

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

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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 rectory office.
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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the magi presented their gifts to the newborn baby Jesus and bowed down before him in prayer and adoration.

No one is sure exactly what country the magi came from. The Scriptures are not clear. We assume that there were three of them, as they brought three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But there may have been many more than three. What's most important is that they made the journey in order to experience something truly spectacular.

What resonates with us is that they had the faith to travel many miles to have an encounter with the newborn King of the Jews. They knew that the Christ, "the anointed one" would be born in Bethlehem. This we know from the Book of the Prophet Micah, chapter 5. And they had the courage to seek Him out, even though they met with some resistance from King Herod who lied to their faces about his intentions in doing homage to the new king.

But when the magi found the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves and did Him homage. This was obviously a sign that they knew that this baby was a gift from God! They had what many of us refer to as an Epiphany. A time when the light goes on in our brains. A time when the darkness and clouds begin to dissipate. A time when we see God's Hand working in our lives.

As we begin this New Year, let us take some time to reflect on the Epiphanies in our lives. How we have encountered the Christ child. And let us ask the Lord to give us the same courage of the magi to seek out the Lord in our lives and in our families.

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

Father Paul Spellman

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, cuando los Reyes Magos presentaron sus regalos para el recién nacido Niño Jesús y se postraron ante él en oración y adoración.

Nadie está seguro exactamente de qué país vinieron de los Reyes Magos. Las escrituras no son claras. Suponemos que hubo tres de ellos, que trajeron tres regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Pero puede haber muchos más que tres. Lo más importante es que hicieron el viaje en orden a referenciales algo verdaderamente espectacular.

Lo que resuena con nosotros es que tenían la de viajar millas para tener un encuentro con el recién nacido rey de los judíos. Sabían que el Cristo, "ungido" que nacería en Belén. Esto sabemos por el libro del profeta Miqueas, capítulo 5. Y tuvieron el coraje para buscarlo, aunque se encontraron con la resistencia del rey Herodes que les mintió acerca de sus intenciones haciendo homenaje al nuevo rey.

Pero cuando los Reyes Magos encontraron al recién nacido Jesús, se postraron y les rindieron homenaje. Esto era obviamente una señal de que sabían que este bebé era un regalo de Dios. Tuvieron lo que muchos de nosotros referimos a una epifanía. Un tiempo cuando la luz se enciende en nuestro cerebro. Un tiempo cuando la oscuridad y las nubes comienzan a dispersarse. Un momento en que vemos la mano de Dios trabajando en nuestras vidas.

Comenzamos este nuevo año, tomemos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre las epifanías en nuestras vidas. Cómo hemos encontrado al niño Jesús. Y pidamos al Señor que nos dé el mismo valor de los Reyes Magos a buscar al Señor en nuestras vidas y en nuestras familias.

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

Padre Paul Spellman

SPIRITUAL LIFE

VIDA ESPIRITUAL

FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS MINISTRY POTLUCK

The Forever Young 40 Plus Ministry is a new ministry of our parish for all those who are 40 years of age or older. The next gathering will be a potluck this Sunday evening, January 7th after the 5:30 Mass in the parish hall and there will be a second potluck this Monday, January 8th at 12:00 noon also in the parish hall. Please join us and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration will be this Monday, January 8th. 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.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Join us on Tuesday, January 9th for the next session of "Journey Through the Bible". We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:00am.

THE MARY WIDOWS OF ST. MARK

The Mary Widows of St. Mark is a new ministry of our parish for all widows to gather together to share, pray and socialize. The next gathering will be Saturday, January 13th at 1:00pm at the home of Mrs. Helen Liberto. For more information, please call 310-391-2997.

ANNUAL ST. MARK PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

The Annual St. Mark Parish Men's Retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre. The retreat which is preached by the Passionist Retreat Team begins Friday, January 19, 2018 in the evening and concludes Sunday, January 21, 2018. The lovely grounds and peaceful atmosphere of Mater Dolorosa make this a perfect spot for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. For reservations please contact: Fritz Hirt at 310-827-1585 or Rick Winter at 310-699-1098

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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

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.

MINISTERIO DE "FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS"

El Ministerio de "Forever Young 40 Plus" es un nuevo Ministerio de nuestra parroquia para todos aquellos que son 40 años de edad o mas. La próxima reunión será un "potluck" este domingo, 7 de enero, después de la Misa de 5:30pm en el salón parroquial y habrá una segunda reunión de "potluck" lunes, 8 de enero 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!

DIA DE ADORACION EUCARISTICA

Nuestro próximo día de Adoración Eucarística será este lunes el 8 de enero. 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.

VIAJE A TRAVES DE LA BIBLIA

Por favor acompañenos este martes 9 de enero para la presentación "Viaje a través de la Biblia" a las 10:00am en el salón parroquial.

LAS VIUDAS DE MARIA DE SAN MARCOS

Las viudas de María de San Marcos es un ministerio nuevo de nuestra parroquia para todas las viudas a reunirse para compartir, orar y socializar. La próxima reunión será el sábado, 13 de enero a la 1:00pm en la casa de la Sra. Helen Liberto. Para obtener mas información, llame al 310-391-2997.

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 en la ciudad de la Sierra Madre. El retiro empezara el viernes, 19 de enero de 2018 (en la noche) y concluye domingo, 21 de enero de 2018 (mediodía). Los jardines y la tranquilidad de Mater Dolorosa hacen de este un lugar perfecto para un fin de semana de renovación espiritual y de crecimiento. Para reservaciones póngase en contacto con: Fritz Hirt: (310) 827-1585 o Rick Winter: (310) 699-1098

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

El Hospital de la Marina esta en necesidad de Ministros que están disponibles para llevar la comunión a los enfermos el lunes al viernes. Si usted está interesado, o para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Carolyn Griswold 310-821-9862.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New Bible Study

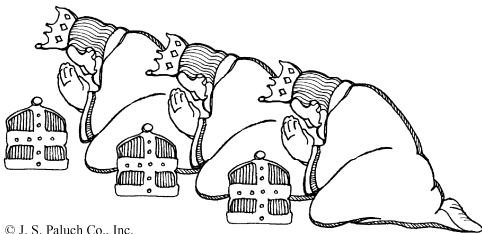
A fiery preacher and humble servant to the coming kingdom of God, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Three gospel passages capture his message and its meaning and invite us to welcome Jesus in our hearts and in our world. A new study begins tomorrow Monday January 8 at 7pm in the school. All are invited!

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.

Religious Education Resumes

Sessions for Early Childhood (4-5yrs) and grades 1-6 are now back in session each Saturday at 9am. Grades 7 and 8 resume this Tuesday evening January 9 at 6:30pm in the school.



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This Week at St. Mark's Jan 8 - Jan 14, 2018

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church
Adoration 8:30am - Church
Forever Young 40 Plus Potluck 12:00pm - Hall
Meditation Group 6:30pm - School
Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
Guadalupanas 7:00pm - School
Benediction 8:30pm - Church

Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church
RE Grades 7-8 at 6:30pm - School
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm - 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 School Mass - Church

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

Sun. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm
Choir rehearsal 12:00pm - Hall

Mass Schedule

Sat.	Jan 13	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Jan 14	7:30am	Fr. Michael Tang
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Tom King
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat.	Jan 6	5:30pm	Apolonia Cueva †
Sun.	Jan 7	7:30am	Margaret Ann Allinson †
		9:00am	Louise Haag †
		10:30am	Erika Lichtharte †
		12:00pm	Juan Loera
		5:30pm	Mercedes Ferrell
Mon.	Jan 8	8:00am	Mark Nechadon
Tues.	Jan 9	8:00am	Teresa Cam †
Wed.	Jan 10	8:00am	Jose Sison †
Thurs.	Jan 11	8:00am	Mike Fuksman †
Fri.	Jan 12	8:00am	Mary Kuroyama †
Sat.	Jan 13	8:00am	Zacharias Camacho †

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Primera lectura — Samuel responde al llamado del Señor: "Habla, Señor, tu siervo te escucha"

(1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda lectura — Tu cuerpo es un templo del Espíritu Santo; por tanto glorifica a Dios en tu cuerpo (1 Corintios 6:13-15, 17-20).

Evangelio — Los primeros discípulos empiezan a seguir a Jesús y declaran que es el Mesías (Juan 1:35-42).

SPIRITUAL LIFE

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Neglect is a common form of abuse

Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> or call (213) 637-7508.

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

VIDA ESPIRITUAL

LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS

Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Hch 10:34-38 o 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11
Martes:	1 Sm 1:9-20 o 1 Sm 1:1-8 y 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28 o Mc 1:14-20 y Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

La negligencia es sinónimo de abuso

La negligencia es la forma más común de abuso infantil. Es la incapacidad de satisfacer las necesidades básicas de un niño, incluyendo la vivienda, la alimentación, la vestimenta, la educación, la seguridad y el acceso al cuidado de salud. La negligencia se caracteriza más a menudo por actos de omisión que no son fáciles de "ver", no es como el abuso físico, donde normalmente hay evidencia de marcas físicas. Los signos de negligencia son amplios y variados, y pueden incluir: falta de desarrollo y crecimiento físico adecuado o malnutrición entre los lactantes; vestir a los niños con ropa inadecuada para el clima; y niños que parecen estar a cargo del cuidado de sus hermanos. Si usted sabe que está ocurriendo cualquier tipo de abuso, o si un niño se lo revela a usted, es importante comunicar sus preocupaciones a las autoridades correspondientes. Llame al departamento de policía o al departamento de protección de menores para reportar sospechas de abuso de cualquier tipo. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect" (El tipo de abuso comúnmente olvidado: negligencia), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx> o llame al (213) 637-7508.

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