es un problema que afecta a toda la sociedad, y solamente los esfuerzos concertados y sostenidos de todos los adultos en los diferentes niveles sociales pueden ayudar a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. El sitio web de la Oficina de Prevención de Abuso Infantil del estado de California contiene información sobre cómo reportar comportamientos abusivos y también cómo comunicarse con las autoridades de su área: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2289.htm>. Para obtener ayuda, llama a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al 213-637-7650.

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

#### THE TRINITY IS LOVE

Theologians throughout the Christian centuries have spilled much ink (and, on occasion, some blood) in describing and defining the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the earliest, most poetic, and beautiful descriptions comes from St. Augustine in *De Trinitas*, wherein he describes the Trinity as One (the Father) who loves, One (the Son) who is loved, and One (the Spirit) who is love. And these three Ones are also one Three.

It might be wisest for us to leave the technical wranglings to the academic theologians, and focus on the fact that the three Persons of the Trinity are indeed persons; they are best known and understood in their love for each other and for us. We are made in the image of those loving persons, and our best relationships are lived out in the context of love. Truly loving relationships are inexhaustible mysteries to be lived in joy. If this is true of our human relationships, how much more so is it true of our relationship with the Trinity. And how much more does it call upon us to be joyful, loving witnesses of the holy mystery of the One-in-Three. This is the mystery to which we were called when we were chosen to be God's own, baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are plenty of "treasures" in our tradition that if resurrected today would cause anxious moments for bishops! Many concern marriage. There was a time when the church "consecrated" both virgins dedicated to prayer and charity, and brides dedicated to husband and family. Virgins were blessed in the sanctuary of the church, and brides in the sanctuary of the home. The custom of blessing the bride in the marriage chamber was standard in England, Ireland, Spain, and France until the eleventh century.

If the groom (the groom's side planned the wedding) chose from the full menu of liturgy, there would be a blessing of the bridal room, solemn evening prayer on the eve and morning prayer on the day of the wedding, a blessing at the church door of the spouses, and then in the church for the wife alone during Mass, and Communion. After the feast, a priest would represent the bride's father in presiding over the legal process by which the bride transferred from her father's clan to her husband's. Some enduring customs harken back to these days when marriage was seen as a contract between men (the bride's father and the groom) and was not so much about living out one's baptismal call, and certainly not about the equality of the spouses in Christ. Happily, this baptismal focus has been restored and unhelpful customs set aside by today's marriage rite.