

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

**FR. MICHAEL ROCHA** (*Pastor*)  
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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am  
12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30 pm

**Daily Masses:** Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00am, 12:15pm &  
and 7:00pm (Bilingual)

**Eucharistic Adoration :** First Monday of the month  
8:30am to 8:30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Baptism:** 3rd weekend of each month.  
Contact 821-5058

**Marriage:** 6 months notice is required.  
Contact 821-5058 for an  
appointment.

**Anointing of The Sick:** Sacrament for the sick is  
celebrated upon request.  
Contact 821-5058

**Holy Eucharistic for the Sick:** Communion is given upon request.  
Contact 821-5058

## Parish Staff

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Maintenance/Mgr. | Antonio Rodriguez .....821-5058 |
| Rectory Care     | Sandra Perez .....821-5058      |
| Rec./Church Care | Catalina Blasi .....821-5058    |
| Secretary        | Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058    |
| Secretary        | Blanca Meza .....821-5058       |

## Liturgy

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Altar Servers | Joan Horne.....463-9017     |
| Altar Society | Chris Putziger.....396-3265 |

## Eucharistic Ministry:

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| To the Sick (Eng) | Fr. Francisco Garcia ...821-5058 |
| To the Sick (Esp) | Romeo Santos .....973-4129       |
| In Church         | Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612      |
|                   | Joan Horne.....463-9017          |

## Ministry of the Word

|                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| English            | Kim Braun .....574-2649        |
| Spanish            | Erick Yela .....463-9080       |
| Wedding Coord.     | Rocio Cappalonga .....902-9045 |
| 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 .....310-478-8836   |

## Greeter

## 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     | George Martin.822-1201 ext 248   |
| R.C.I.A.         | Susan Lewis...822-1201 ext 247   |

## Parish Organization

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Bereavement Ministry  | Fritz Hirt.....765-3772 wk<br>.....827-1585 hm |
| Guadalupeans          | Isaias Flores.....391-5085                     |
| Knights of Columbus   | Lupe Garcia.....505-3990                       |
| Power House of Prayer | Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387                  |
| Prayer Group (Esp)    | Javier Hernandez .....735-7013                 |
| Legion of Mary        | Lorene Ross.....306-2796                       |
| Cursillo Group        | George & Frances Martin.....<br>.....572-1242  |

## Youth Ministry

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

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

***Pastor's Corner***

As I was writing my Pastor's Corner this week I was thoroughly drained and at the same time exhilarated. Last Sunday's celebration for the Gift of Priesthood on the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination, for service to the people of the Archdiocese, was more than I could have imagined. It was a perfect celebration on a perfect day in Venice.

I cannot begin to thank you, the Community of St. Mark, for your outpouring of love and support on this very special day - but I must try!

The Mass celebration was an example of a community coming together to share their gifts. First, the music at Mass. Wow! Under the direction of Maeve Cummings and Valerie Vinnard our parish choirs, musicians and guests led us in musical prayer that was uplifting, inspirational and a true blessing. Aided in particular by Mark Balling, Alex Venegas and Paul Peglar we traveled through a musical journey of faith. I selected music that at some juncture in these past 25 years has touched me and left a lasting impression. A close friend of mine, Msgr. Joseph Brennan, Moderator of the Curia (actually the #2 man behind the Archbishop), honored me by singing John Michael Talbot's "Holy is his Name". This is a modern setting of the Magnificat. It was dedicated to my late mother whose soul now "Magnifies the Lord."

To all the other ministries, including the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters/Hospitality, Altar Servers and Environment team, for your service and sharing of talents a special thank you. If I mention names I might leave someone out and cause hurt feelings so I will express my thanks privately to them.

Two groups that I absolutely need to acknowledge made the reception after the Mass a tremendous success. First, the Knights of Columbus for setting up the stage for the entertainment, and the Hall for extra seating, as well as handling the beverage tables - thank you! You have always been very supportive of St. Mark's and me. Thank you for being an important part of our community.

The entertainment, the Mariachi "Voces de Mexico" (from Casa Sanchez Restaurant) and the "Harry Selvin Orchestra," would not have had the impact that they did had it not been for the Spanish Prayer Group's use of their portable Sound System. Not only did they loan and set-up system but professionally monitored it for the two musical groups aiding in a perfect performance. For your service this day and throughout the year to our parish - Muchas Gracias!

To all of you who were able to join me and my family on my Anniversary I hope that you had an inspired and great time. I did! God Bless you all.

Next Sunday, September 29th, the Knights of Columbus are once again hosting the annual St. Mark Community Picnic at Chevron Park in El Segundo from 12:00noon to 4:00pm. The park is only about 5 Miles south of us straight down Lincoln Blvd (which turns into Sepulveda and then turns into Pacific Coast Highway). There will be fun for everyone. Some food (hot dogs & hamburgers and beverages) will be provided free. Everyone is also encouraged to bring something for the community pot-luck table for everyone to share. Please join us on this very special community day.

May this next week bring you all some special blessing and joy.

***Father Michael Rocha***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

Mientras escribía la esquina del Pastor de esta semana estaba completamente agotado y entusiasmado, al mismo tiempo. El domingo pasado la celebración de los 25 años de mi ordenación, para servir a las personas de la Arquidiócesis, fue más de lo que yo hubiera imaginado. Fue una celebración perfecta en un día perfecto en Venice.

Voy a tratar de dar gracias a la comunidad de San Marcos, por su efusión de amor y apoyo en este día tan especial.

La celebración de la Misa fue un ejemplo de una comunidad que se reúne para compartir sus dones. Primero, la música en la Misa ¡ Wow! Bajo la dirección de Maeve Cummings y Valerie Vinnard los coros de nuestra parroquia, músicos y los invitados nos condujeron en la oración musical que fue edificante, inspiradora y una verdadera bendición. Ayudados en particular por Mark Balling, Alex Venegas y Paul Peglar nosotros viajamos a través de un recorrido musical de la fe. Elegí la música que en algún momento de estos últimos 25 años me ha tocado y dejado una impresión duradera. Un amigo cercano, Monsenor Joseph Brennan, moderador de la Curia (en realidad el hombre #2 detrás del Arzobispo), me honró al cantar "Santo es su nombre" de John Michael Talbot. Esta es una versión moderna de la Magnificat. Fue dedicada a mi difunta madre cuya alma ahora "glorifica al Señor."

A todos los otros ministerios, incluyendo los lectores, ministros eucarísticos, ujieres, ministerio de hospitalidad, monaguillos y el equipo del medio habiente por su servicio y el intercambio de talentos les doy Gracias especiales. Si menciono nombres podría dejar a alguien y herir los sentimientos así que expresaré mi agradecimiento en privado con ellos.

Dos grupos que necesito reconocer y que hicieron que la recepción después de la misa fuera un tremendo éxito. Primero, los caballeros de Colón pusieron el escenario para el entretenimiento y arreglaron el salón con asientos adicionales, así como estuvieron a cargo de las mesas de las bebidas -¡gracias! Siempre han sido muy solidarios con San Marcos y conmigo. Gracias por ser una parte importante de nuestra comunidad.

El entretenimiento, el Mariachi "Voces de México" (del restaurante de Casa Sánchez) y "Harry Selvin Orchestra", no hubiera tenido el impacto que tuvo si no hubiera sido por el uso del sistema de sonido del Grupo Español de Oración. No sólo nos prestaron el sistema, sino que lo estuvieron monitoreando profesionalmente para los dos grupos musicales ayudando a un funcionamiento perfecto. Por su servicio en este día y durante todo el año a nuestra parroquia - ¡Muchas Gracias!

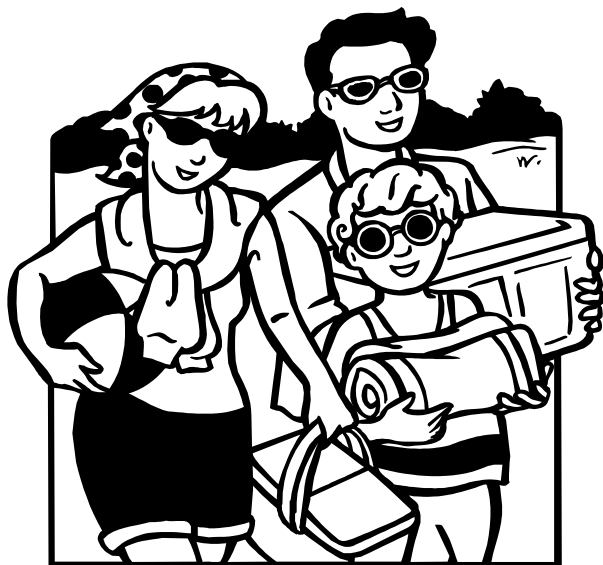
A todos los que se unieron a mí y a mi familia en mi aniversario espero que hayan tenido un momento inspirado y bueno. ¡Yo lo tuve! Dios los bendiga.

El próximo domingo, 29 de septiembre, los caballeros de Colón están nuevamente auspiciando el Picnic anual de San Marcos en el parque Chevron en El Segundo de 12 del mediodía a 4.00pm. El parque está a sólo unas 5 millas al sur de aquí. Lincoln Bl. hacia el sur (que se convierte en Sepulveda y entonces se convierte en Pacific Coast Highway). Habrá diversión para todos. Se proporcionarán gratis algunos alimentos (perros calientes, hamburguesas y bebidas). Se anima a que traigan un plato de comida para compartir. Por favor únase a nosotros en este día muy especial de la comunidad parroquial.

Que la próxima semana le traiga a todos alegría y una bendición especial.

***Padre Michael Rocha***

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**



**ST. MARK COMMUNITY PICNIC**

The St. Mark Community Picnic is next Sunday September 29th at Chevron Park, in El Segundo from 12:00 - 4:30pm. Come and celebrate with the entire Saint Mark Community. Bring your favorite dish to share. We'll have plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs, corn and soft drinks.

**KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS**

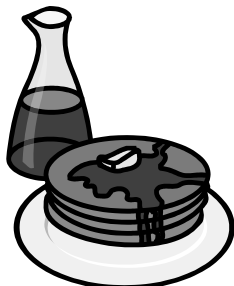


The Knight's of Columbus is sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Friday, October 11th. The event costs \$25 and includes \$5 in gambling money, drinks and food, and the bus. The bus will leave St Mark at 9:30 am and will return around 7:00 pm. Reservations are required. Contact

Terry Ballentine at [310-351-9743](tel:310-351-9743) for more information.

On October 20th, please join us for the Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass at 9:00am. The Knights will also be hosting a delicious pancake breakfast in the parish hall after all morning masses! Yum!

Lupe Garcia,  
Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
Marina Council 4834  
(310) 505-3990



**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**RED MASS**

All Members of the Legal Community are invited to the 31st Annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. At the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Homilist: Msgr. Craig Cox, J.C.D. There will be a reception immediately following in the Cathedral Conference Center. For further information please call 626-914-8942 or [laredmass1@verizon.net](mailto:laredmass1@verizon.net)

**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 to schedule at 310-821-5058.

**COMMUNION AND LIBERATION**

Communion and Liberation meets in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at 7:30pm for School of Community to help judge our lives according to the encounter that begins with Christ. All are welcome! For more information please contact T.J. Berden at: [tberden@gmail.com](mailto:tberden@gmail.com)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Ezr 1:1-6; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 8:16-18
- Martes: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 8:19-21
- Miércoles: Ezr 9:5-9; Tob:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lc 9:1-6
- Jueves: Ag 1:1-8; Sal 149 (148):1b-6a, 9b; Lc 9:7-9
- Viernes: Ag 2:1-9; Sal 43 (42):1-4; Lc 9:18-22
- Sábado: Zac 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lc 9:43b-45
- Domingo: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Sal 146 (145):7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lc 16:19-31

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Catechetical Sunday**

This weekend, the Parish of St Mark will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special Rite of Commissioning and Blessing of catechists and teachers at the 9am Sunday Mass. We thank each of them and assure them that they will be in our prayers throughout the coming year. We honor also all parents and guardians who plant the first seeds of faith and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where the faith is passed on to the next generation. Likewise, this celebration of Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

**Confirmation**


Candidates in both years 1 and 2 meet for their first sessions Sunday September 22. Registration will be closed after this date. We hope your teen in grades 9 and above has made plans to join our parish program.

**RCIA**

Our newest group of Inquirers will be formally welcomed in October and they will then enter the Period of the Catechumenate (study of the teachings of the church). If you, or someone you know, has been considering membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation it is important that you call the Religious Education Office now for more information.

**This Week at St. Mark's Sept 23 - Sept 29, 2013**

- Mon. Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School  
Please Call to Reserve (310)822-1201  
Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
- Tues. Jr Hi RE 6:30 PM - School  
Legion of Mary Eng & Sp 7:00pm - School  
Communion & Liberation 7:00pm - Hall
- Wed. Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - Church
- Thurs. Bible Study 11:00am - RE Office  
Meditation & Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School  
Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - Hall  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
- Fri. 8:00am Mass
- Sat. 8:00am Mass
- Sun. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Early Childhood 9:00am  
Children's Liturgy 9:00am



## Mass Schedule

|      |         |         |                    |
|------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Sat, | Sept 28 | 5:30pm  | Fr. Luis Proenca   |
| Sun, | Sept 29 | 7:30am  | Fr. Michael        |
|      |         | 9:00am  | Fr. Marc Angelo    |
|      |         | 10:30am | Msgr. John Morales |
|      |         | 12:00pm | Fr. Michael        |
|      |         | 5:30pm  | Fr. Michael        |



## MASS INTENTIONS

|      |    |         |                        |
|------|----|---------|------------------------|
| Sept | 21 | 5:30pm  | Kassandra Hernandez †  |
| Sept | 22 | 7:30am  | Fr. Jose Esparza †     |
|      |    | 9:00am  | Patricia Compean †     |
|      |    | 10:30am | People of the Parish   |
|      |    | 12:00pm | Kent Clemens †         |
|      |    | 5:30pm  | Peter Tri Lai          |
| Sept | 23 | 8:00am  | Peter Tri Lai          |
| Sept | 24 | 8:00am  | Peter Tri Lai          |
| Sept | 25 | 8:00am  | Richard Gomez †        |
| Sept | 26 | 8:00am  | Frank Avila            |
| Sept | 27 | 8:00am  | John Barba Sr. †       |
| Sept | 28 | 8:00am  | Jesus Negrete Romero † |

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).  
**Psalm** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).  
**Second Reading** — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).  
**Gospel** — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor nunca se olvida del pecado de los que hacen trampa a los pobres y abusan de ellos (Amós 8:4-7).  
**Salmo** — Que alaben al Señor todos sus siervos (Salmo 113 [112]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Reza al Señor, que quiere que todos se salven (1 Timoteo 2:1-8).  
**Evangelio** — Sé responsable en todo. Sirve a Dios, el único Señor, no al dinero (Lucas 16:1-13 [10-13]).

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**ST. MARK SCHOOL**

**Nearly 200,000 adults have undergone child abuse prevention training**

Nearly 200,000 adults who work with children and youth have undergone child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The mandatory training helps adults to identify the types of inappropriate behavior that can lead to abuse. A key part of keeping our children safe means knowing how to prevent abuse. To learn more, please contact your parish office or call Joan Vienna, coordinator of the Archdiocese’s Safeguard the Children Program, (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.



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**PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**

**Casi 200 mil adultos han sido entrenados en prevención de abuso de menores**

Casi 200,000 adultos que trabajan con niños y jóvenes ya han participado en el entrenamiento de prevención de abuso de menores por medio del programa VIRTUS. El entrenamiento obligatorio ayuda a los adultos a identificar los tipos de comportamiento inadecuado que pueden conducir al abuso. La clave para mantener a nuestros niños seguros es saber cómo prevenir el abuso. Para más información, por favor comuníquese a la oficina de su parroquia o con Joan Vienna, coordinadora del programa Protección de los Niños, (213) 637-7227.

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.

Once again we want to congratulate Father Michael on the celebration of his silver jubilee this past Sunday! What a beautiful occasion it was for all to share in and the SMS community was thrilled to be in attendance!

On Friday, two days before the big celebration, the school shared cards of appreciation and congratulations with Father Michael and shared his “favorite” song with him from the film, “Good-bye Mr. Chips.” We closed the event with lemon bars as Father Michael is very fond of lemony desserts.

The school year is off to a great start! This week our 6-8 grade football team had a victory over St. Anthony and is having a great start to the season. The girls volleyball team starts their season of play this Thursday and is away at St. Anthony on Thursday.

Parent night of classes takes place this Thursday in the upper grades and the teachers are eager to share their curriculum with the parents and to show them how they are implementing technology throughout the curriculum.

For more information please contact us at (310) 821-6612 or by email at [principal@stmarkschool.com](mailto:principal@stmarkschool.com).

Have a great week!  
Mary Ann McQueen, Principal

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*Saint Mark School*  
♦Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life♦  
Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 8

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*Welcome to Our Community*



**Fair Family**  
Andrew  
Kristina  
Jack  
Harrison