

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

## February 25, 2018

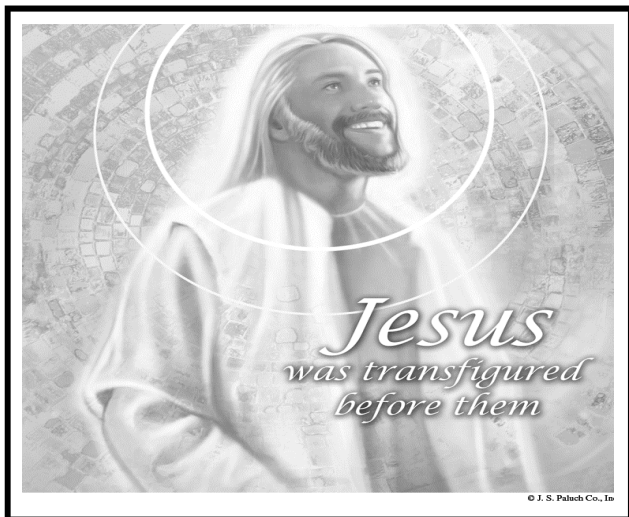
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
<b>Daily Masses:</b>	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses:</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	Maggie Robles .....821-5058
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Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
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Pastoral Coordinator	Heidi Villaluz .....821-6612

### Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne .....463-9017
Altar Servers (Sp)	Romeo Santos .....720-0084
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	Michael Shindle .....821-5058
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Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058

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Music Director	Maeve Becker .....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	Jennifer Dao .....821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson .....821-6612

### Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard .....822-1201 ext 249
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Confirmation	Jaime Perez ....822-1201 ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis...822-1201 ext 247

### Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt .....827-1585
Guadalupanas	Rosa Gonzalez .....752-3891
Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning .....306-9035
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Luis Vazquez .....424-216-2261
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross .....306-2796
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### Youth Ministry

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

Last Monday evening, Father Jack Stoeger, the Director of the House of Prayer for Priests, spoke to our faith community about the importance of our Lenten season and how we are called to transform ourselves as we walk through the proverbial desert with our Lord and Savior. And he presented some new ideas that I had never considered.

Quite often we think of Lent as a time of Fasting. But, do we also think of it as a time of Feasting? Here are some examples of what Father Jack gave us:

- #1) Fast from judging others. Feast on the Christ dwelling within them.
- #2) Fast from emphasis on differences. Feast on the unity of all life.
- #3) Fast from apparent darkness. Feast on the reality of light.
- #4) Fast from thoughts of illness. Feast on the healing power of God.
- #5) Fast from anger. Feast on patience.
- #6) Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness.
- #7) Fast from self-concern. Feast on compassion for others.
- #8) Fast from suspicion. Feast on trust.
- #9) Fast from thoughts that weaken. Feast on promises that inspire.
- #10) Fast from doing. Feast on being.

Father Stoeger then invited us to pick three that speak to your heart and to work on those during this Lent. Pray about them, and ask for specific graces to transform you. As Father Jack said, "God answers prayers for grace, but be open because God often does not answer them in the way we expect."

During this time of Lent, let us concentrate on fasting, but let us also set our hearts on the feasting that Jesus offers us.

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

El lunes pasado, el Padre Jack Stoeger, Director de la Casa de Oración para los sacerdotes, hablo con nuestra comunidad de fe acerca de la importancia de nuestra Cuaresma y cómo estamos llamados a transformarnos mientras caminamos por el desierto proverbial con nuestro Señor y Salvador. Y presento algunas ideas nuevas que yo nunca había considerado.

A menudo pensamos de la Cuaresma como un tiempo de ayuno. Pero, ¿podríamos también pensar en ello como un tiempo de festejar? Estos son algunos ejemplos que nos dio el Padre Jack:

- #1) Ayuna de juzgar a los demás. Disfruta en el Cristo morando dentro de ellos.
- #2) Ayuna del énfasis en las diferencias. Disfruta en la unidad de todas las vidas.
- #3) Ayuna de la oscuridad aparente. Disfruta en la realidad de la luz.
- #4) Ayuna de pensamientos de enfermedad. Disfruta en el poder sanador de Dios.
- #5) Ayuna de la ira. Disfruta en paciencia.
- #6) Ayuna de amargura. Disfruta en el perdón.
- #7) Ayuna de pensar en ti mismo. Disfruta en la compasión por los demás.
- #8) Ayuna de la suspicacia. Disfruta en la confianza.
- #9) Ayuna de pensamientos que debilitan. Disfruta en promesas que inspiran.
- #10) Ayuna de hacer. Disfruta en solo ser.

El Padre Stoeger luego nos invitó a escoger tres que hablan a nuestros corazones y a trabajar en eso durante esta Cuaresma. Rezar sobre ellos y pedir gracias específicas para transformarnos. Como dijo el Padre de Jack, "Dios contesta las oraciones de gracia, pero sean abiertos porque Dios a menudo no nos contesta de la manera que esperamos."

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, déjenos concentrar en el ayuno, pero también disfrutar en todo lo que Jesús nos ofrece.

Que el Señor nos siga bendiciendo siempre y en todas las formas,

***Padre Paul Spellman***

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### **SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS**

Please join your fellow parishioners for a Lenten Soup Supper in the Parish Hall this Friday, March 2nd at 6pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Following the simple supper, come to Church at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross led by members of RCIA.

### **ST. MARK SCHOOL 24TH ANNUAL AUCTION**

St. Mark School invites you to their 24th Annual Live & Silent Auction next Saturday, March 3rd. For ticket please contact Trina Wilson at [auction@stmarkschool.com](mailto:auction@stmarkschool.com).

### **DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration will be Monday, March 5th. If you are able and would like to spend some special time with our Eucharistic Lord, please sign up for an hour of designated prayer on the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule.

### **FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS MINISTRY POTLUCK**

The Forever Young 40 Plus Ministry is a ministry for all those who are 40 years of age or older. The next gathering will be a potluck Sunday March 4th at 6:30 in the parish hall and there will be a second potluck Monday, March 5th at 12:00pm also in the parish hall. Please join us and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

### **JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND**

Join us for a special presentation of "Journey Through the Holy Land" on Tuesday, March 13th. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:00am and then again at 7:00pm.

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

Please mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift for you. Come and feel the love and forgiveness of Christ. Grace and peace to all of you during this Lenten Season.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Please join us on Saturday, March 31st at the 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass as we welcome and fully initiate members of the RCIA program into the Catholic Church. This is a beautiful liturgy and joyous celebration you will not want to miss! Following the Mass is a wonderful reception in the Deacon Compean Parish Hall where we have an opportunity to celebrate with the newest members of Saint Mark Church. It is truly a blessed evening!

### **SAINT MARK PARISH ALBUM**

Our next Lifetouch photography session is scheduled for May 3rd - 5th. All parishioners: Singles, Couples and Families are invited to be a part of our story! A complimentary 8 x 10 photo and album will be given to all those who participate. Appointment times can be made online by visiting our website at [www.st-mark.net](http://www.st-mark.net) and clicking on the link on the front page.

## VIDA ESPIRITUAL

### **VIACRUCIS Y CENA DE SOPA**

Por favor reúnanse con nosotros para una cena de sopa de Cuaresma en el salón parroquial este viernes 2 de marzo a las 6:00pm, organizado por los Caballeros de Colon. Después de la cena, lleguen a la iglesia a las 7:00pm para el Viacrucis. Los líderes serán miembros de RCIA.

### **SUBASTA ANUAL DE LA ESCUELA DE SAN MARCOS**

La escuela les invita a todos a su subasta anual el próximo sábado, 3 de marzo. Boletos se pueden comprar por medio de Trina Wilson en el sitio [auction@stmarkschool.com](mailto:auction@stmarkschool.com).

### **DIA DE ADORACION EUCARISTICA**

Nuestro próximo día de Adoración Eucarística será lunes el 5 de marzo. Necesitamos por lo menos 4 voluntarios presentes cada hora durante todo el día para asegurar de que siempre hay alguien rezando en nuestra Iglesia este día de Adoración. Por favor ponga su nombre en la lista que esta en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

### **MINISTERIO DE "FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS"**

El Ministerio de "Forever Young 40 Plus" es un Ministerio de nuestra parroquia para todos aquellos que son 40 años de edad o más. La próxima reunión será un "potluck" el domingo, 4 de marzo, a las 6:30pm en el salón parroquial y habrá una segunda reunión de "potluck" lunes, 5 de marzo a las 12:00 del mediodía también en el salón parroquial. Por favor de unirse con nosotros y traiga un plato o su postre favorito para compartir!

### **VIAJE A TRAVES DE LA TIERRA SANTA**

Acompáñenos para una presentación especial de "Viaje a través de la Tierra Santa" el martes 13 de marzo a las 10:00am y luego a las 7:00pm en el salón parroquial.

### **SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE CUARESMA**

Por favor marque sus calendarios para nuestro servicio penitencial de Cuaresma el lunes, 19 de marzo a las 7:00pm. El Sacramento de reconciliación es un regalo para usted. Ven y siente el amor y el perdón de Cristo. Gracia y paz a todos ustedes durante este tiempo de Cuaresma.

### **¡GUARDA LA FECHA!**

Por favor reúnanse con nosotros el sábado, 31 de marzo a las 7:00pm en la vigilia de pascua al celebrar la iniciación de los miembros de nuestro programa de RCIA a la iglesia católica. Esta es una liturgia hermosa y una celebración alegre que no olvidarán pronto! Después de la Misa habrá una recepción maravillosa en el salón parroquial donde tendremos la oportunidad para celebrar con los nuevos miembros de San Marcos. ¡Es realmente una noche bendita!

### **ALBUM DE FOTOGRAFIA DE LA PARROQUIA**

Nuestra próxima sesión de fotografía será el 3 - 5 de mayo. Todos los feligreses: Solteros, parejas y familias están invitadas a ser parte de nuestra historia. Todos los participantes recibirán una fotografía de 8 x 10 y un álbum gratis. Reservaciones se pueden hacer por medio de nuestro sitio [www.st-mark.net](http://www.st-mark.net).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

The RCIA candidates are now entering the immediate preparation period for their Reception into the Church and the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31. Mark your calendars and plan to join this parish celebration. Those who will be baptized are now called The Elect. They are Angela Tesic and Anneke Pribadi.

This Sunday during our 9am mass our candidates Hilary Adams and Kathy Lewis, who are already baptized, will be called for Continuing Conversion. On the following three Sundays our Elect will be reminded of the mercy of our loving God at the Scrutiny Rites. This rite will be celebrated next Sunday March 4 at 9am mass, followed by a Second Scrutiny on March 11 at 10:30am mass and the final Scrutiny on Sunday March 18 at 5:30 mass. The Scrutinies are also a reminder for each of us that during this time of Lent we are each called to a new step in our ongoing conversion.

**Operation Rice Bowl**

Our Lenten campaign to support the mission of Catholic Relief Service continues throughout Lent. Download the CRS Rice Bowl app for daily reflections, prayers, videos and more.



**This Week at St. Mark's Feb 26 - Mar 4, 2018**

- 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  
RE Grades 7-8 at 6:30pm - School
- Wed. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Legion of Mary 6:00pm - School  
RCIA Inquiry 6:30pm - School
- Thurs. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
- Fri. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Soup Supper 6:00pm - Hall  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm - Church
- Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church  
RE Grades 1-6 at 9:00am - School  
Confessions 4:30pm - 5:15pm
- Sun. 3rd Sunday of Lent  
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm  
Choir rehearsal 12:00pm - Hall  
Confirmation Year 1 at 2:45pm - Hall  
Forever Young 40 Plus Potluck 6:30pm - Hall

**Mass Schedule**

- Sat. Mar 3 5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
- Sun. Mar 4 7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman  
9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman  
10:30am Fr. Tom King  
12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman  
5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



- Sat. Feb 24 5:30pm Mike Barone
- Sun. Feb 25 7:30am Holy Spirit  
9:00am Ignacio Ramos †  
10:30am David Fockens †  
12:00pm Familia Rocha Preciado  
5:30pm Juan & Nonie Aquino †
- Mon. Feb 26 8:00am Louis Doll
- Tues. Feb 27 8:00am Maria Alcado †
- Wed. Feb 28 8:00am Andrew B.
- Thurs. Mar 1 8:00am Jose Sison †
- Fri. Mar 2 8:00am Abel Casillas †
- Sat. Mar 3 8:00am Jose Alvarez

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.  
**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.  
**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.  
**Gospel** — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

**LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.  
**Salmo** — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.  
**Segunda lectura** — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.  
**Evangelio** — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### **“LET US LOVE” - TOGETHER IN MISSION 2018**

As we continue “Let us Love” - Together in Mission 2018 let us remember that as baptized Christians it is our responsibility to spread the gospel and bring others to Christ. As Christians we must live the faith not only with our words but with our actions. Together in Mission is an invitation to put your love into action right here in your archdiocese. When you give to Together in Mission you are bringing Christ’s light, the signs of his love and his tender mercy, into the lives of our brother and sisters who are hurting, who are broken and in need of healing. Please come together in solidarity and share generously of your time, talent and treasure and bear witness to the love and mercy that God has shown you. The special envelopes are in the pews today.

### **ENCOUNTER CESIA**

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? For more information, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

### **Educational video resources**

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, through its initiative Kid Smartz, provides age-appropriate videos for children on how to put safety rules into action. This video series teaches children to always “check first” with a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult before going anywhere, helping anyone, accepting anything, or getting into a car. Visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> to view the video.

For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

## VIDA ESPIRITUAL

### **“AMEMOS” - UNIDOS EN MISION 2018**

Al continuar “Amemos” - Unidos en Misión 2018 déjenos acordar que como Cristianos bautizados es nuestra responsabilidad de propagare le evangelio y traer a otros a Cristo. Debemos vivir la fe, no solo con nuestras palabras, sino con nuestra acciones. Unidos en misión es una invitación a poner su amor en acción aquí mismo en su arquidiócesis. A través de sus donaciones a esta campaña, ustedes ayudaran brillar la luz de Cristo en las vidas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en necesidad. Por favor juntémonos en solidaridad para compartir generosamente de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro y dar testimonio del amor y la misericordia que Dios nos has mostrado. Los sobres especiales están en las bancas hoy.

### **UN ENCUENTRO CON CESIA**

Nos encontramos con Cesia en Nicaragua, donde, a pesar de la falta de oportunidades económicas, los jóvenes persiguen sus sueños construyendo negocios para mejorar sus vidas. ¿Cómo puedes trabajar para mejorar la vida de otros esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org) para más información.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38  
 Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19- 31  
 Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Domingo: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS

### **Recursos educativos de video**

El Centro Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos y Explotados, a través de su iniciativa Kid Smartz, ofrece videos adecuados para la edad de los niños sobre cómo poner en práctica las reglas de seguridad. Esta serie de videos les enseña a los niños a “verificar primero” con un padre de familia, guardián u otro adulto de confianza antes de ir a cualquier parte, ayudar a cualquier persona, aceptar cualquier cosa o subirse a un automóvil. Visite <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> para ver el video.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.