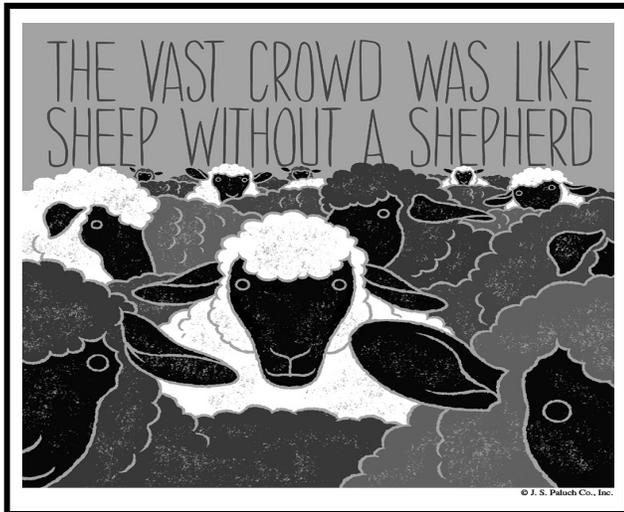


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2015

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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.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

At the Masses that I have celebrated over the past two weekends I have centered my homilies on areas that we wish to develop here at Saint Mark in the coming year. A brief summary is as follows:

#1) Social Justice. I am working with Deacon Joe Girard and a number of other parishioners to determine how Saint Mark's parishioners can become more involved in helping those who are struggling in our community and in our world. Deacon Joe is working with the Westside Coalition to address hunger, homelessness, and health. A number of our parishioners are volunteering at Turning Point Shelter, Saint Joseph's Center, and Catholic Charities' Saint Robert Center. We are also looking at establishing a council of the Saint Vincent dePaul Society here at Saint Mark to reach out to the local residents who may be in trouble and need our help.

#2) Youth Ministry. I am working with Judy Girard and Edwin Ambrosio to establish a program for our high school youth that involves them while they are in our Confirmation program and continues until they become young adults. Saint Mark has a vibrant Young Adult Ministry, and we want to "close the gap" between our youth and our young adults by giving the youth an opportunity to develop their spirituality as they prepare for college and the world beyond as they prepare to become young adults.

#3) Stewardship. I am working with Deacon Jim Carper (who spoke last spring during our Together In Mission campaign) to determine ways to encourage our parishioners to share their Time, their Talent, and their Treasure with our parish. We have over 2,000 registered families here at Saint Mark, but less than 500 use their offering envelopes or write checks on a regular basis. Our goal is to ask every family to prepare their offering before they come to Mass (by completing an envelope or writing a check). That way our families can plan ahead to decide what they want to give to the church, and it enables us to send the tax deduction letters to you each January. Each family is asked to give based on what they can afford, and for each family that will be different. But I often ask families who are not donating on a regular basis to consider their offerings in relation to how much they spend at Starbucks, restaurants, movies, cable television, or other forms of entertainment. Can we not give to the Lord an amount that is equal to what we spend on the things that we enjoy in life?

So, those are some of the things we are working on for the coming year. We are so blessed to have Saint Mark Church and School as a place where we can pray, worship, and serve, and we want to make it the best that it can be. And, with all of us working together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I know that we can reach our goal!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

En las misas que he celebrado en los últimos dos fines de semana he centrado mis homilias en las áreas que queremos desarrollar en San Marcos el año que viene. Un breve resumen es el siguiente:

#1) Justicia Social Estoy trabajando con el Diácono Joe Girard y un número de otros feligreses para determinar cómo los feligreses de San Marcos pueden involucrarse más en ayudar a quienes están luchando en nuestra comunidad y en nuestro mundo. El Diácono Joe está trabajando con la coalición de Westside para abordar el hambre, la falta de vivienda y salud. Varios de nuestros feligreses son voluntarios en Turning Point Shelter, en el Centro de San José y en el centro de Caridades Catolicas Saint Robert. También estamos buscando establecer un Consejo de la sociedad Saint Vincet of Paul para llegar a los residentes locales que pueden estar en problemas y necesitan de nuestra ayuda.

#2) Ministerio de la Juventud. Estoy trabajando con Judy Girard y Edwin Ambrosio para establecer un programa para nuestros jóvenes de secundaria que implica mientras estén en nuestro programa de confirmación y continúa hasta que se convierten en adultos jóvenes. San Marcos tiene un Ministerio vibrante de jóvenes adultos, y queremos "cerrar la brecha" entre nuestros jóvenes y nuestras jóvenes dando a la juventud una oportunidad de desarrollar su espiritualidad mientras se preparan para la Universidad y el mundo más allá para convertirse en jóvenes adultos.

#3) Mayordomía. Estoy trabajando con el Diacono Jim Carper (quién habló la primavera pasada durante nuestra campaña Unidos en Misión) para determinar las formas de alentar a nuestros feligreses a compartir su tiempo, su talento y su tesoro con nuestra parroquia. En San Marcos contamos con más de 2.000 familias registradas, pero menos de 500 usan sus sobres de ofrenda o escriben cheques con regularidad. Nuestro objetivo es hacer que cada familia para prepare su oferta antes de venir a Misa (completando su sobre o escribiendo un cheque). De esa manera nuestras familias pueden planificar decidir lo que quieren dar a la iglesia, y nos permite enviar las cartas para la deducción de impuestos cada mes de enero. A cada familia se le pide dar basado en lo que pueden y para cada familia que será diferente. Pero pido a menudo las familias que no están donando regularmente que consideren sus ofrendas en relación a cuánto gastan en Starbucks, restaurantes, películas, televisión por cable u otras formas de entretenimiento. ¿Nosotros no podemos dar al Señor una cantidad que es igual a lo que gastamos en las cosas que disfrutamos en la vida?

Estas son algunas de las cosas que estamos trabajando para el próximo año. Somos tan bendecidos en la Iglesia de San Marcos y la escuela que es un lugar donde podemos orar, adorar, y servir y queremos hacerlo lo mejor que posible. Y todos nosotros trabajando juntos, bajo la dirección del Espíritu Santo, podemos llegar a nuestra meta.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology on Tap is coming to Saint Mark this summer! Theology on Tap is a 4-week speaker series for young adults in their 20's and 30's organized by the Archdiocese. This incredible opportunity brings together young adults from across the city and provides opportunities to listen to and learn from renowned speakers, and to dialogue with others in areas relevant to them. Admission, food and drinks are free to all that attend. The series will run on Sunday evenings through August 2 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:30 and the event begins at 7:00. For more information, contact Young Adult Ministry as listed on the front of the bulletin, visit us at Facebook.com/SaintMarkYAM, or pick up a flier from the vestibule of the church.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Please join us for the next meeting of St. Mark Parish men's small group ministry. 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 to the next meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:30PM in the Lennon Room of the parish hall. For more information please contact Mike Fitz at (310)-961-8215 or at (fitz_michael@verizon.net)

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.

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.



John, Rochelle and Malaya Cruz
Charles and Catherine Heteniak
Chrales, Tara and Murphy
Carolina and Habor Paredes

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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 census 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 information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Martes: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Miércoles: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Sal 78 (77):18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Jueves: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Viernes: Ex 20:1-17; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Sábado: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126 (125):1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Domingo: 2 Re 4:42-44; Sal 145 (144):10-11, 15-18; Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Volunteers

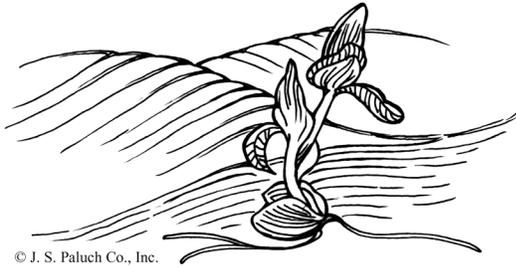
St Mark offers many opportunities for ministry as a catechist to children, youth or adults. At this time there is a need for volunteers who wish to minister to our youth in our Confirmation program. If you are considering this ministry please call the Religious Education Office 310-822-1201 for more information.

Fall Religious Education

Registration continues for Fall classes for Grades 1-8, Confirmation Grades 9-12, Early Childhood (4-5yrs old and kindergarten). Please call the Religious Education Office for information and registration materials.

RCIA Inquiry

Please invite someone who may be interested in inquiring about membership in the Catholic Church to come this Wednesday July 15 at 6:30pm in the school. Inquiry Sessions meet weekly. Many who are interested are waiting for your personal invitation. Consider calling someone today.



This Week at St. Mark's July 19, - July 26, 2015

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

Wed. 8:00am Mass - Church
RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Men's Ministry 7:30pm - Lennon Room

Thurs. 8:00am Mass
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School

Fri. 8:00am Mass - Church

Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church
4:00pm Confessions/5:30pm Mass - Church

Sun. 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm
Theology on Tap 6:30pm - Hall

Mass Schedule

Sat. July 25	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun. July 26	7:30am	Fr. Michael Tang
	9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am	Fr. Tom King
	12:00pm	Fr. Roderic Guerrini
	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat. July 18	5:30pm	Yony Davidson †
Sun. July 19	7:30am	Fred Gerhart †
	9:00am	Ilene O'Burnell †
	10:30am	Maurice Kelly †
	12:00pm	Alfredo Martin †
	5:30pm	James Rogers
Mon. July 20	8:00am	Juan Serna & Clea Ruiz †
Tues. July 21	8:00am	Carlos Acosta †
Wed. July 22	8:00am	People of the Parish
Thurs. July 23	8:00am	Jeanne Barboza †
Fri. July 24	8:00am	Mark Romero †
Sat. July 25	8:00am	Patrick Roarity †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor reunirá el resto del rebaño y asignará nuevos pastores (Jeremías 23:1-6).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — En Cristo, tanto los judíos como los no judíos tienen acceso en un sólo Espíritu (Efesios 2:13-18).

Evangelio — Cansados, Jesús y los apóstoles tratan de irse hacia un lugar retirado para descansar (Marcos 6:30-34).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Children and internet: tips for the summer

Summer vacation is here and time away from school could mean extra time online for children - a lot of it happening when you're not there to supervise. Here are some tips to help keep children safe. 1. Talk to children about internet predators and whether they have ever been approached online. 2. Keep the computer in a common area of the home. 3. Establish rules for when children are allowed to use their cell phone. For complete VIRTUS® Article email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Los niños e internet: consejos para el verano

Las vacaciones del verano ya están aquí y el tiempo fuera de la escuela puede significar que sus hijos están pasando más tiempo en internet – mucho de esto sin la supervisión de un adulto. Aquí les ofrecemos algunos consejos para ayudar a mantener la seguridad de los niños. 1. Converse con sus hijos sobre los abusadores en internet y pregunte si han sido solicitados inapropiadamente en línea. 2. Tenga la computadora en un área pública de la casa. 3. Establezca reglas sobre cuando los niños pueden utilizar el teléfono celular. Para una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS® escriba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al [\(213\) 637-7650](tel:(213)637-7650) o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Donald N. Akins

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while.

It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation.

From Old Mexico, the custom of the lasso ("cord") has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It's a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the lasso around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The lasso, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the lasso as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It's not unusual to see the lasso made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.