

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016

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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.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

During the 31 days of May, the Holy Spirit was busy here at Saint Mark Church! During this month 47 youth and 6 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation. 17 of our Saint Mark School second graders and 54 of our Religious Education students received their First Holy Communion. And, this past Friday, 23 of our Saint Mark School eighth graders received their graduation diplomas and were sent off to high school. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, our Sacrament Coordinators, our teachers, our catechists, and our sponsors who dedicated themselves to sharing our faith with our younger parishioners!

We don't want to concentrate on numbers, but these figures are impressive. However, what is most important, is the continuing faith formation of these young people. Too many children receive their First Holy Communion in May, and receive their Second Holy Communion at Christmas. A number of our Confirmation students view the Sacrament as a sort of "graduation" and relish the opportunity of having Sundays as "free days" now that they have "graduated." And our goal a parish community is to encourage these young people and their families to continue - and strengthen - their involvement here at Saint Mark.

This is a challenge that is being addressed by many parishes throughout our country. No matter how many programs we offer, or how many announcements we make in the bulletin, we still need our children's faith formation to be emphasized in the home life of their families. If a young child comes to Confession and admits to not attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis, whose sin is the priest absolving? Children can't drive. Only the parents can. What about praying together as a family? What about reading the Bible together? What about volunteering in a ministry in which the family can serve together? Or, what about taking that time to visit a sick or elderly family member? These are all visible signs of our faith, and they contribute greatly to the faith formation of our children and high school students.

Once our high school students go away to college, they will have some major decisions to make in terms of how they live their lives. They will have more freedom than they have ever had before. And we hope and pray that they will have the foundation in their faith to make good decisions and to live their lives as faith-filled followers of Jesus!

During these summer months, let us make family prayer, consistent Mass attendance, and ministry involvement areas in which we commit ourselves to serving God by serving God's people!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Durante los días 31 de mayo, el Espíritu Santo ha estado ocupado en la Iglesia de San Marcos. Durante este mes 47 jóvenes y 6 adultos recibieron el Sacramento de Confirmación. 17 de nuestros estudiantes de segundo grado de la escuela San Marcos y 54 de nuestros estudiantes de Educación Religiosa recibieron la Primera Comunión. Y el viernes pasado, 23 de nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado de la escuela San Marcos recibieron sus diplomas de graduación y fueron enviados a la escuela secundaria. Quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a nuestros padres, nuestros coordinadores de los Sacramentos, nuestros maestros, nuestros catequistas y nuestros padrinos que se dedicaron a compartir nuestra fe con nuestros feligreses más jóvenes.

No queremos concentrarnos en números, pero estas cifras son impresionantes. Sin embargo, lo más importante, es la continua formación en la fe de estos jóvenes. Muchos niños reciben su Primera Comunión en mayo y reciben su segunda comunión en Navidad. Un número de nuestros estudiantes de Confirmación ven el Sacramento como una especie de "graduación" y disfrutan de la oportunidad de tener los domingos como "días libres" ahora que se han "graduado." Y nuestra meta de una comunidad parroquial es animar a estos jóvenes y sus familias para continuar - y fortalecer - su participación en San Marcos.

Esto es un desafío para muchas parroquias a lo largo de nuestro país. No importa cuántos programas ofrezcamos, o cuántos anuncios se hacen en el boletín, todavía necesitamos formación en la fe de nuestros hijos en la vida de sus familias. Si un niño llega a la confesión y admite que no asisten a la Misa del domingo en una base regular ¿el pecado de quien está absolviendo el sacerdote? Los niños no pueden conducir. Sólo los padres pueden. ¿Por qué no oran juntos como familia? ¿Por qué no leen la Biblia juntos? ¿Qué pasa con el voluntariado en un Ministerio en el que la familia puede servir junta? O, ¿por qué no tomar ese tiempo para visitar a un familiar enfermo o un anciano? Estos son signos visibles de nuestra fe, y contribuyen enormemente a la formación en la fe de nuestros niños y estudiantes de secundaria.

Una vez que nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria, van a la Universidad, tienen algunas decisiones importantes en cuanto a cómo vivir sus vidas. Tienen más libertad de la que han tenido antes. Espero y deseo que tendrán la Fundación en su fe para tomar buenas decisiones y vivir sus vidas como seguidores de Jesús llenos de fe.

Durante estos meses de verano, hagamos oración familiar, la constante asistencia a Misa y áreas de participación del Ministerio en el que nos comprometemos a servir a Dios sirviendo a la gente de Dios.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry works to meet the pastoral needs of singles and couples, LGBT, divorced, non-Catholics and those struggling with faith in their 20's and 30's in the parish. The next monthly gathering is this Sunday, June 12th at 6:30pm in the school's faculty room. Monthly meetings include food, fellowship, prayer and faith sharing. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week 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.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Father's Day is next weekend. As we do every year we will be celebrating a Novena of Masses for the fathers of our community - living and deceased. If you wish to have you fathers remembered in the novena of Masses please use one of the special enrollment envelopes available in the pews. Fill them out and return them to us as soon as possible.

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.


Welcome to Our Community

Brian and Jill Krineck
Carmen Ortiz

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
 Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Re 21:1-16; Sal 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
 Martes: 1 Re 21:17-29; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
 Miércoles: 2 Re 2:1, 6-14; Sal 31 (30):20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Jueves: Sir 48:1-14; Sal 97 (96):1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Viernes: 2 Re 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132 (131):11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
 Sábado: 2 Cr 24:17-25; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
 Domingo: Zac 12:10-11; 13:1; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lc 9:18-24

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Inquiry

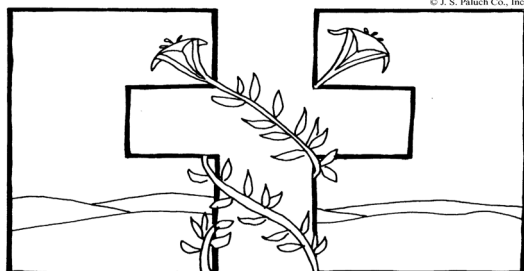
Sessions of Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the school. If you, or someone you know, has been considering RCIA please call the Religious Education Office for more information or to let us know you are coming.

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 next Saturday June 18 from 9am to 10:30am. 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 18 de junio desde 9am – 10.30am. Puede llamar 310-822-1201 para obtener más información.



This Week at St. Mark's June 13 - June 19, 2016

- Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church
- Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church
- Wed. 8:00am Mass - Church
RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
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
- Sun. 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church


Mass Schedule

- Sat. June 18 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
- Sun. June 19 7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
10:30am Fr. Tom King
12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
5:30pm Msgr. John Morales



- Sat. June 11 5:30pm Ron Carpintero †
- Sun. June 12 7:30am Felicia Torres †
9:00am Nonie Aquino †
10:30am Gene Anthony Salas
12:00pm Jose Alvarez †
5:30pm Jimmy Queenan †
- Mon. June 13 8:00am Maurice DuBois †
- Tues. June 14 8:00am Divine Child
- Wed. June 15 8:00am Lord of Mercy
- Thurs. June 16 8:00am Mary & Noreen Miller †
- Fri. June 17 8:00am Angie Casillas †
- Sat. June 18 8:00am Mary Lou Melanson †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD forgives David for taking the wife of Uriah, and for having Uriah killed (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13).

Psalm — Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — If justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing (Galatians 2:16, 19-21).

Gospel — Jesus forgives the woman because of her great love (Luke 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor perdona a David por haber tomado a la esposa de Uriás y por haberlo matado (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Si la justificación viene por la ley, entonces Cristo murió en vano (Gálatas 2:16, 19-21).

Evangelio — Jesús perdonó a la mujer por su gran amor (Lucas 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Archdiocese provides resources for parishioners to learn more

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles recently published an updated version of the annual brochure called Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse. This brochure provides parishioners with a list of policies and procedures regarding sexual abuse and education in the Catholic Church, as well as local programs and resources that work to protect abuse. For a copy of the 2016 brochure, check your parish vestibule, email jviena@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

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

La Arquidiócesis provee recursos para que los feligreses aprendan más

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles recientemente publicó una versión actualizada del folleto anual llamado, Trabajando Juntos para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual Infantil. Este folleto ofrece a los feligreses una lista de políticas y procedimientos sobre el abuso sexual y educación en la Iglesia Católica, así como programas locales y recursos que funcionan para protegerse del abuso. Para obtener una copia del folleto del 2016, busque en el vestíbulo de su parroquia, o escriba a jviena@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7227.

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

Last week's "Treasure" no doubt raised an eyebrow or two with the image of the deacons scurrying through the streets of Rome, or perhaps galloping on horseback, with fragments of eucharistic bread from the bishop's liturgy. These would be dropped into the chalice at outlying celebrations, presided over by presbyters, to express unity with the bishop, and perhaps also to remind the presbyters that they were not free agents. The Council of Laodicea forbade the custom of the *fermentum* in the year 348. Generally, one of the rules of interpreting law is that people don't make laws about things that aren't happening. So, by mid-fourth century, we have an important clue that what had once been a Roman custom had become widespread.

Interestingly, when the Church of England (and its related bodies) went through a liturgical renewal in the mid-nineteenth century, they reclaimed this custom from the mists of history. Today, it is the custom in some Anglican dioceses for a fragment of the host from the bishop's Holy Week liturgy (what we call the Chrism Mass) to be carried to every parish. On "Maundy Thursday" (our Holy Thursday), the fragment is dropped into the chalice to signify the parish's communion with the bishop. This modern revival of the *fermentum* is different from the "co-mingling" action we are used to, in which a fragment of the consecrated bread is dropped into the chalice just before Communion.

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today's first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin" (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God's mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today's Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

There is hope, then, for the rest of us sinners, if only we love enough!