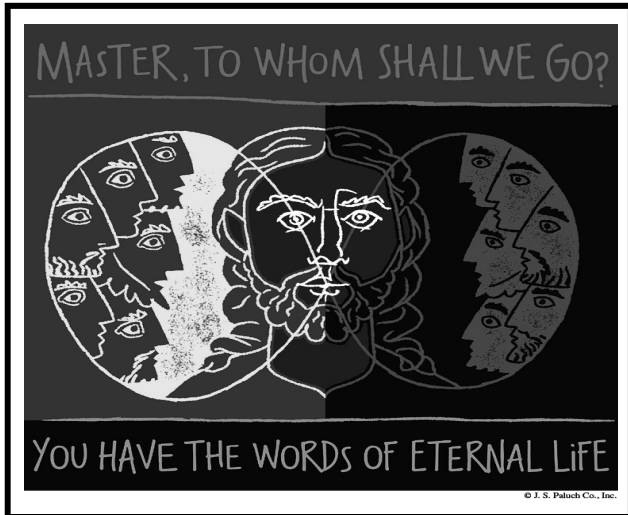


# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2015

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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 Eucharist for the Sick:</b>	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
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Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058

## Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings .....902-0109
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Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....478-8836
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..306-9035

## Ushers

## Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ....821-6612
Secretary	Mary Ann Welchance821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson.....821-6612

## Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard.....822-1201 ext 249
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Confirmation	Edwin Ambrosio822-1201ext 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
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## Youth Ministry

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

<b>FROM OUR PASTOR</b>
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***Pastor's Corner***

Last Sunday night I gave a presentation to our young adults on the topic of "Moving from Charity into Justice." It was wonderful to have so many young people who are interested in this topic, and it was great to hear their thoughts and ideas during our discussions.

Here at Saint Mark we have many wonderful families who give generously to many charities. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, the Saint Joseph Center, and Turning Point Shelter could not survive without the donations that are made out of a loving spirit. As we reflect on how we share our financial gifts, we also are called to share our time and our talents. That is why Saint Mark is joining together with A Safe Place for Youth (SPY) that is next door to McDonald's in our participation in "Undie Sunday" next weekend. For many young people who are living on the streets, some new underwear or a pair of new socks gives them the dignity that each person should have. You will find a flier in this weekend's bulletin that has more information about how we can help the youth of our community.

Another program that we are organizing here at Saint Mark is a new chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This organization was founded hundreds of years ago and exists in thousands of parishes throughout the world. On Sunday, September 20, we will have representatives from Saint Vincent de Paul who will give us more information about how we can provide assistance to our less-fortunate brothers and sisters.

The next step in Social Justice is to look at systemic change. The Catholic Church has addressed this in formal Papal Documents (that is, documents written by the Pope) for over one hundred and twenty-five years. In 1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote, "On the Condition of Labor" challenging employers to treat their employees with dignity and respect, especially when it comes to safe working conditions and reasonable expectations of the workers. This was a watershed moment in Catholic Teaching, as it expanded the message of the Church to all who make decisions affecting laborers, whether they are Catholic or not.

So, as you can see, a lot of opportunities exist in our Church to help spread the Gospel message by our words and our actions.

During this week I invite you to take some time with your family to pray and reflect on how God is calling us to reach out to those who are suffering.

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

***Father Paul***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

El pasado domingo por la noche presente a nuestros jóvenes adultos jóvenes el tema "Pasar de la Caridad a la Justicia." Es maravilloso tener a tantos jóvenes que están interesados en este tema, y fue genial escuchar en el debate sus pensamientos e ideas.

Aquí en San Marcos tenemos muchas y maravillosas familias que dan generosamente a muchas organizaciones de beneficencia. Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, Centro San José y Turning Point Shelter que no podrían sobrevivir sin las donaciones que se hacen con un espíritu amoroso. Al reflexionar sobre cómo podemos compartir nuestros dones financieros, también somos llamados a compartir nuestro tiempo y nuestros talentos. Es por eso que San Marcos se une a Un Lugar Seguro para los Jóvenes (SPY) que esta al lado de McDonald'S y el próximo fin de semana nos vamos a unir a "Undie domingo" . Para muchos jóvenes que viven en las calles, alguna ropa interior nueva o un par de calcetines nuevos les dan la dignidad que cada persona debe tener. Este fin de semana encontrarán un folleto en el boletín que tiene más información sobre cómo podemos ayudar a la juventud de nuestra comunidad.

Otro programa que estamos organizando aquí en San Marcos es un nuevo capítulo de la Sociedad San Vicente de Paul. Esta organización fue fundada hace cientos de años y existe en miles de parroquias en todo el mundo. El domingo, 20 de septiembre, vendrán representantes de San Vicente de Paúl que nos dará más información acerca de cómo podemos prestar asistencia a los hermanos y hermanas menos afortunados.

El siguiente paso de la Justicia Social consiste en mirar un cambio sistémico. La Iglesia Católica ha abordado estos documentos pontificios formales (es decir, los documentos escritos por el Papa) por más de ciento veinte y cinco años. En 1891 el Papa León XIII escribió, "sobre la Situación de Trabajo" retando a los empleadores a que traten a sus empleados con dignidad y respeto, especialmente cuando se trata de condiciones de trabajo seguras y expectativas razonables de los trabajadores. Este fue un punto de inflexión en la doctrina católica, ya que amplió el mensaje de la Iglesia a todos los que toman decisiones que afectan a los trabajadores, sean católicos o no.

Por lo tanto, como se puede ver, son muchas de las oportunidades que existen en nuestra Iglesia para ayudar a difundir el mensaje del Evangelio con nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones.

Durante esta semana los invito a tomar algo de tiempo con su familia para orar y reflexionar sobre la forma en que Dios nos está llamando para llegar a los que sufren.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

***Padre Paul***

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**UNDIE SUNDAY**

Next weekend August 29th & 30th Saint Mark Church is joining together with our neighbors "A 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.

**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 censuses 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

**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.

**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.



**SPIRITUAL LIFE**



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**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: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Martes: 1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Miércoles: 1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Jueves: 1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Viernes: 1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Sábado: 1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mc 6:17-29
- Domingo: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Stgo 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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. 23 from 10am to 1:30pm or call for information and registration materials at 310-822-1201.

**Educación Religiosa**

Se están aceptando inscripciones para cualquiera de nuestros programas de Elemental, los Grados Medios, Confirmación para los jóvenes adultos y RICA. Para los que necesiten información la Oficina de Educación Religiosa esta ubicada en el edificio de la escuela. La Oficina de Educación Religiosa estará abierta el domingo 23 de agosto de a 10am - 1.30pm para las personas que deseen recibir más información o para hacer la inscripción.

**Confirmation for Teens**

All teen candidates in both Year 1 and 2 and at least one parent are invited to attend one session of mandatory orientation. All meetings will be in St. Mark School. The dates and times are as follows:


Sunday August 23           at 1pm  
 Tuesday August 25       at 6:30pm  
 Saturday August 29       at 10:30am

**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. The Religious Education Office is open this Sunday Aug. 23 from 10am to 1:30pm or you may call 310-822-1201 for more information.

**This Week at St. Mark's Aug 24, - Aug 30, 2015**

Mon.   8:00am Mass - Parish Hall  
           Meditation Group 6:30pm - School  
           Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
 Tues.  8:00am Mass - Church  
 Wed.   8:00am Mass - Church  
           RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School  
           Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School  
 Thurs. 8:00am Mass - Church  
           Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church  
 Fri.    8:00am Mass - Church  
 Sat.    8:00am Mass - Church  
           Confessions 4:30pm /5:30pm Mass - Church  
 Sun.   22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
           Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
           12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm - Church



## Mass Schedule

Sat.	Aug 29	5:30pm	Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun.	Aug 30	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Msgr. John Morales
		12:00pm	Fr. Michael Tang
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Aug 22	5:30pm	Victor Bianchi †
Sun.	Aug 23	7:30am	Javier Gonzalez †
		9:00am	Nonie Aquino †
		10:30am	Peter Concepcion †
		12:00pm	Enrique Hernandez †
		5:30pm	Edward Dondero †
Mon.	Aug 24	8:00am	Gloria Tejada
Tues.	Aug 25	8:00am	Special Intentions
Wed.	Aug 26	8:00am	Ramon Alvarez †
Thurs.	Aug 27	8:00am	Zacharias Camacho †
Fri.	Aug 28	8:00am	Nonie Aquino †
Sat.	Aug 29	8:00am	Sister Helena OSsR

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Evangelio** — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los Doce escogieron permanecer con él: “Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?” (Juan 6:60-69).

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Pool safety is about more than swimming**

Swimming is a fun way to have some fun and beat the heat during the summer. Parents should teach their children about swimming safety, including how to identify and handle uncomfortable situations. Although you may be watching closely to make sure your kids are safe in the water, don't forget about when they're walking around, sitting out by the pool, using the restrooms or out of sight. Teach your children what to do when they feel uncomfortable at the pool, and let them know it is okay to walk away and find a parent or trusted adult at any time. For more information and a copy of the article called "Know the Rules...Summer Safety Tips to Teach Children" from the National Center for Missing and Exploited, email: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@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 NINOS**

**La seguridad en la piscina implica más que saber nadar**

La natación es una manera divertida de combatir el calor durante el verano. Los padres deben enseñar a sus hijos sobre la seguridad acuática, incluso cómo identificar situaciones incómodas y cómo reaccionar en estos casos. Aunque usted los está vigilando atentamente para asegurar que los niños están a salvo en el agua, no se olvide de poner atención cuando los niños caminan o se sientan alrededor de la piscina, usan el baño o cuando están fuera de la vista. Enseñe a sus hijos qué hacer si se sienten incómodos en la piscina y que al cualquier momento está bien huir y buscar un adulto de confianza. Para más información y para obtener una copia del artículo completo del National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, escriba a: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@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.



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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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