

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Reverend Paul Spellman, Pastor

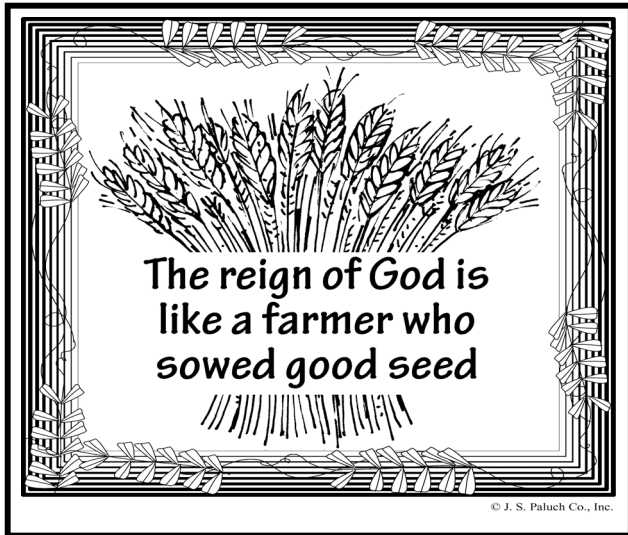
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Joseph Girard

July 20, 2014

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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 Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Are you a perfect person? Of course not. Were your parents perfect people? Obviously not. But what would have happened if, while your mother was pregnant with you, her doctor informed her that you were not going to be a perfect baby, and not a perfect child? What if her doctor had told her that you were going to have Down's Syndrome, or that you might have a learning disability, or that you may have a physical defect that might make simple tasks very difficult for you? Would your mother have said, "That is not important. My child is a gift from God, and I know that God loves every child who is conceived!" Or, would her doctor have encouraged her to "terminate this pregnancy and try again next year."

With all of our advances in science, medicine, and technology, we are able to learn more about the human body, and, as a result, face challenging questions. My mother used to volunteer with a group of Benedictine Sisters who had a school for developmentally-disabled children. Now that school has half of the children it had in the 1980's. Why? Because today over 90% of pregnancies in which the fetus has been diagnosed with Down's Syndrome are terminated. Parents are holding out for the "perfect child" and some beautiful, loving children are not allowed to live long enough to take their first breath. Now we have genetic testing that can lead to what is being called "Designer Babies." Is this God's will for us?

Next Saturday, July 26th, The National Catholic Bioethics Center, Archbishop Jose Gomez, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are cosponsoring a one-day Eugenics and Ethics Conference at the Cathedral entitled, "Designer Babies - Whose Design?" The conference will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$40.00 per person. Registration is available online at www.la-archdiocese.org

I will be attending, and I hope you will, too. If you are interested in carpooling, please email me at FatherPaulSpellman@gmail.com However, I do need to be back at the parish in time for 4:30 Confessions.

This is a critical area of our lives today. Every child is a gift from God, and designing babies the way that we would design a car or a computer system is not the will of God. Let us pray for all pregnant mothers, and all who work in the medical profession, that we may make decisions that are in line with the teachings of our Savior!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

¿Es usted una persona perfecta? Por supuesto que no. ¿Sus padres eran personas perfectas? Obviamente no. Pero, ¿qué habría pasado si, mientras su madre estaba embarazada con usted, su médico le informó que no iba a ser un bebé perfecto y no un niño perfecto? ¿Qué hubiera pasado si el médico le hubiera dicho que iban a tener un niño con el Síndrome de Down, o que iba a tener una discapacidad de aprendizaje o un defecto físico que podría hacer tareas simples muy difícil? Su madre habría dicho, "eso no es importante. Mi hijo es un don de Dios y sé que Dios ama a cada niño que nace". O, su médico la habría animado a "poner fin a este embarazo y tratar de nuevo el próximo año".

Con todos nuestros avances en la ciencia, la medicina y la tecnología, somos capaces de aprender más sobre el cuerpo humano y, en consecuencia, estamos frente a preguntas difíciles. Mi madre solía ser voluntaria con un grupo de las Hermanas Benedictinas que tenían una escuela para niños con discapacidades. Ahora la escuela tiene la mitad de los niños que tenía en la década de los 80. ¿Por qué? Porque hoy más del 90% de los embarazos en los que el feto ha sido diagnosticado con el Síndrome de Down son terminados. Los padres esperan para tener el "niño perfecto" y a algunos niños hermosos, amorosos no se les permite vivir lo suficiente para tomar su primer aliento. Ahora tenemos las pruebas genéticas que pueden conducir a lo que se llama "Bebés de diseño". ¿Es esta la voluntad de Dios para nosotros?

El próximo sábado, 26 de julio, el Centro Nacional de Bioética Católica, el Arzobispo José Gómez y la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles patrocinan un día de Conferencia de Eugenesia y de Ética en la Catedral titulado, "Bebés de diseño – ¿de quien es el diseño?" La Conferencia es de 8:00am a 5:00 pm y el costo es \$40,00 por persona. La inscripción está disponible en línea en www.la-archdiocese.org

Yo asistiré, y espero que alguno de ustedes también lo hará. Si alguien está interesado en compartir el viaje, por favor me envíen un email a FatherPaulSpellman@gmail.com. Yo tengo que estar de vuelta en la parroquia antes de las 4.30pm para las confesiones.

Hoy esta es un área crítica de nuestras vidas. Cada niño es un regalo de Dios, y diseñando los bebés de la manera que diseñamos un coche o un sistema informático no es la voluntad de Dios. Oremos por todas las madres embarazadas y todos los que trabajan en la profesión médica, para que nosotros podamos tomar decisiones que estén de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de nuestro Salvador.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todas formas,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

The latest report from the Together in Mission office shows that we are well on our way in paying off our Together in Mission pledges. I wish to thank everyone who has pledged, all those that are paying off their pledges as well as those that have paid off their pledges.

Parish Goal:	\$53,939.40
Amount Pledged:	\$58,474.00
Amount Paid:	\$48,443.00
Difference Over/ Under Goal vs. Amount Paid:	\$5,496.40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Miq 6:1-4, 6-8; Sal 50 (49):5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Martes:	Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 85 (84):2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Miércoles:	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Sal 71 (70):1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
Jueves:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Sal 26 (25):6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Viernes:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126 (125):1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sábado:	Jer 7:1-11; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Domingo:	1 Re 3:5, 7-12; Sal 119 (118):57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

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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

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. There will be a registration table on the church patio next Sunday July 27 after all the morning masses or you may call the Religious Education Office for more information.

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.

New Bible Study

It is not too late 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 meets each Monday at 7pm in the school.

RCIA Inquiry

If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about membership in the Catholic Church or if you are baptized Catholic and have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, the RCIA process is for you. Inquiry meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school and includes sessions about God, Jesus, Scripture, the Church and Sacraments. This step serves as preparation for entry into the more formal period of study set to begin in late September. Call the Religious Education Office now to let us know you are coming.

This Week at St. Mark's July 21, - July 27, 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

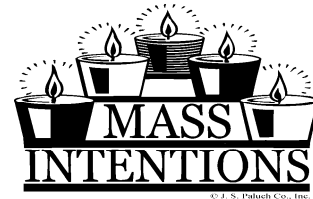
Fri. 8:00am Mass

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 26	5:30pm	Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun.	July 27	7:30am	Fr. Tom King
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Luis Proenca
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales



Sat.	July 19	5:30pm	Carmen Gonzalez †
Sun.	July 20	7:30am	Leo Pascual †
		9:00am	Alfred Torres †
		10:30am	People of the Parish
		12:00pm	Juan & Cheleta Serna †
		5:30pm	J.C. McCarthy †
Mon.	July 21	8:00am	Carlos Acosta Sr. †
Tues.	July 22	8:00am	Patricia N. Compean †
Wed.	July 23	8:00am	Leo Pascual †
Thurs.	July 24	8:00am	Leo Pascual †
Fri.	July 25	8:00am	Juana Martinez
Sat.	July 26	8:00am	Inez Watson †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tenemos la esperanza bien fundada de que se nos perdonarán nuestros pecados (Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19).

Salmo — Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente (Salmo 86 [85]).

Segunda lectura — Cuando no sabemos qué pedir, el Espíritu ruega por nosotros (Romanos 8:26-27).

Evangelio — El Hijo de Hombre siembra buena semilla, que son los hijos del reino (Mateo 13:24-43).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Gather the most information possible about your children’s whereabouts

The core best practice rule for child safety is to have as much information as possible and replace blind trust with knowledge and healthy suspicion. That means asking questions: “Where are you going? What will you do while you are there? Who will be with you? When will you return? Which adults will be present?” Then evaluate the situation and determine if it is safe for your child to participate. And, don’t be afraid to say “No.” When you and your children think safety, summer is filled with fun opportunities for children to enjoy. For a copy of “Summer Safety Tips can help prevent Sexual Abuse” contact: Brenda Melendez, Office of Safeguard the Children: 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

Reúna la mayor información posible sobre el paradero de sus hijos

La mejor práctica, la mejor regla para la seguridad de sus hijos es tener la mayor información posible y remplazar una confianza ciega con una sospecha saludable y bien informada. Esto requiere hacer preguntas como: ¿A dónde vas? ¿Qué vas a hacer mientras estás en ese lugar? ¿A qué hora vas a regresar? ¿Qué adultos van a estar presentes? Cuando tenga esta información evalúe la situación y determine si es seguro que su hijo/a participe o no en esa actividad. Y no tenga miedo de decir “NO”. Cuando usted y su hijo/a piensan en la seguridad el verano de ellos estará lleno de diversión y oportunidades para que los niños se diviertan. “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

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

PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT


Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop’s presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm “merely baptized” layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.



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