

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

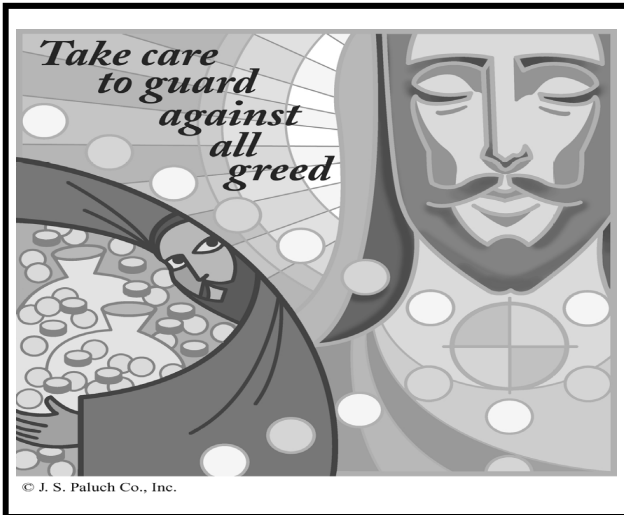
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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	720-0084
To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez	306-8768

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	390-3646
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..	306-9035

Ushers

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	Edwin Ambrosio	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	Steve Gunning	306-9035
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy	823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez	702-7929
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross	306-2796
Pastoral Council	Tom Suchy	821-5058
Young Adult	SaintMarkYAM@gmail.com	
St. Vincent de Paul	424-272-1629

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)	822-1201
Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fernando Guzman	702-7701

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

As I do each year, I like to provide our parishioners with a summary of the financial results for the Church and the School for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th.

CHURCH - This year the Church earned a Net Income of \$162.66. This means that our Income was just about the same as our Expenses. Last year we had a Net Income of over \$47,000.00 but that was because we had an increase in our Collections of 7.8% as compared to the previous year. However, for the year ended on June 30, 2016, our Collections did not increase, but remained relatively flat. On the other side of the coin, our expenses did increase, and will continue to increase each year. In addition to the donations that you made each Sunday, St. Mark Church also raised an additional \$32,152.00 in Second Collections that helped the missionaries, the retired priests and religious sisters, and other worthwhile causes. During Lent our parishioners donated over \$7,000.00 to Operation Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services, and our Peace and Justice Fund donated over \$16,000.00 to organizations like the St. Joseph Center and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Again, it is through your generosity that we are able to reach out to our less-fortunate brothers and sisters! This year it will be necessary for our Collections to increase in order to meet our parish expenses. So, if you are not using offering envelopes, we encourage you to do so, as we respond to our call to share our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure!

SCHOOL - This year the School earned a Net Income of \$547.00. Again, this means that our Income was just about the same as our Expenses. We are blessed to have a Catholic School here at Saint Mark, and our Principal, teachers, and administrative staff have responded to Christ's call to proclaim the Gospel message from generation to generation. We are blessed to have a School Mass each Friday, and I enjoy being in the classrooms each Wednesday teaching the children about our faith and answering their questions.

In this week's bulletin you will find a one-page financial summary for both the Church and the School. As you can see, there is a lot involved in operating a church and a school. But God has called us to share the Gospel message here in Venice, and throughout our world!

Again, thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Mark Church and School. We are the Church - we are the Body of Christ!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Como cada año, quiero ofrecer a nuestros feligreses un resumen de los resultados financieros de la iglesia y la escuela por el año fiscal que terminó el 30 de junio.

IGLESIA - este año la Iglesia obtuvo un ingreso neto de \$162,66. Esto significa que nuestros ingresos fueron casi lo mismo que nuestros gastos. El año pasado tuvimos un ingreso neto de más de \$47.000,00 pero eso fue porque tuvimos incremento de 7.8% en nuestras colectas en comparación con el año anterior. Sin embargo, para el año que terminó el 30 de junio de 2016, nuestras colectas no aumentaron, pero siguieron siendo relativamente planas. En el otro lado de la moneda, nuestros gastos aumentaron y seguirán aumentando cada año. Además de las donaciones de cada domingo, San Marcos recaudo \$32.152,00 adicionales en segundas colectas que ayudaron a los misioneros, sacerdotes y religiosas jubilados y otras causas. Durante la Cuaresma nuestros feligreses donaron mas de \$7.000,00 a la Operación Plato de Arroz para Catholic Relief Services, y nuestro fondo de Paz and Justicia hizo una donación de más de \$16.000,00 a organizaciones como el Centro de San José y la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul. Una vez más, es gracias a su generosidad que somos capaces de llegar a nuestros hermanos menos afortunados. Este año será necesario aumentar nuestras colectas para satisfacer los gastos de nuestra parroquia. Por lo tanto, si no está utilizando sobres de ofrenda, los animamos a hacerlo, al responder a nuestro llamado a compartir nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestro tesoro.

ESCUELA - este año la escuela obtuvo un ingreso neto de \$547,00. Otra vez, esto significa que nuestros ingresos son casi lo mismo que nuestros gastos. Estamos bendecidos por tener una escuela católica en San Marcos, y nuestra Directora, profesores y personal administrativo han respondido al llamado de Cristo para proclamar el mensaje del Evangelio de generación en generación. Somos bendecidos por tener todos los viernes una Misa para la escuela y yo disfruto estar en las aulas cada miércoles enseñándole a los niños sobre nuestra fe y respondiendo a sus preguntas.

En el boletín de esta semana se encuentra un resumen financiero de la iglesia y de la escuela. Como se puede ver, hay mucho en el funcionamiento de una iglesia y escuela. Pero Dios nos ha llamado a compartir el mensaje del Evangelio aquí en Venice y en nuestro mundo.

Una vez más, gracias por su generosidad y apoyo a la iglesia y a la escuela de San Marcos. Somos la iglesia: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to the final installment of Theology on Tap this Sunday July 31 in the parish hall. Admission, food and drinks are free to all that attend. Doors open at 6:30 and the event begins at 7:00. Dr. Paige Marrs' presentation about preparing yourself for the love of your life and to be that love for another is for singles and those in relationships. If you are not a young adult, you are invited to pass along the flier to a family member, friend, coworker or other lucky individual of your choosing! For more information or to inquire about complimentary child care, please contact saintmarkyam@gmail.com

PANEL ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

After Theology on Tap ends in July, young adults are invited to attend a special event, "Pizza with the Pastor" on Sunday, August 7 at 6:30pm. A panel on social justice, charity, and service will include representatives from Safe Place for Youth, Catholic Charities, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and our very own Father Paul Spellman. Participants will learn more about the issues facing our local community, how these organizations work towards solutions, and different ways we can get involved right away. This is a unique opportunity for those seeking to learn more and make a difference in the local community. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information or to inquire about complimentary child care, please contact saintmarkyam@gmail.com

UNDIE SUNDAY

Next weekend August 6-7, Saint Mark Church is joining together with our neighbors "Safe Place for Youth" in a sock and underwear drive. This is a great opportunity to provide the homeless young adults with a basic need that is so simple most of us take it for granted. Our generous donations will not only fill a material need but will give these young adults a sense of hope and the knowledge that people and God care about and love them. Donations will be accepted in baskets in the vestibule of the church throughout the weekend.

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

HOMELESS MINISTRY

The Homeless Ministry of St. Mark in conjunction with our neighbors Safe Place for Youth (SPY) serves the homeless youth between the ages of 18-25 on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. If you would like to volunteer please call MaryAnn Long at 310-717-2645.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Martes:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Miércoles:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves:	Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Viernes:	Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Sábado:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Lc 9:28b-36
Domingo:	Sab 18:6-9; Sal 33 (32):1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lc 12:32-48 [35-40]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education

Registrations for Religious Education programs for Early Childhood (4-5yr olds), Elementary (grades 1-6), Middle Grades (7-8) and Confirmation (grades 9 and above) are now being accepted. 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. Puede llamar 310-822-1201 para obtener más información.

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those parishioners who are considering ministry with our parish teens in our Confirmation program or with adults who are preparing for membership in the church through RCIA. If you need more information about these opportunities please call the Religious Education Office.

An Invitation

Do you know someone who has been waiting for an invitation to inquire about membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation? A new group of inquirers is now forming on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the school. This is the first step in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. We are each called to share the Good News. Invite someone today! Please call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

This Week at St. Mark's Aug 1 - Aug 7, 2016

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church
Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Meditation Group 6:30pm - School
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School

Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church

Wed. 8:00am Mass - Church
RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
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. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church
Pizza with the Pastor 6:30pm - Hall

Mass Schedule

Sat.	Aug 6	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Aug 7	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat.	July 30	5:30pm	Sue Miller †
Sun.	July 31	7:30am	Mario Serna
		9:00am	Bill May †
		10:30am	Julia Paz Mendoza †
		12:00pm	Kurt Wolfgang Helmut †
		5:30pm	Power House of Prayer
Mon.	Aug 1	8:00am	Q.J. Jacobs & Family †
Tues.	Aug 2	8:00am	Inez Watson †
Wed.	Aug 3	8:00am	Dolores ArcAngel †
Thurs.	Aug 4	8:00am	Stan Bacon †
Fri.	Aug 5	8:00am	Inez Watson †
Sat.	Aug 6	8:00am	Domingo Lopez †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No pases la vida luchando por las ventajas materiales (Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23).

Salmo — Señor, ten compasión de nosotros (Salmo 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo te ha resucitado a una nueva vida (Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11).

Evangelio — Esté alerta en contra de toda ambición, porque tu vida no consiste en las posesiones materiales, sino en las riquezas del Reino de Dios (Lucas 12:13-21).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Underage alcohol use could lead to larger problems

The negative consequences of underage drinking are more widespread and serious than previously know. Research shows that alcohol can change the way the brain works and could lead to long-term consequences. Many more dangers of underage drinking are immediate, including alcohol poisoning, physical assault and poor decision making. You can help protect your children from the risks associated with drinking by maintaining open communication, and by expressing a clear, consistent message that underage drinking is unacceptable. For more information visit www.stopalcoholabuse.gov or to request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Alcohol Abuse – The Statistics and the Risks for Children,” email jvienna@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 NINOS

El consumo de alcohol de menores de edad resulta en peores problemas

Las consecuencias negativas del consumo de alcohol por menores de edad son más extensos y serios de lo que se pueda saber. Estudios muestran que el alcohol puede cambiar la forma en que el cerebro funciona y puede dar lugar a consecuencias de largo plazo. Muchos más daños del consumo de alcohol por menores de edad son inmediatos, incluyendo envenenamiento por alcohol, asalto físico y malas decisiones. Usted puede proteger a sus hijos de los riesgos asociados con tomar manteniendo una comunicación abierta, y expresando un mensaje claro y consistente de que el consumo de alcohol en menores de edad es inaceptable. Para más información, visita a www.stopalcoholabuse.gov o para solicitar una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Alcohol Abuse – The Statistics and the Risks for Children,” (Abuso de alcohol, estadísticas y riesgos para los niños), envíe un correo electrónico a bmendez@la-archdiocese.org o llame al (213) 637-7508.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means “turban.” Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a camelaucum. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop’s removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he’d want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It’s exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this “common wisdom” makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.