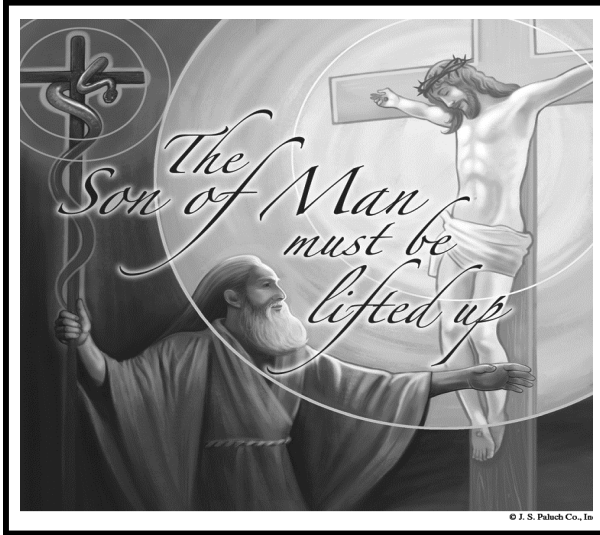


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

4th Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

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Office Hours:	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
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

At the beginning of each Mass the priest bows down and kisses the center of the altar as a sign of respect as we commence with the celebration of the liturgy. In the altar of every Catholic church, there are relics of a martyr that are placed in stone and then positioned inside the altar. Here at St. Mark the relics are of St. Candidus, who lived in the third century.

According to Alban Butler, St. Candidus was a member of the Theban Legion, a group of Christian soldiers recruited by Maximian Herculius in Upper Egypt for the purpose of putting down a tribe of Gauls called the Bagaudae. When Maximian ordered all of his soldiers to join in offering sacrifice to the pagan gods for the success of their expedition, the members of the Theban Legion refused to take part.

St. Candidus was among the leaders of the Theban Legion who led the opposition to Maximian, and he told him that, "We are you soldiers, but we are also servants of the true God. We can not renounce Him who is our Creator and Master, and, also yours, even though you reject Him." Maximian ordered that the entire legion be put to death. This all occurred in approximately the year A.D. 287.

The relics of St. Candidus were probably brought to Los Angeles in January of 1868. Since the 1860's, over 90% of the altar stones used in the churches in southern California contain relics of St. Candidus.

Though St. Candidus is not as famous as many of the other saints in our church, we recognize that as a martyr, he gave his life for the teachings of our Savior. And, by doing so, he has been recognized as a saint on our Catholic Church.

So, the next time you see the priest kiss the altar, remember that within the altar there is a stone that includes the relics of a saint who lived many years ago, but had the ultimate gift of faith, and paid the ultimate price for holding on to his faith!

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

Father Paul Spellman

La Esquina del Párroco

Al comienzo de cada Misa el sacerdote se postra y besa el centro del altar como una señal de respeto, comenzamos con la celebración de la liturgia. En el altar de cada iglesia católica, se encuentran reliquias de un mártir que se colocan en una piedra que luego se ponen adentro del altar. Aquí en San Marcos las reliquias son de San Cándido, que vivió en el siglo III.

Según Alban Butler, San Cándido fue miembro de la Legión tebana, un grupo de soldados cristianos reclutados por Herculius Maximian en el alto Egipto con el fin de poner una tribu de galos llamados la Bagaudae. Cuando Maximian ordenó a todos sus soldados a unirse a ofrecer sacrificio a los dioses paganos por el éxito de su expedición, los miembros de la Legión tebana se negaron a participar.

San Cándido fue uno de los líderes de la Legión tebana, que encabezó la oposición a Maximiano, y le dijo, "Somos soldados, pero también somos siervos del Dios verdadero. Nos podemos no renunciar a El que es nuestro creador y maestro y, también, tu creador a pesar de que tú lo rechazas." Maximiano ordenó a que mataran a la Legión entera. Esto todo ocurrió en aproximadamente el año 287 D.C.

Las reliquias de San Cándido probablemente llegaron a Los Ángeles en enero de 1868. Desde la década de 1860, el 90% de las piedras del altar en las iglesias del sur de California contienen reliquias de San Cándido.

Aunque San Cándido no es tan famoso como muchos de los otros santos de nuestra iglesia, reconocemos que como un mártir dio su vida por las enseñanzas de nuestro Salvador. Y, al hacerlo, ha sido reconocido como un Santo en nuestra iglesia católica.

Así, la próxima vez que vean que el sacerdote besa el altar, recuerden que en el altar hay una piedra que tiene las reliquias de un Santo que vivió hace muchos años, pero tenía el mejor regalo de la fe y pagó el precio final para la celebración de su fe.

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

Padre Paul Spellman

SPIRITUAL LIFE

VIDA ESPIRITUAL

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

Join us for a special presentation of "Journey Through the Holy Land" on Tuesday, March 13th in the parish hall at 10:00am and then again at 7:00pm in the rectory.

SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS

Please join your fellow parishioners for a Lenten Soup Supper in the Parish Hall this Friday, March 16th at 6pm hosted by the Guadalupanos and Legion of Mary. Following the soup supper the Legion of Mary and the Guadalupanos will lead a bi-lingual Stations of the Cross in the Church 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.

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 en el salón parroquial y luego a las 7:00pm en la rectoría.

VIACRUCIS Y CENA DE SOPA

Por favor reúnanse con nosotros para una cena de sopa de Cuaresma en el salón parroquial este viernes 16 de marzo a las 6:00pm, organizado por los Guadalupanos y la Legión de María seguido con bilingüe Viacrucis en la iglesia a las 7:00pm.

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.



Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Until 12:00 midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Stations of the Cross 12:00pm led by Students of St. Mark
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 1:00pm

Live Stations of the Cross in Spanish 7:00pm
Outside in the parking lot

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

Morning Prayer of the Church 8:00am
Celebration of the Great Easter Vigil 7:00pm
Reception to follow in the parish hall

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Mass times are as follows:
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm (Spanish)

There will be no 5:30pm mass on Easter Sunday



Jueves Santo, 29 de marzo 2018

Oración de la mañana de la iglesia 8:00am
Misa de la Cena del Señor 7:00pm

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
hasta la medianoche en el salón parroquial

Viernes Santo, 30 de marzo 2018

Oración de la mañana de la iglesia 8:00am
Vía Crucis en vivo 12:00pm con estudiantes de San Marcos
Commemoración de la Pasión del Señor 1:00pm

Vía Crucis en vivo en Español 7:00pm
Afuera en el estacionamiento

Sábado Santo, 31 de marzo 2018

Oración de la mañana de la iglesia 8:00am
Celebración de la gran vigilia de Pascua 7:00pm
Seguido con una recepción en el salón parroquial

Pascua, 1 de abril 2018

Horario de Misas:
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm (en Español)

No habrá Misa de 5:30pm el domingo de Pascua

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Scrutiny Rites

This Sunday March 11 we celebrate the second of three Scrutiny Rites with those we now call the Elect. They are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. These rites are meant to uncover, then heal and strengthen the Elect during their preparation. As we pray with the Elect in this Rite, let us remember that we, too, are called to look within, to find anything that keeps us from a right relationship with God, others and ourselves. May we each receive the loving mercy from Jesus Christ as we experience a new step in our ongoing conversion.

Bible Study for Lent

During Lent, we strive to free ourselves from all kinds of clutter-material and spiritual-in order to focus on God and turn back to him with our whole hearts. If this ""turning back"" is genuine, it will be a reorientation, a transformation. Join the new study each Monday of Lent at 7pm in the School to explore three key moments in the life and ministry of Jesus. The result will be a better understanding of the authentic transformation that God calls each of us to embrace as individuals and as a community and a renewed desire to live God's own outward-looking, self-emptying, laying-down-one's-life kind of love.



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This Week at St. Mark's Mar 12 - Mar 18, 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
Journey through Holy Land 10am/Hall & 7pm /Rectory
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
Confessions 4:30pm -5:15pm
- Sun. 5th Sunday of Lent
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm
Confirmation Year 2 at 2:45pm - Hall

Mass Schedule

- Sat. Mar 17 5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman
- Sun. Mar 18 7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
10:30am Fr. Tom King
12:00pm Fr. Allen Deck, S.J.
5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



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- Sat. Mar 10 5:30pm Carolyne Barone
- Sun. Mar 11 7:30am Joe Miles †
9:00am Alfred Braganza †
10:30am Lupita Gonzalez †
12:00pm Guadalupanos
5:30pm Christopher Coffey
- Mon. Mar 12 8:00am Aaron B.
- Tues. Mar 13 8:00am Marie Mikols
- Wed. Mar 14 8:00am Javier Gonzalez †
- Thurs. Mar 15 8:00am Jim & Jinny Sigl
- Fri. Mar 16 8:00am Santos Rojas
- Sat. Mar 17 8:00am Clemente Neflas †

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Primera lectura — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) *o* Ezequiel 37:12-14.

Salmo — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) *o* Salmo 130 (129).

Segunda lectura — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) *o* Romanos 8:8-11.

Evangelio — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) *o* Juan 11:1-45.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

RICE BOWL SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 11 is Rice Bowl Sunday. St. Mark is hosting an open house event featuring cooking demonstrations and free food samples, interactive sessions and multimedia stations. You can support communities around the world in breaking the cycle of poverty by supporting one of the many fair trade vendors selling coffee and other food items, clothing, jewelry, crafts and home goods. We invite you to enjoy a free donut and cup of fair trade coffee between 8:30am and 1:45pm in the parish hall as we gather to learn more about the Rice Bowl program and how we can each support the most needy of our local and global communities.

ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
 Jn 12:20-33
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Human trafficking and technology

Teenagers spend a lot of time online, making them prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of the serious dangers online, and monitor what their children's online activity – sites they visit, social networks they may belong to, and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology," visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, or call (213) 637-7508.

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

VIDA ESPIRITUAL

DOMINGO DE PLATO DE ARROZ

Este domingo 11 de marzo San Marcos les invita a un evento con demostraciones de cocina y muestras de alimentos, sesiones interactivas y estaciones multimedia. Pueden soportar las comunidades alrededor del mundo en romper el ciclo de la pobreza mediante el apoyo a uno de los vendedores de feria, venta de café y otros alimentos, ropa, joyería, artesanías y artículos para el hogar. Te invitamos a disfrutar de un donut gratis y una taza de café de 8:30am y 1:45pm en el salón parroquial mientras aprendemos más del programa de Plato de Arroz y como podemos ayudar a los más en necesidad de nuestra comunidad y en las comunidades del mundo.

UN ENCUENTRO CON ANDRISE

Nos encontramos con Andrise, una maestra en Haití que sabe la importancia de enseñar a los jóvenes a responder con agradecimiento a la comunidad y a su país. ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;
 Jn 4:43-54
 Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
 Jn 12:20-33
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Tráfico humano y tecnología

Los adolescentes pasan mucho tiempo en línea, convirtiéndolos en objetivos principales para los traficantes de personas. Mediante el uso de anuncios en línea que prometen dinero y aventuras en ciudades emocionantes y glamorosas, los traficantes atraen a mujeres y niñas. Los padres de familia deben ser conscientes de los graves peligros en línea y controlar la actividad en línea de sus hijos, qué sitios visitan, las redes sociales a las que pueden pertenecer y con quién se conectan en línea. Para obtener una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology" (Tráfico humano y turismo sexual con niños y tecnología), visite https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, o llame al (213) 637-7508.

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