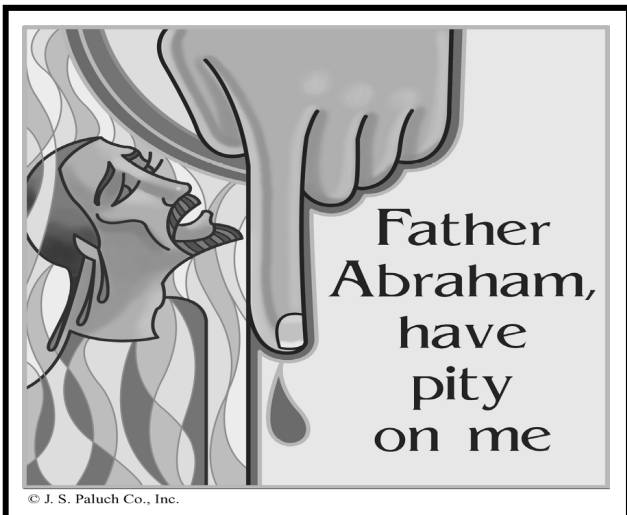


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

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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 Eucharist for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Please contact the rectory office.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

This weekend's Gospel story makes it harder for us to drive by the person on the corner holding up a sign that reads, "Hungry." We might not find it so easy to roll up our car windows and look the other way. The torment of the netherworld is a formidable price to pay for keeping a small handful of coins.

The Gospel this weekend is a call for us to be true brothers and sisters in Christ. The message makes us reflect on our ability to be Good Samaritans. If we are at all honest, we might admit to ourselves that we are sometimes unfaithful witnesses to the resurrection.

In the First Reading, the prophet Amos has some rather choice words for the wealthy: "Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches...yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph." In other words, "Woe to those who think life is a party just made for them!"

By the time the Mass you have chosen to attend this weekend is over, (from start to finish), 7500 people in our world, (most of them children), will die from hunger or hunger related diseases. You might think: "Not my problem." Yes it is. "I can't do anything about that." Yes you can.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel, it's not success or even wealth itself that's condemned. It's the callous indifference to people in desperate need when we ourselves have more than we need. Like the poor beggar lying outside the rich man's gate, the hungry and suffering are very easy to find:
www.feedingamerica.org or www.catholiccharitiesusa.org
 Of course we have St. Joseph Center, in close proximity to us and The Society of St. Vincent De Paul here in the parish and Archdiocese. Bread for the world (www.bread.org) is an initiative that urges lawmakers to change conditions that cause poverty. Cost: one stamp and the time it takes to write a letter and put it in the mail.

If one can believe it, there are some, who are very wealthy in our city and country, which live simply and choose to use their monies to try to make our world a better place. Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, currently worth and estimated \$51.8 billion, wears non-trendy jeans and sandals. His foundation supports humanitarian projects too numerous to mention. Award winning actor, Keanu Reeves takes the subway and recently said, "The last thing I think about is money." Reeves gives generously to the following: www.standup2cancer.org and www.sickkidsfoundation.com the question we need to ask ourselves and put into action is: Is the idea that luxury leads to happiness a lie? And "What do I have (or covet) that I can truthfully do without? Given the history of our world, the average human life is extremely short. We need to use our gifts, talents, and treasures to make our world a better place. It's something to consider seriously and live out day to day. Have a blessed week!

Father Michael Tang

La Esquina del Párroco

Este fin de semana la historia del Evangelio hace más difícil para nosotros conducir y ver a una persona en la esquina que tiene un cartel que dice: "Tengo hambre." No resulta fácil subir las ventanas del coche y mirar para otro lado. El tormento del inframundo es un precio que se paga para mantener un pequeño puñado de monedas.

El Evangelio de este fin de semana es una llamada para que seamos verdaderos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. El mensaje nos hace reflexionar sobre nuestra capacidad de ser buenos samaritanos. Si somos honestos en todo, podríamos admitir a nosotros mismos que a veces somos infieles testigos de la resurrección.

En la primera lectura, el Profeta Amós tiene algunas palabras más bien escogidas para los ricos: « ¡Ay de los complacientes en Sión! Acostados en camas de marfil, estirados cómodamente en sus sillones... pero no se hacen malos por la caída de José." En otras palabras, "¡Ay de aquellos que piensan que la vida es una fiesta que se hace por ellos!"

Cuando la Misa que ha elegido para asistir este fin de semana es larga, (de principio a fin), 7500 personas en nuestro mundo, (la mayoría de ellos niños), se mueren de hambre o enfermedades relacionadas con el hambre. Usted podría pensar: "No es mi problema". Sí. "No puedo hacer nada sobre eso". Sí se puede.

En la primera lectura y el Evangelio, no es éxito o incluso riqueza lo que se está condenando. Es la indiferencia insensible a las personas en necesidad desesperada cuando nosotros tenemos más de lo necesario. Como el pobre mendigo que esta afuera de la puerta del rico, el hambre y el sufrimiento son muy fáciles de encontrar: [ww.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org) o www.catholiccharitiesusa.org claro que tenemos el centro de San José, cerca de nosotros y la sociedad de San Vicente De Paul aquí en la parroquia y el Arzobispado. Pan para el mundo (www.bread.org) es una iniciativa que insta a los legisladores para cambiar las condiciones que causan la pobreza. Costo: una estampilla y el tiempo que toma escribir una carta y ponerla en el correo.

Si uno no puede creerlo, hay algunos que son muy ricos en nuestra ciudad y país, que viven simplemente y deciden usar su dinero para tratar de hacer nuestro mundo un lugar mejor. Mark Zuckerberg, CEO de Facebook, actualmente vale unos estimados \$ 51,8 billones, no usa jeans de marca y usa sandalias. Su Fundación apoya proyectos humanitarios demasiado numerosos para mencionarlos. El actor, Keanu Reeves toma el metro y recientemente dijo: "lo último que pienso es dinero". Reeves da generosamente a los siguientes: www.standup2cancer.org y www.sickkidsfoundation.com necesitamos preguntarnos a nosotros mismos y poner en acción se: ¿la idea de que el lujo conduce a la felicidad una mentira? ¿Y "que tengo (o codicio) que realmente no necesito? Dada la historia de nuestro mundo, la vida humana media es extremadamente corta. Tenemos que usar nuestros dones, talentos y tesoros para hacer nuestro mundo un lugar mejor. Es algo a considerar seriamente y vivir día a día. Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Michael Tang

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is honored to facilitate the St. Mark Parish Annual Picnic on Sunday, October 9th at Chevron Park in El Segundo from 12 - 4pm. Come and celebrate with the entire Saint Mark Community and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share! The Knights of Columbus will provide plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks.



The Knight's of Columbus is also sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Saturday, October 22nd. 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 for more information.

Steve Gunning, Grand Knight
310-306-9035

GUADALUPE SOCIETY OF SAINT MARK

The Guadalupe Society invites you to a Mexican Luncheon on Sunday October 2nd in the parish hall from 8am - 2:00pm. The cost is \$7 for adults per plate. Your choice of Tamale, enchilada or menudo. Additional items for \$2. All proceeds will go towards the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in December.

LA SOCIEDAD GUADALUPA DE SAN MARCOS

La sociedad Guadalupana de San Marcos les invita a su lonche de comida Mexicana el 2 de octubre en el salón parroquial. El costo es \$7 para adultos por plato. Pueden escoger de delicioso menudo, tamal o enchilada. Comida extra es \$2. Este evento es para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe en diciembre.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

The Marina Hospital is in need of part time Eucharistic Ministers who are available to take communion to the sick and help cover the Monday through Friday Ministers when needed. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Carolyn Griswold at 310-821-9862.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Job 1:6-22; Sal 17 (16):1bcd-3, 6-7; Lc 9:46-50
- Martes: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Sal 88 (87):2-8; Lc 9:51-56
- Miércoles: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Sal 88 (87):10bc-15; Lc 9:57-62
- Jueves: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Ap 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Viernes: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Sal 139 (138):1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lc 10:13-16
- Sábado: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Sal 119 (118):66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lc 10:17-24
- Domingo: Heb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lc 17:5-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank You

Last Sunday the Community of St. Mark honored all those who serve as parish Religious Education catechists, school-teachers and parents during a commissioning rite at our 9am mass. As we begin a new academic year we thank all those who serve the ministry of faith formation with children, youth and adults at St. Mark. This celebration of Catechetical Sunday is also 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. May we all grow in our role of sharing with others the light of Christ.

Teen Confirmation

Teens in first year Confirmation preparation will meet this Sunday September 25th in the Parish Hall at 2:45pm.

RCIA Inquiry

Sessions of inquiry into membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation continue each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the school. Please call to let us know you are coming 310-822-1201.



This Week at St. Mark's Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2016

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Meditation Group 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church Knights of Columbus 6:30pm - Lennon Room
Wed.	8:00am Mass - Church RCIA 6:30pm - School Legion of Mary 6:30pm - School Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
Thurs.	8:00am 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 RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Church
Sun.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Spanish) 5:30pm - Church Children's Liturgy 9:00am - Church & School Early Childhood 9:00am - School Guadalupe Society 8:00am - 2:00pm - Hall

Mass Schedule

Sat. Oct 1	5:30pm Fr. Roderic Guerrini
Sun. Oct 2	7:30am Fr. Tom King 9:00am Fr. Luis Proenca 10:30am Fr. Luis Proenca 12:00pm Fr. Michael Tang 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang



Sat.	Sept 24	5:30pm Louis Hong †
Sun.	Sept 25	7:30am Clydelyn Strozer † 9:00am Power House of Prayer 10:30am Carmen Vindas † 12:00pm Zaida Aguilar 5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Juan Martin †
Mon.	Sept 26	8:00am Frank Avila
Tues.	Sept 27	8:00am Clydelyn Strozer †
Wed.	Sept 28	8:00am Celina Aguilar †
Thurs.	Sept 29	8:00am Mike Stafstron †
Fri.	Sept 30	8:00am Students of St. Mark School
Sat.	Oct 1	8:00am Q. J. Jacobs & Family †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ay de los complacidos. Sus juergas disolutas desaparecerán (Amós 6:1a, 4-7).

Salmo — Alabemos al Señor, que viene a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Compíte bien por la fe. Guarda los mandamientos hasta que aparezca el Señor Jesús (1 Timoteo 6:11-16).

Evangelio — Recuerda que recibiste las cosas buenas durante tu vida; Lázaro recibió lo que era malo. Ahora Lázaro es consolado mientras que tú eres atormentado (Lucas 16:19-31).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Bystander engagement is critical to combat child abuse

There are far too many cases in which a child is too scared to report abuse, and the adults around him or her do not understand the signs of abuse or too afraid to speak up. Bystanders have more power than they know, especially when it comes to reporting abuse and protecting children. Young adults don't always have the opportunity or the courage to speak up for themselves, and the adults around them have a duty to help out when they can. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Bystander Engagement – Primary Prevention of a Different Sort," 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 NINOS

El involucramiento de testigos es importante para combatir el abuso infantil

Hay demasiados casos en los que un niño está tan asustado/a para reportar abuso, y los adultos a su alrededor no entienden las señales de abuso o tienen mucho temor de hablar. Los espectadores tienen más poder de lo que ellos mismos creen, especialmente cuando se trata de reportar abuso y proteger a los niños. Los adultos jóvenes no siempre tienen la oportunidad o la valentía de hablar por sí mismos, y los adultos a su alrededor tienen la obligación de ayudar cuando puedan. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Bystander Engagement – Primary Prevention of a Different Sort" (Involucramiento de espectadores, prevención primaria de distinto tipo) envíe 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.

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SCHOOL NEWS



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ST. MARK FALL FUN STREET FEST & CARNIVAL

Please join us for the St. Mark Fall Fun Street Fest and Carnival Saturday, October 15 from 12pm to 8pm.

Bring family and friends out for a fun-filled afternoon of music, food trucks, carnival games and rides perfect for all ages.

We're excited to have Koji, the Venice Whaler, El Segundo Brewing Company and Stuffed Crepe joining us!

For Early Bird prices, you can purchase your tickets now at the school website: stmarkschool.com or buy them at the door!

Price options include:

Early Bird:

- \$35: Entrance and Unlimited Ride Wristband
- \$15: 3 Ride-only Ticket
- \$3: Festival Entrance Only Ticket

Day-Of Pricing

- \$45: Entrance and Unlimited Ride Wristband
- \$25: 3 Ride-only Ticket
- \$5: Festival Entrance Only Ticket

For more information, please contact the school at 310-821-6612.