

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

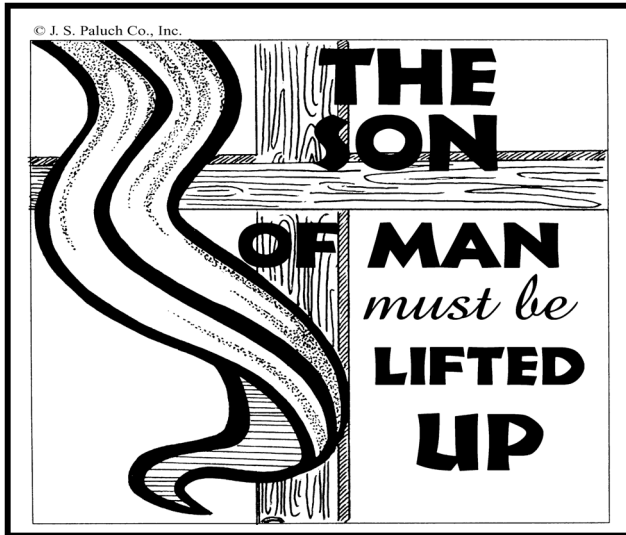
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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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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
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Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
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	David Lang384-3036
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

One of the most frequent requests that I hear from school parents and teachers is, "Why do we rarely see priests teaching in our school classrooms?" My sister taught fourth grade in a Catholic school for nineteen years and she told me, "The only time we ever saw a priest is when he had an appointment that cancelled on him. Then he would come into the classroom - without any advance notice - and interrupt us in the middle of a test or a project that we had all prepared for the children."

When I got ordained in 2001 I made a commitment that I would set aside one day per week specifically to be in the school classrooms. I have the teachers sign up ahead of time so that they know I am coming and to make sure that it works out well with their schedules. The teachers can sign up for thirty minutes, or an hour, depending upon what they believe is best for the children.

This past Wednesday was my first day in the classrooms, and I had the opportunity to bless the children in each classroom with the Holy Water that reminds us of our Baptism. I explained to them how Baptism is our first Sacrament, and it is the Sacrament by which we are cleansed of Original Sin and welcomed into our faith community - the Church! And I explained to them the significance of blessing ourselves with the Holy Water each time we enter or leave a church.

I will be in the classrooms each Wednesday, unless I have a funeral, a sick call, or other unforeseen circumstance. I will continue to encourage the children to ask questions about our faith. I will continue to teach them about the Bible and the teachings of the Catholic Church. I will clarify some confusing issues, such as why Pope Benedict XVI resigned and why Pope Francis is just "Pope Francis" and not "Pope Francis I." I will explain to them why it is significant that he is the first Jesuit priest to be elected to the papacy, and I will discuss how the papal election process works. I spent six years in the seminary, and I have been in parish ministry for over thirteen years. Using what I have gained over the years, I hope I can help explain to the children the message of God's love for us. And I will begin by explaining the difference between a "seminary" and a "cemetery." That is critical knowledge for any student of faith!

During this week I invite you to pray for our students, our school families, our teachers, our principal, and our office staff as we continue to follow the teaching of Jesus to "Go and make disciples of all nations!"

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

Father Paul

La Esquina del Párroco

Uno de los pedidos que escucho con mas frecuencia de los padres y maestros es, "¿por qué raramente vemos a sacerdotes enseñando en las aulas de la escuela?" Mi hermana enseñó el cuarto grado en una escuela católica por 19 años y ella me dijo, "la única vez que veíamos a un sacerdote es cuando a el le cancelaban una cita.". Luego el entraba en el aula - sin ningún aviso previo - y nos interrumpía en medio de una prueba o un proyecto que habíamos preparado todo para los niños.

Cuando fui ordenado en el año 2001 hice una promesa de que apartaría un día por semana para estar en las aulas de las escuelas. Le pido a los profesores que se inscriban con tiempo así saben cuando voy a ir a sus aulas y no interfiero con sus actividades o con sus horarios. Los profesores pueden pedir 30 minutos o una hora, dependiendo de lo que ellos creen es lo mejor para los niños.

Este miércoles pasado fue mi primer día en las aulas, y he tenido la oportunidad de bendecir a los niños en cada aula con agua bendita que nos recuerda nuestro bautismo. Les expliqué cómo el bautismo es nuestro primer Sacramento, y es el Sacramento por el cual estamos limpios de pecado Original y la bienvenida a nuestra comunidad de fe - ¡la iglesia! Y les expliqué la importancia de la bendición a nosotros mismos con el agua bendita cada vez que entren o salgan de una iglesia.

Estaré en las aulas cada miércoles, a menos que tenga un funeral, una llamada de enfermos u otra circunstancia imprevista. Voy a seguir animando a los niños a hacer preguntas acerca de nuestra fe. Voy a seguir para enseñarles acerca de la Biblia y las enseñanzas de la iglesia católica. Aclararé algunas cuestiones confusas, por qué renunció el Papa Benedicto XVI como el Papa Francis es sólo "Papa Francisco" y no "Papa Francisco I." Explicaré a ellos por qué es importante que él es el primer sacerdote jesuita que fue = elegido al papado, y voy a comentar cómo funciona el proceso de elección papal. Pasé seis años en el seminario, y llevo más de trece años en el ministerio parroquial. Con lo que he aprendido con los años, espero poder ayudar a explicar a los niños el mensaje del amor de Dios para nosotros. Y comenzaré por explicar la diferencia entre un "Seminario" y un "cementerio". Eso es conocimiento crítico para cualquier estudiante de fe.

Durante esta semana los invito a orar por nuestros estudiantes, las familias de nuestra escuela, nuestros maestros, nuestro director y nuestro personal de oficina mientras seguimos las enseñanzas de Jesús de "Ve y haced discípulos a todas las Naciones".

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todo,

Padre Paul

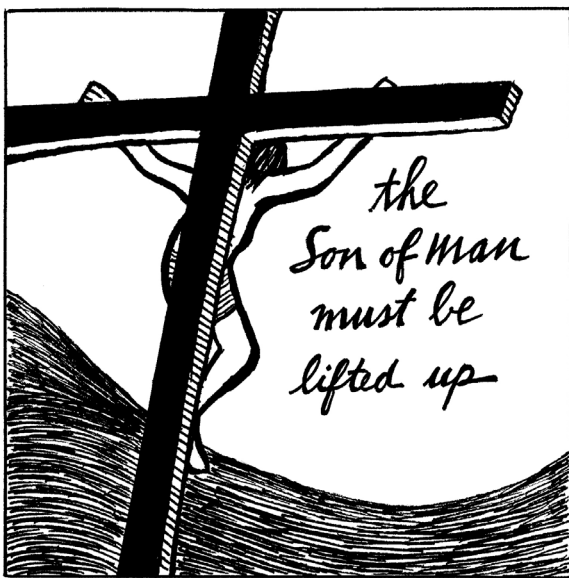
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Why you should become a Knight?

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

Harry Williams, Grand Knight
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BEING LIFTED UP

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Saint Mark Young Adult Ministry works to meet the pastoral needs of singles and couples in their 20's and 30's in the parish and meet each month for prayer and fellowship as we encourage one another to live out the gospel in every day life. The next meeting will be this Sunday September 14th at 6:30pm in the school's faculty room. Please enter the school through the front entrance on Coeur d'Alene Avenue. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, contact us at SaintMarkYAM@gmail.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:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17 o Sal 31 (30):2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 ó Lc 2:33-35
Martes:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1-5; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo:	Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

All those who share their faith with the children, youth, and adults in the ministry of Faith Formation at St. Mark Parish and School will be honored during a Commissioning Rite next Sunday Sept. 21 at the 9am mass. The theme of the new catechetical year is "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness," which is an invitation for all to bring the good news of God's forgiveness to others.

CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Year 2 Confirmation candidates will meet next Sunday afternoon September 21 beginning at 2pm in the parish hall. The first session for Year 1 candidates is Sunday September 28 at 2:30pm, also in the parish hall.


RCIA

Inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in St. Mark School. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information and to let us know you are coming.



This Week at St. Mark's Sept 15, - Sept 21, 2014

- Mon. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
Bible Study 7:00pm - School
- Tues. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
Knights of Columbus 7:00pm - Hall
- Wed. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
Inquiry meeting 6:30pm - School
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Church
Knight's of Columbus - Hall
- Thurs. 8:00am Daily Mass - Church
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School
- Fri. 8:00am School Mass - Church
- Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church
Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church
5:30pm Mass - Church
- Sun. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm (Spanish), 5:30pm
Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church & School
Early Childhood 9:00am - School


Mass Schedule

Sat. Sept 20	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales
Sun. Sept 21	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. Sept 13	5:30pm	Bruce McCormick †
Sun. Sept 14	7:30am	Craig Malsch †
	9:00am	The Wilsons
	10:30am	Auveen O'Neill †
	12:00pm	Ascencion Rodriguez †
	5:30pm	Cesar Yela †
Mon. Sept 15	8:00am	Marco
Tues. Sept 16	8:00am	People of the Parish
Wed. Sept 17	8:00am	Juana Martinez
Thurs. Sept 18	8:00am	Juana Martinez
Fri. Sept 19	8:00am	Juan Hernandez
Sat. Sept 20	8:00am	Cesar Yela †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).
Psalm — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).
Second Reading — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Cuando los que habían sido mordidos por las víboras miraban a la serpiente de bronce se curaban (Números 21:4-9).
Salmo — No olvidemos las hazañas del Señor (Salmo 78 [77]).
Segunda lectura — Porque Jesucristo asumió la forma de un esclavo, Dios lo exaltó (Filipenses 2:6-11).
Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre tiene que ser puesto en alto para que todos los que creen en él tengan vida eterna (Juan 3:13-17).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Know your kid's school

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

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

Conozca la escuela de sus hijos

Los padres y los guardianes tienen la responsabilidad primordial de proteger a sus niños contra todo el daño potencial. Al elegir una guardería infantil, centro de guardería o escuela, los padres deben examinar el edificio y la propiedad para cerciorarse de que no haya ningún área donde los niños jueguen o trabajen que esté "fuera de los límites" de los padres. Tales instituciones deben tener una póliza que de la bienvenida a los padres para visitar el centro o la escuela sin cita previa.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Are you striving towards holiness and spiritual growth? Join the Legion of Mary on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the school. For information call: Lorene Ross at 310-306-2796

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.

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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

Welcome to Our Community

Donald, Gabriela & Melina Bolin