

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

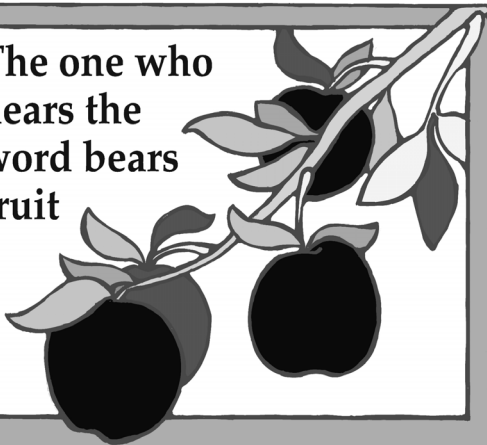
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The one who  
hears the  
word bears  
fruit



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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 Eucharistic for the Sick:</b>	Communion is given upon request. Please contact the rectory office.

## Parish Staff

Maintenance/Mgr.	Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez .....821-5058
Rec./Church Care	Catalina Blasi .....821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza .....821-5058

## Liturgy

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

## Eucharistic Ministry:

To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Paul Spellman .....821-5058
To the Sick (Sp)	Romeo Santos .....973-4129
In Church	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612 Joan Horne.....463-9017

## Ministry of the Word

English	Terri Ong .....560-0979
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
<b>Greeter</b>	David Lang .....384-3036
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

## 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	George Martin.822-1201 ext 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 & Frances Martin..... .....572-1242

## Youth Ministry

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

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

***Pastor's Corner***

Dear Families of Saint Mark Church and School,

I would like to begin this letter by thanking each of you for the warm welcome I have received here at Saint Mark over the past week! Each person I have met in the church, in the office, and in the school has helped me realize that this is where God wants me to be!

*Transition is always difficult*; a Pastor gets settled into a routine, and, after many years at one parish he is moved to a new church, with a new school, with new parish staff, and all new families to meet! Last week I was at an office supply store and the sales associate asked me for the address of the church. I knew the address, but I had no idea what the zip code was - so I had to call the office and ask! (Now I know - it is 90291).

And I am sure that change is difficult for everyone in the pews and everyone in our parish ministries. Questions will come up: "Is Father Paul going to do this the way we always do it, or is he going to start making changes?" Or, "Now we have a new Pastor and we can convince him to make all those changes we have wanted for years?" Let's just say that things here at Saint Mark are wonderful, and, if we make any significant changes, it will be after consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and other ministry leaders. In order to make any changes, we have to ask, "Why have we been doing this in this manner for so many years?" and, "How will this proposed change make things better for our parish community?"

My first goal as your Pastor is to get to know as many of the parishioners and school families as possible. In the next couple of weeks I would like to have a meeting with all of the ministry leaders so that I can get a better understanding of what drives the Church of Saint Mark and its members. Over the next couple of months I would like to have a meeting with the members of each ministry. And I am going to ask each person three questions:

- 1) What led you to this ministry? A bulletin announcement? A personal invitation from another member? Or something else?
- 2) What brings you the greatest joy in your ministry? What really touches your heart?
- 3) What can we do as a parish community to make this ministry the best it can be for our parish community? Do we need more members in this ministry? Are the dates and times that the ministry meets convenient for most members? Is this a ministry that needs to be expanded, or are we doing exactly what Jesus is calling us to do?

Next week I will let you know what some of my other goals are. But my primary goal as your Pastor is to assist and encourage each of our members to have a deep personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As I said at the beginning of this letter, I have felt so welcome here this week, and I am looking forward to many years here as your Pastor!

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

**Father Paul**

***La Esquina del Párroco***

Estimadas familias de la Iglesia y Escuela de San Marcos,

Quiero comenzar esta carta agradeciendo a cada uno de ustedes la cálida bienvenida que la semana pasada he recibido en San Marcos. Cada persona que he conocido en la iglesia, en la oficina y en la escuela me ha ayudado a darme cuenta que aquí es donde Dios quiere que ya este.

*La transición es siempre difícil*; un Pastor se acostumbra a una rutina, y, después de muchos años en una parroquia es trasladado a una iglesia nueva, con una nueva escuela, con nuevo equipo parroquial y todas las familias a conocer. La semana pasada estuve en una tienda y el asociado de ventas me pidió la dirección de la iglesia. Sabía la dirección, pero no tenía idea lo que era el código postal - así que tuve que llamar a la oficina y pregunte (Ahora sé - es 90291).

Y estoy seguro de que el cambio es difícil para todos en las bancas y todos en los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. Surgirán preguntas: "¿el Padre Paul va a hacer las cosas del mismo modo que siempre lo hemos hecho o va a empezar a hacer cambios?" O, "¡ahora tenemos un nuevo Pastor y podemos convencerlo para haga todos los cambios que hemos querido por años!" Digamos que las cosas en San Marcos son maravillosas y, si hacemos cambios significativos, será después de consultar con el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y otros líderes de los Ministerios. Con el fin de realizar cambios, tenemos que preguntar, "¿por qué hemos estado haciendo esto de esta manera durante tantos años?" y, "¿cómo este cambio propuesto hará las cosas mejor para nuestra comunidad parroquial?"

Mi primera meta como su Pastor es conocer muchos los feligreses y familias de la escuela como sea posible. En el próximo par de semanas me gustaría tener una reunión con todos los líderes de los Ministerios que pueda para tener una mejor comprensión de lo que impulsa a la iglesia de San Marcos y sus miembros. En los próximos meses, me gustaría tener una reunión con los miembros de cada Ministerio. Y voy a preguntar a cada persona tres preguntas:

- 1) ¿Qué te llevó a este Ministerio? ¿Un anuncio del boletín? ¿Una invitación personal de otro miembro? ¿U otra cosa?
- 2) ¿Qué te trae la mayor alegría en su Ministerio? ¿Qué te conmueve el corazón?
- 3) ¿Qué podemos hacer como comunidad parroquial para hacer este Ministerio lo mejor que puede ser para nuestra comunidad parroquial? ¿Necesitamos a más miembros en este Ministerio? ¿Son las fechas y horarios que el ministerio cumple convenientes para la mayoría de los miembros? ¿Este es un Ministerio que debe ser ampliado, o estamos haciendo exactamente lo que Jesús nos está llamando a hacer?

La semana que viene les haré saber cuales son algunos de mis otros objetivos. Pero mi objetivo principal como su Pastor es ayudar y animar a cada uno de nuestros miembros a tener una relación personal profunda con nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

Como dije al principio de esta carta, esta me he sentido muy bienvenido, y estoy mirando hacia adelante a muchos años aquí como su Pastor.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todas las maneras,

**Padre Paul**

**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 to schedule at 310-821-5058.

**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.

**LEGION OF MARY**

Are you striving towards holiness and spiritual growth? Join the Legion of Mary on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in the school. For information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

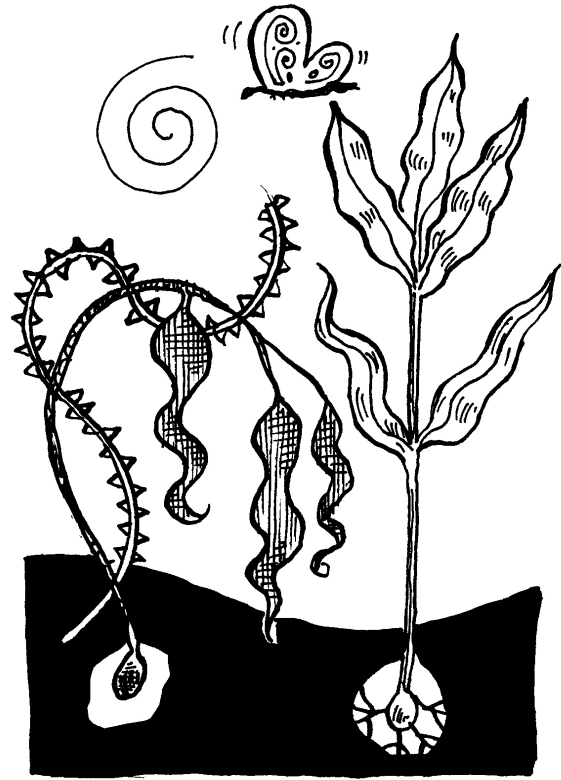
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes:	Is 1:10-17; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Martes:	Is 7:1-9; Sal 48 (47):2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Miércoles:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Sal 94 (93):5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Jueves:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Sal 102 (101):13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Viernes:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Sábado:	Miq 2:1-5; Sal 10 (9):1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Domingo:	Sab 12:13, 16-19; Sal 86 (85):5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Why you should become a Knight?

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. 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 Williams, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus, Marina Council 4834  
323-542-8511

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**New Bible Study**

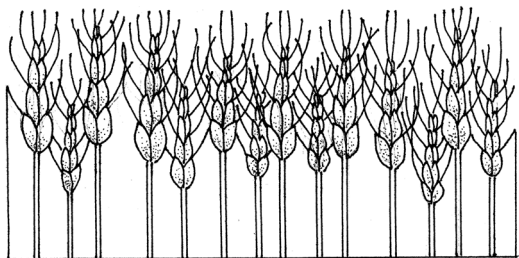
Parishioners are invited to join a new study in the Acts of the Apostles. Come ready to study how the excitement of Pentecost enlivens the early believers in their struggles to establish communities of faith—struggles surprisingly like those today. Meet two of the early Church's most significant leaders in the persons of Peter and Paul. The study begins this Monday July 14 at 7pm in the school.

**Religious Education Registration**

Registration 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. You may call the Religious Education Office for more information or stop at the registration table on the church patio after morning masses on July 27.

**Educación Religiosa**

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 a la Oficina de educación religiosa (310-822-1201) para obtener más información o visite la mesa de registración en el patio de la iglesia el 27 de julio después de las misas.



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**This Week at St. Mark's July 14, - July 20, 2014**

- Mon. 8:00am Mass  
Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
- Tues. 8:00am Mass  
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
- Wed. 8:00am Mass  
Inquiry meeting 6:30pm - School
- Thurs. 8:00am Mass  
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
- Fri. 8:00am Mass
- Sat. 8:00am Mass, 5:30pm Mass
- Sun. 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
12:00pm, 5:30pm  
Children's Liturgy 9:00am - School

## Mass Schedule

Sat, July 19	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun, July 20	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am	Fr. Tom King
	10:30am	Msgr. John Morales
	12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm	Fr. Luis Proenca

## MASS INTENTIONS

July	12	5:30pm	Francis Ramirez †
July	13	7:30am	Leo Pascual †
		9:00am	Maurice DuBois †
		10:30am	Margaret Tay †
		12:00pm	Josefa Torres †
		5:30pm	People of the Parish
July	14	8:00am	Sagrado Corazon
July	15	8:00am	San Judas
July	16	8:00am	Jose Franco †
July	17	8:00am	Virgen de Guadalupe
July	18	8:00am	Leo Pascual †
July	19	8:00am	Leo Pascual †

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — La palabra de Dios siempre cumple lo que él quiere (Isaías 55:10-11).

**Salmo** — Los granos que caen en la tierra buena darán una cosecha abundante (Salmo 65 [64]).

**Segunda lectura** — Toda la creación anticipa ansiosamente la revelación de la gloria plena de Dios (Romanos 8:18-23).

**Evangelio** — El que tenga oídos, que entienda y reciba las enseñanzas de Jesús (Mateo 13:1-23).

### SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

#### **Help your children be aware of other children's or adults' unhealthy behavior**

Children do, in fact, offend against other children. This issue is not unique to a particular season. However, children may have more opportunities to be out of your immediate sight during the summer. For this reason, it's important to periodically remind your child that another child or adult --- even a child or adult they know and trust, may want to see or touch their private parts; try to touch their private parts; or want to show them their (the other person's) private parts. Tell your child that if one of these situations occurs, your child should say: "Stop it!" and should immediately tell you what happened. For more information, go to <http://archla.org/safeguard>, "Summer Safety Tips can help prevent Sexual Abuse." A copy of this article you may contact: Brenda Melendez, Office of Safeguard the Children: [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.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 NIÑOS

#### **Ayude a sus hijos a estar atentos de conducta a de otros niños y adultos**

Niños, en efecto, le hacen daño a otros niños. Esta situación no es propia de una temporada en particular. Sin embargo, los niños pueden tener más oportunidades de estar fuera de su vista durante el verano. Por esta razón, es importante recordarles periódicamente a sus hijos que otro niño o adulto, aun un niño o adulto en el que ellos confíen, pueden querer ver o tocar sus partes privadas; tratar de tocar sus partes privadas; o querer enseñarles sus partes privadas (de la otra persona). Dígame a su hijo/a que si una de estas situaciones ocurre debe decir, "Stop it! No, déjame!" y deben ir inmediatamente a decirle a usted lo que pasó. Dígame a su hijo/a que si una de estas situaciones ocurre debe de decir: "Stop it, No déjame" y deben inmediatamente ir a decirle a usted lo que pasó. Para más información, visite <http://archla.org/safeguard>, "Información de Seguridad para el Verano puede ayudar a prevenir el abuso sexual". Para ayuda en particular por favor escribir a Brenda Melendez, Oficina de Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios: [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.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.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

#### **GIVING OF ONESELF**

Scientists have recently begun to discuss the idea that the primary force behind all life in the universe is self-gift. This is how everything from galaxies to human babies are born and sustained. If we read the opening of today's passage from Isaiah correctly, we see that he anticipated twentieth-century scientists by over twenty five hundred years. Using the self-giving example of the rain and snow clouds that water the earth that then yields fruit, which in turn is given over to nourish creatures, Isaiah leads us to understand that the primary force behind all life is the word of God. The ultimate giving of that word, we believe, was Jesus Christ, who, in the greatest revelation of divine love, gave of himself on the cross.

To what degree are we in touch with that self-giving God in whose image we are made? To what extent do we really follow the self-giving example of Christ into whose death and resurrection we were baptized, whose ultimate self-gift we celebrate every week in the Eucharist? With God's help, our lives can be like Isaiah's rain and snow, and we will not return to heaven until we have done our part to make the earth fruitful.

#### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

With the Reformation, some early Protestants, including the "Anabaptists," rejected infant baptism in favor of "believer's baptism." Against Orthodox and Catholic practice, which favored baptism as soon as possible for a newborn, these movements desired that the candidate for baptism speak for him- or herself at a mature age, not through godparents as an infant. Today, it is clear that they were rejecting a very ancient practice (even as early as the second century) of baptizing children of all ages. Children came first in ancient baptismal ceremonies, and someone would speak for them. Gregory of Nazianzen wanted to delay the baptism of children to three years of age, since at that age they could retain at least some impression of the liturgy. He made an exception for the very ill, who were to be baptized ahead of the annual Easter baptism. That means that infants and children were normally baptized together with adults, and that everyone received confirmation and the Eucharist.

The tone of the early bishops' writings is generous and compassionate, and seeks to build up the eucharistic assembly by widely celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. If a priest celebrated baptism, then the gift of the Spirit was postponed for the bishop, but with no regard for the person's age. So, until the fifth century, confirmation was for infants, too.