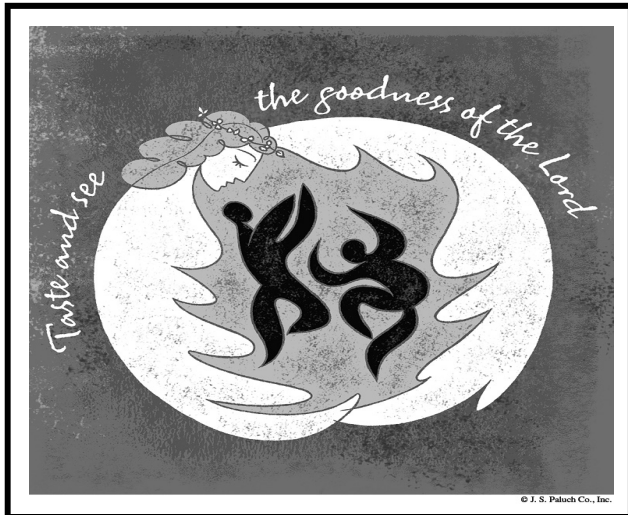


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 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. Please contact the rectory office.

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	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..306-9035

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

By now you may have noticed a fair amount of improvements being made to Saint Mark Church and School. Summer is the best time to do construction work, as the school is closed and many of our parish families are on vacation. That is why we are doing most of this work in July and August. If all goes as planned, the work will be finished before our students return to school and our families return from their summer vacations.

Last year our school undertook a Greening Project to improve the outside areas surrounding the school, particularly the lunch area on the south side of the school and the unused area on the west side of the school. Now these areas will be much more accessible to students, especially the younger students in Transitional Kindergarten ("TK") and Kindergarten. The majority of the funds for this project were raised through the school's annual fundraising dinner and the silent auction that accompanies it. The remaining funds were provided by the church.

Here in the church itself we are installing LED Lighting, repainting the interior of the church and doing some improvements to the sound system by re-positioning a couple of speakers so that the people in the back of the church will be able to hear better. Work will begin tomorrow Monday, August 17th and the church will be temporarily closed until Monday August 24th. During this time all Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Hall. Certain services like confessions and funerals, will not be celebrated until after the renovation is complete. I would ask you to sacrifice a little and stay with us during the renovation time. We need our community here. Let us all pray for the success and completion of this important beautification of our church. This work is being financed through your generosity, particularly those of you who use the Offering Envelopes that you receive in the mail. The donations that you make using the special envelopes that are restricted for School Support and the Building Fund are placed in a Restricted Account and then used, as needed, for the projects that are specified by the type of envelope.

Here at Saint Mark we have over 2,000 registered families in our parish records, but less than 300 of these families use envelopes on a regular basis. Another 100 families write checks without using envelopes, which is fine. We can easily record your donations based on your name and address. We have another 100 families who make their donations through on-line banking. This is very easy to arrange with your bank. It costs you nothing, and costs the church nothing! Your bank absorbs all of the costs.

This summary accounts for 500 of our 2,000 families. But we still have 1,500 families that are unaccounted for. This fall we are going to initiate a Stewardship Campaign in which we are going to encourage every member of Saint Mark Church to make a commitment of your Time, your Talent, and your Treasure. If everyone who comes to Mass here made a commitment to support our parish, we would be able to finance many more improvements to our parish facilities.

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Ahora ustedes pueden haber notado una gran cantidad de proyectos en la iglesia y la escuela de San Marcos. El verano es el mejor tiempo para hacer estas obras porque la escuela está cerrada y muchas de las familias de la parroquia están de vacaciones. Es por eso que estamos haciendo la mayor parte de este trabajo en julio y agosto. Si todo va según lo planeado, el trabajo se terminará antes de que nuestros alumnos regresen a la escuela y nuestras familias retornen de sus vacaciones de verano.

El año pasado nuestra escuela realizó un proyecto ecológico para mejorar los alrededores afuera de la escuela, especialmente el área donde comen en el lado sur de la escuela y el área que no utilizado en el lado oeste de la escuela. Ahora estas áreas serán mucho más accesibles a los estudiantes a los estudiantes de Jardín de Infantes regular y transicional. La mayoría de los fondos para este proyecto se plantearon a través de la cena anual de recaudación de fondos de la escuela y la subasta silenciosa que lo acompaña. Los fondos restantes fueron proporcionados por la iglesia.

Aquí en la iglesia estamos instalando iluminación LED, estamos pintando el interior de la iglesia y haciendo algunas mejoras en el sistema de sonido colocando un par de altavoces para que la gente en la parte posterior de la iglesia puedan escuchar mejor. El trabajo empezará mañana, lunes, 17 de agosto y la iglesia estará cerrada temporalmente hasta el 24 de agosto. Durante el trabajo de renovación todas las Misas se celebrarán en el salón parroquial. Ciertos servicios como confesiones y los funerales no se celebrarán hasta que regresamos a nuestra iglesia. Le ruego que sacrifiquen un poco y permanezcan con nosotros durante el tiempo de renovación. Necesitamos nuestra comunidad aquí. Oren todos por el éxito y la realización de este importante embellecimiento de nuestra iglesia. Este trabajo está financiado a través de su generosidad, particularmente aquellos que usan los sobres de ofrenda que reciben en el correo. Las donaciones que se hacen en los sobres especiales que están designados para apoyo escolar y el fondo del edificio se colocan en una cuenta restringida y entonces se utilizan según sea necesario, para los proyectos específicos.

Aquí en San Marcos tenemos más de 2,000 familias registradas en nuestros archivos de la parroquia, pero menos de 300 de estas familias usan los sobres regularmente. Otras 100 familias escriben cheques sin usar sobres, que esta bien. Podemos anotar sus donaciones basados en su nombre y dirección. Tenemos otras 100 familias que hacen sus donaciones a través de la línea bancaria. Esto es muy fácil de arreglar con su banco. No le cuesta nada y la iglesia no cuesta nada. Su banco absorbe todos los costos.

Este Resumen representa 500 de las 2,000 familias. Pero todavía tenemos 1,500 familias que están desaparecidas. Este otoño vamos a iniciar una campaña de mayordomía en el que vamos a animar a todos los miembros de la Iglesia de San Marcos a que hagan un compromiso de su tiempo, su talento y su tesoro. Si todos los que vienen a Misa hacen un compromiso para apoyar a nuestra parroquia, vamos a ser capaces de financiar muchas más mejoras a nuestras instalaciones de la parroquia.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE

CHURCH RENOVATION

The renovations will begin tomorrow Monday, August 17th and the church will be temporarily closed until Monday August 24th. During this time all Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Hall. Certain services like confessions and funerals, will not be celebrated until after the renovation is complete.

LOCAL PARISH'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Since there is no proper place in the Hall to celebrate Confessions while protecting the privacy that is needed for the Sacrament, confessions will not be celebrated at St. Mark's during the time of renovation. If the sacrament is needed, please visit one of our local parishes. Confessions are celebrated at:

- St. Joan of Arc: Saturdays 4:30pm
- St. Gerard: Saturdays 3-4pm
- St. Anastasia: Saturdays 3:30-5pm
- Visitation: Saturdays 4-4:45pm

RENOVACION DE LA IGLESIA

Mañana, lunes, 17 de agosto, empezaremos las renovaciones en nuestra iglesia. La iglesia estará cerrada temporalmente hasta el 24 de agosto. Durante el trabajo de renovación todas las Misas se celebrarán en el salón parroquial. Ciertos servicios como confesiones y los funerales no se celebrarán hasta que regresamos a nuestra iglesia.

HORARIO DE CONFESIONES DE LAS PARROQUIAS LOCALES

Durante la renovación de nuestra iglesia, las Misas se celebraran el salón parroquial. No hay ningún lugar en el salón para celebrar las confesiones protegiendo la privacidad necesaria para el Sacramento. No habrá confesiones en San Marcos durante este tiempo. Si necesita este Sacramento, por favor visite una de nuestras parroquias locales. Las confesiones se celebran en:

- Santa Juana de Arco: sábados a las 4:30pm
- San Gerardo: sábados de 3-4pm
- San Anastasia: sábados de 3:30-5pm
- Visitation: sábados de 4-4:45pm



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

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: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Jueves: Jue 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
- Viernes: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Sábado: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Sal 128 (127):1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
- Domingo: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fall Religious Education

Registration continues for Fall classes for Grades 1-8, Confirmation Grades 9-12, Early Childhood (4-5yrs old and kindergarten). The Religious Education Office will be open this Sunday Aug. 16 from 9:30am to 1:30pm or call for information and registration materials.

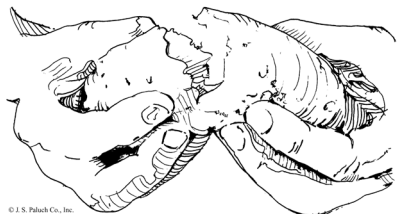
Volunteers

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. A member of the Confirmation team will be on the patio after all masses next Sunday Aug. 16. Please stop and offer to join this important ministry. Or you may call the Religious Education Office 310-822-1201 for more information.

RCIA

Please keep in your prayers all those who are inquiring about membership in the Catholic Church. Inquiry continues to meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Please call the Religious Education Office to let us know you are coming.

Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord



This Week at St. Mark's Aug 17, - Aug 23, 2015

- Mon. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
Meditation Group 6:30pm - School
Bible Study 7:00pm - School
- Tues. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
- Wed. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Parish Hall
- Thurs. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Parish Hall
- Fri. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
- Sat. 8:00am Mass - Parish Hall
No Confessions/5:30pm Mass - Parish Hall
- Sun. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm - Parish Hall


Mass Schedule

Sat. Aug 22	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
Sun. Aug 23	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am Fr. Tom King
	10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman


MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug 15	5:30pm Mary Ketchem †
Sun. Aug 16	7:30am Ryan Yuson †
	9:00am Miguel Angel Diaz †
	10:30am Celina Lozano
	12:00pm Maria Luisa Ruiz †
	5:30pm John Estee
Mon. Aug 17	8:00am Joanne Christensen
Tues. Aug 18	8:00am Julio Serna
Wed. Aug 19	8:00am Joanne Christensen
Thurs. Aug 20	8:00am Joanne Christensen
Fri. Aug 21	8:00am Carlos Acosta †
Sat. Aug 22	8:00am Angela Martinez

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — Jesus says, "I am the living bread . . . whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La sabiduría nos dice: Dejen su ignorancia y vivirán; avancen por el camino de la prudencia (Proverbios 9:1-6).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan como personas de sabiduría tratando de entender qué es la voluntad del Señor, llenos del Espíritu y dando gracias siempre (Efesios 5:15-20).

Evangelio — Jesús dice, "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre" (Juan 6:51-58).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

SCHOOL NEWS

Review safety rules with your kids before traveling

If your family goes on a trip this summer, chances are your children will be spending a lot of time on the road. It's important to keep safety a priority even as you take a break from your everyday lives! Remind your children to stay buckled in the car, and to always be alert when taking bathroom and food breaks. Use the buddy system, or break into small groups, to keep everyone safe while you're traveling. For more information and tips, visit: http://www.ots.ca.gov/OTS_and_Traffic_Safety/Traffic_Safety_Tips/summer_driving_tips.asp

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

Revisa con sus hijos las reglas de seguridad antes de viajar

Si su familia se va de viaje este verano, es probable que sus hijos van a pasar mucho tiempo en la carretera. ¡Es importante dar prioridad a la seguridad mientras que toman un descanso de la vida cotidiana! Recuerde a sus hijos que deben permanecer sentados y con el cinturón abrochado y estar siempre alertos cuando toman descansos para usar el baño o comer. Para mantener la seguridad de todos mientras están de viaje, asegure que los niños siempre están con un compañero o parte de un grupo. Para más información y consejos visite: http://www.ots.ca.gov/OTS_and_Traffic_Safety/Traffic_Safety_Tips/summer_driving_tips.asp

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.



Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

You may have noticed the construction site in the area around the perimeter of St. Mark School! We are undertaking a project that includes the removal of asphalt and the application of some different surfaces including permeable pavers, decomposed granite and concrete under the lunch tables.

One of the biggest changes includes the planting of approximately thirty trees. Over the years we hope that the passive cooling provided by the trees will make the campus more inviting and cooler for all who use it each day!

Another focus of the project includes water reclamation as six water cisterns are being attached to the school building in an effort to capture approximately three thousand gallons of water that can then be used for irrigation and other uses. An infiltration pit is also being installed to divert water away from local watersheds.

Some raised beds will be installed in order to provide opportunities for students to "farm" or grow their own food. Many more applications to science will be undertaken with the garden initiative.

The TK-K play area has been expanded and will include a large sandbox, more soft surfaces and a partial canopy to provide more shade. Trees and shrubs will add to the overall "landscape" making the area cooler and more inviting.

Thanks so much for your cooperation as we tackle this project. We are still in the demolition phase but will soon be moving on the regarding phase and then the installation phase, which will include a new overhang to protect the lunch tables and to provide shade in portions of the side yard.

We look forward to celebrating the completion of the "greening" project this fall and will publicizing the date as soon as it can be confirmed. Tree People, a local organization that provides support for tree installations, will be supporting us as we plant the trees in the coming months.

Should you have any questions about the project do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are more than happy to share the project plans with you and to give you a tour as the project unfolds! We are hoping to complete construction by August 24 though the tree planting will take place in October when the weather is cooler and more hospitable to young trees!

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Saint Mark School

♦*Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life*♦
Kindergarten through Grade 8

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