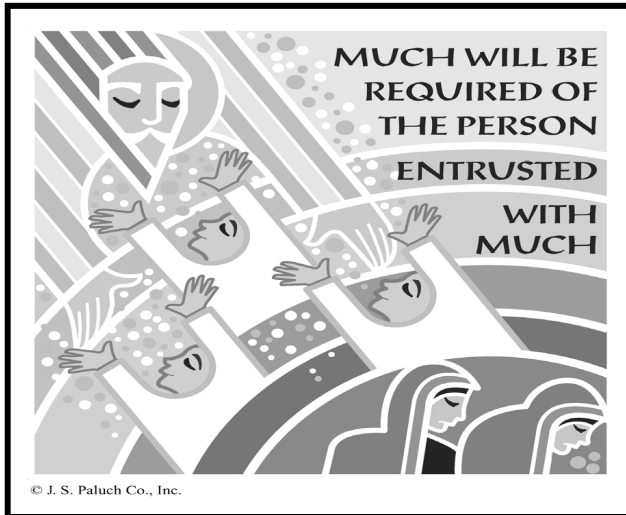


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

Fr. Paul Spellman, Pastor Fr. Michael Tang, In Residence
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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
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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
Guadalupeans	Isaias Flores	391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning	306-9035
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Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez	702-7929
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Youth Ministry

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

As many of you know, this Wednesday I will be beginning my sabbatical at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. I will be spending the Fall Semester in northern California studying Scripture, World Religions, and Social Justice. This is an opportunity that is offered to the priests by the Archdiocese, and I feel so blessed to have this chance to study with the Jesuits, take time to pray, and to re-charge my batteries so that I can continue to serve the parishioners of Saint Mark as we walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ!

No, I'm not moving to Berkeley, and no, I am not joining the Jesuits. But I do believe that this sabbatical will be a true blessing for me, and I have no doubt that I will return with new insights into the Bible, the religions of our world, and new ways of seeing the face of Christ in the poor and the marginalized.

When I return on December 10th I will be back in time for the Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Advent Penance Service, our School Christmas Concert, and our parish Christmas celebrations.

During these four months I will pray for each of you, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers. Like Mary in the Gospel reading a couple of weeks ago, I simply want to "sit at the feet of Jesus" and let His Word enter deeply into my heart and into my life!

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Como muchos de ustedes saben, Este miércoles comienza mi año sabático en la escuela Jesuita de Teología en Berkeley. Yo se pasar el semestre de otoño en el Norte de California estudiando las escrituras, religiones del mundo y Justicia Social. Esta es una oportunidad que se ofrece a los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis, y me siento tan bendecido por tener esta oportunidad para estudiar con los Jesuitas, tomar tiempo para orar y para recargar las baterías para poder seguir sirviendo a los feligreses de San Marcos mientras caminamos juntos como hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

No, no me estoy mudando a Berkeley, y no, no me uno a los Jesuitas. Pero creo que este año sabático será una verdadera bendición para mí, y no tengo dudas que voy a volver con nuevas ideas en la Biblia, las religiones del mundo y nuevas maneras de ver el rostro de Cristo en los pobres y los marginados.

Cuando vuelva el 10 de diciembre voy a venir a tiempo para el Tercer y Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el servicio penitencial de Adviento, nuestro concierto de Navidad de la escuela y nuestras celebraciones de Navidad de la parroquia.

Durante estos cuatro meses pido por cada uno de ustedes, y pido que me mantengan en sus oraciones. Como María en el Evangelio que leímos hace un par de semanas atrás, simplemente quiero "sentarme a los pies de Jesús" y dejar que su palabra entre profundamente en mi corazón y en mi vida.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

SPIRITUAL LIFE



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PANEL ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Young adults are invited to attend a special event, "Pizza with the Pastor" this 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

This 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.

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.

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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

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:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Martes:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Jueves:	Ez 12:1-12; Sal 78 (77):56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Viernes:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Sábado:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40 (39):2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

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. For more information please call the Office of Religious Education.

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.

Religious Education Classes Begin:

Early Childhood (4-5yrs old and kindergarten) & Grades 1-6 on Saturday Sept. 10 at 9am. Confirmation Orientation for candidate and at least one parent, Years 1 and 2: (Choose 1 day and time)

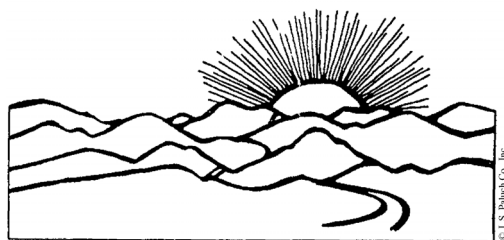
Tuesday August 23 at 6:30pm in St. Mark School

Sunday August 28 at 1:15pm in St. Mark School

Thursday Sept 1 at 6:30pm in St. Mark School

Grades 7 and 8 begin on Tuesday Oct 11 at 6:30pm

Registration is required for all programs. Call for information/registration materials at 310-822-1201.



This Week at St. Mark's Aug 8 - Aug 14, 2016

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - Hall
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
Thurs.	8:00am Mass - Church Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - Hall
Fri.	8:00am Mass - Church
Sat.	8:00am Mass - Church
Sun.	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church

Mass Schedule

Sat. Aug 13	5:30pm Msgr. John Morales
Sun. Aug 14	7:30am Fr. Edward Siebert 9:00am Fr. Tom King 10:30am Fr. Luis Proenca 12:00pm Fr. Michael Tang 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat. Aug 6	5:30pm Sheila Russell †
Sun. Aug 7	7:30am Holy Spirit 9:00am Felicísimo & Margarita Felipe † 10:30am Victor & Alice Ramirez 12:00pm Guadalupanas 5:30pm Coleman Gibson
Mon. Aug 8	8:00am Leonor Lopez †
Tues. Aug 9	8:00am Maria Ramirez †
Wed. Aug 10	8:00am Ron Carpintero †
Thurs. Aug 11	8:00am Senor Cesario Rodriguez †
Fri. Aug 12	8:00am Holy Spirit
Sat. Aug 13	8:00am Bertha Martin †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalms — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tus antepasados esperaron con fe y valor el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9).

Salmo — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — A causa de la fidelidad al llamado de Dios, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Evangelio — Estén alerta y preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Constant vigilance goes a long way to protect your children from predators

So much of our society operates on blind trust, and that trust can sometimes lead parents to make the wrong choices when it comes to the safety of their children. Far too many predators and abusers hide behind the well-known and trusted adults. Parents should be vigilant when introducing anyone into their children's lives, and should not ignore any red flags or suspicious behavior. It's better to investigate than to misplace your trust at the expense of your child's safety. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "An Ounce of Healthy Suspicion is Worth a Pound of Prevention," 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 NIÑOS

La vigilancia constante sirve mucho para proteger a sus hijos de depredadores

Gran parte de nuestra sociedad opera con confianza ciega, y esa confianza algunas veces puede llevar a los padres de familia a hacer malas decisiones cuando se trata de la seguridad de sus hijos. Muchos depredadores y abusadores se esconden detrás de la fachada de adultos bien conocidos y en quienes se confía. Los padres de familia deben ser vigilantes cuando incluyen a alguien en la vida de sus hijos, y no deben ignorar cualquier banderazo o conducta sospechosa. Es mejor investigar que colocar su confianza donde no debe, a expensas de la seguridad de su hijo/hija. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "An Ounce of Healthy Suspicion is Worth a Pound of Prevention" (Una onza de sospecha saludable vale una libra de prevención), escriba un correo electrónico a bmelendez@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

Last week's "Treasure" noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed "The Laughing Pope."

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!



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