

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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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 4:30pm - 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

Rectory Care	Maggie Robles.....821-5058
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Pastoral Coordinator	Heidi Villaluz.....821-5058

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

Today we celebrate the arrival of the Magi at the stable in Bethlehem.

They followed the star..... they met with King Herod and they sought out the Savior of the World. Upon their arrival, they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and they worshiped the newborn King! In late November we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, and we know that Jesus is the King of the Universe! Whenever I read about advances in space travel, or the folks at NASA sending another space rover to Mars, I think how limited we are in our concept of the universe. Jesus is King of stars and planets that we can not even imagine!

An Epiphany is an "Aha" moment when something that was confusing, becomes clear.... when something that was lost is now found.... when something that baffled us, all of a sudden makes sense. What are the Epiphanies that have taken place in our lives?

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh..... the gifts of the Magi.

What gifts have we received that we truly cherish? What gifts came from God, and what gifts came from loved ones? And..... what gifts have we given to others? And the Magi worshiped the newborn King.

In this coming year, how are we setting our hearts on our commitment to Jesus? Are we ready to set aside time each day for prayer? Prayer in a community..... prayer with the Sacred Scriptures or other spiritual books..... or prayer in silence, simply listening to the voice of God.

I wish each of you a very blessed Epiphany. And, during this New Year of 2019, let us follow the example of the Magi and let us continue to follow the Light of Christ in our lives!

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Hoy celebramos la llegada de los Reyes Magos al establo de Belén.

Siguieron a la estrella..... se reunieron con el rey Herodes y buscaron al Salvador del mundo. ¡A su llegada, presentaron sus dones de oro, incienso y mirra y adoraron al rey recién nacido! A finales de noviembre celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey, y sabemos que Jesús es el Rey del universo. Cada vez que leo sobre los avances en los viajes espaciales, o la gente de la NASA enviando otro Rover espacial a Marte, pienso cuán limitado estamos en nuestro concepto del universo. ¡Jesús es el rey de las estrellas y los planetas que ni siquiera podemos imaginar!

Una epifanía es un momento "AHA " en que algo que era confuso se vuelve claro.... cuando algo que se perdió es encontrado.... cuando algo que nos desconcertó, de repente tiene sentido. ¿Cuáles son las epifanías que han tenido lugar en nuestras vidas?

Oro, incienso y mirra..... los dones de los Reyes Magos.

¿Qué dones hemos recibido que realmente apreciamos? ¿Qué dones provenían de Dios y qué dones provenían de los seres queridos? Y..... ¿Qué dones hemos dado a los demás? Y los magos adoraron al rey recién nacido.

En este año venidero, ¿cómo estamos poniendo nuestro corazón en nuestro compromiso con Jesús? ¿Estamos listos para reservar tiempo cada día para la oración? Oración en una comunidad..... oración con las Sagradas Escrituras u otros libros espirituales..... oración en silencio, simplemente escuchando la voz de Dios.

Le deseo a cada uno de ustedes una muy bendecida Epifanía. Y, durante este año nuevo del 2019, sigamos el ejemplo de los Reyes Magos y continuemos siguiendo la luz de Cristo en nuestras vidas.

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

***Padre Paul Spellman***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration will be Monday, January 7th. We need at least 4 volunteers present each hour throughout the day. If you are available, please sign up for an hour of designated prayer on the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule.

**JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**

Join us Tuesday, January 8th for our next presentation of "Journey through the Bible" with Father Paul Spellman. Sessions will be at 10:00am and 7:00pm in the parish rectory.

**THE MARY WIDOWS OF ST. MARK**

The Mary Widows of St. Mark is a ministry of our parish for all widows to gather together to share, pray and socialize. The next gathering will be Saturday, January 12th 1:00pm with a special guest at the home of Mrs. Helen Liberto. To RSVP please call 310-391-2997.

**MEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

The Annual St. Mark Parish Men's Silent Retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre January 18th - 20th. For reservations please contact Fritz Hirt at 310-827-1585 or Rick Winter at 310-699-1098.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Epiphany is also called Día de los Reyes, meaning "Three Kings' Day." On this special day, Jesus received gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This was the best the three Kings could offer. We all have special gifts. What is the best we could offer others as we begin this new year?

**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.

<b>READINGS OF THE WEEK</b>
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Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

<b>VIDA ESPIRITUAL</b>
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**DIA DE ADORACION EUCARISTICA**

Nuestro próximo día de Adoración Eucarística será lunes el 7 de enero. Necesitamos por lo menos 4 voluntarios presentes cada hora durante todo el día. Si usted esta disponible, por favor ponga su nombre en la lista que esta en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

**VIAJE A TRAVES DE LA BIBLIA**

Únase a nosotros el 8 de enero para la próxima presentación de "Viaje a través de la Biblia" con el Padre Paul Spellman. Las presentaciones serán a las 10:00am y a las 7:00pm en la rectoría.

**LAS VIUDAS DE MARIA DE SAN MARCOS**

Las viudas de María de San Marcos es un ministerio de nuestra parroquia para viudas que gustaría reunirse para compartir, orar y socializar. La próxima reunión será el sábado, 12 de enero a la 1:00pm con un invitado especial en la casa de la Sra. Helen Liberto. Por favor de llamar al 310-391-2997 si le gustaría asistir.

**RETIRO DE HOMBRES DE SAN MARCOS**

El retiro de hombres de la parroquia de San Marcos se llevará a cabo en El Centro de Retiros de Mater Dolorosa el 18 - 20 de enero. Para reservaciones póngase en contacto con Fritz Hirt 310-827-1585 o Rick Winter 310-699-1098.

**CABALLEROS DE COLON**

La Epifanía también se llama Día de los Reyes. En este día especial, Jesús recibió oro, incienso y mirra. Este fue el mejor de que los magos Reyes podrían ofrecer. Todos tenemos dones especiales. ¿Qué es lo mejor que podríamos ofrecer a los demás al comenzar este nuevo año?

**VISITAS A LOS ENFERMOS**

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita recibir el Sacramento de la unción de los enfermos o no puede salir de su casa y le gustaría recibir la Sagrada comunión por favor llame a la rectoría al 310-821-5058 para ser una cita.

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44  
 Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52  
 Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a  
 Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16  
 Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
 Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Happy New Year!

As we welcome the New Year 2019 perhaps this is the right time to consider a Faith Formation opportunity at St. Mark. Bible Study resumes on Monday January 7 at 6:30pm. Another opportunity is RCIA for those not baptized, baptized in another Christian church or those baptized Catholic who wish to complete the sacraments of initiation. If you know someone who would like to inquire please invite them to call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201 or email [rcia@stmarkvenice.com](mailto:rcia@stmarkvenice.com)

### Religious Education

All Youth Religious Education programs will resume as follows:

Early Childhood and Grades 1-6 on Saturday Jan. 5 at 9am  
Children's Liturgy on Sunday Jan. 6 at 9am Mass  
Grades 7-8 on Tuesday Jan. 8 at 6:30pm.

### Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation there is one week remaining for registration for the annual preparation sessions. Please call the Religious Education Office for information at 310-822-1201 or email [re@stmarkvenice.com](mailto:re@stmarkvenice.com)



### This Week at St. Mark's Jan 7 – Jan 13 2019

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Adoration 8:30am - Church  
Bible Study 6:30pm - School  
Spanish Choir 7:00pm - Hall  
Benediction 8:30pm - Church

Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Journey Through the Bible 10am & 7pm - Rectory  
RE Grades 7-8 6:30pm - School  
Knights of Columbus 6:30pm - Lennon Room

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

Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Early Childhood & Grades 1-6 at 9am - School  
Confessions 4:30pm –5:15pm  
5:30pm Mass

Sun. **The Baptism of the Lord**  
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
12:00pm (Sp), 5:30pm

## Mass Schedule

Sat.	Jan 12	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Jan 13	7:30am	Fr. Michael Tang
		9:00am	Fr. Tom King
		10:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat.	Jan 5	5:30pm	Cornelia Bezner †
Sun.	Jan 6	7:30am	People of the Parish
		9:00am	Jose Sison †
		10:30am	Tessie Cam †
		12:00pm	Roberto & Norberta Munoz †
		5:30pm	Nicholas Hennessy †
Mon.	Jan 7	8:00am	Alfred Braganza †
Tues.	Jan 8	9:00am	Betty Cam
Wed.	Jan 9	8:00am	Severo & Teodicia Garcia †
Thurs.	Jan 10	8:00am	Jose Sison †
Fri.	Jan 11	8:00am	Sharon Fernandez †
Sat.	Jan 12	8:00am	Maurice Knapp †

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Psalm 104.*

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

### LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA

**Primera lectura** — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) *o* *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.*

**Salmo** — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) *o* *Salmo 104 (103).*

**Segunda lectura** — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hechos 10:34-38) *o* *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

**Evangelio** — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**FINDING GOD**

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**We are all God's Children and we all need protection**

While a major part of preventing sexual abuse and exploitation is aimed at keeping young children safe, the focus and goal of the "Protecting God's Children" program is to keep all people safe, including adults. By knowing the warning signs of different types of abuse and taking action to shut down abuse and offer protection and support, we can help the most vulnerable among us, whoever they may be.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**ENCUENTRO CON DIOS**

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuoso y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época.

Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patrones en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

**PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**

**Todos somos niños de Dios y todos necesitamos protección**

Si bien una parte importante de la prevención del abuso y la explotación sexual está dirigida a mantener a los niños pequeños seguros, el foco y el objetivo del programa "Protegiendo a los niños de Dios" es mantener a todas las personas seguras, incluidos los adultos. Al conocer las señales de advertencia de los diferentes tipos de abuso y al tomar medidas para eliminar el abuso y ofrecer protección y apoyo, podemos ayudar a los más vulnerables entre nosotros, sea quien sea.



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