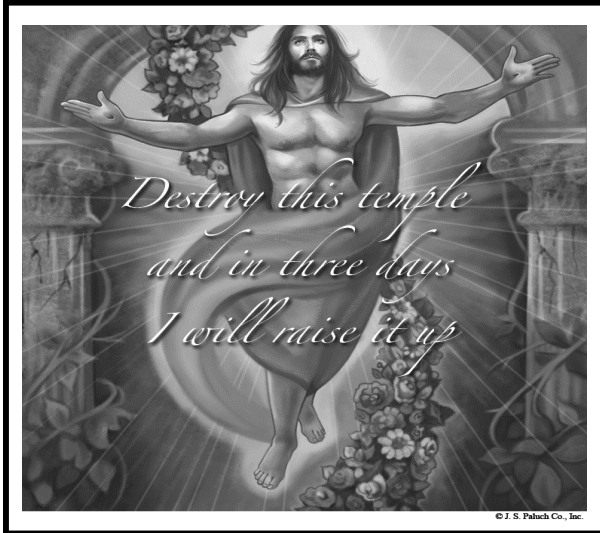


# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

**3rd Sunday of Lent      March 4, 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

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To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez .....306-8768

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	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..306-9035

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Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning .....306-9035
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy .....823-9387
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Youth Ministry (Sp)	Fernando Guzman .....702-7701
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<b>FROM OUR PASTOR</b>
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**Pastor's Corner**

When I was in my 20's and 30's, I did my own grocery shopping and my own cooking. But, I will have to admit, I used the microwave more frequently than I used the oven or the stove! As a priest, I know that whenever I go into the rectory kitchen I will find something that is healthy, or tasty, or both! I have never been hungry (except on a few camping trips where the freeze-dried food didn't turn out to be as appetizing as it appeared on the package!) and I have never had to worry about where my next meal was coming from.

So, when I visit countries like Bolivia, Uganda, Cambodia, or Nepal, and I see what the majority of the population has to eat each day, I always give thanks to God for what I have received. Can you imagine having a small bowl of rice as your main meal of the day? What is it like for parents to worry about their children's nutrition?

In 2001 I had the opportunity to join a group from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Cambodia and to experience the great work that they are doing with some of the poorest people in the world. Cambodia has rice fields that stretch for miles. But the majority of the people in this developing country do not have the foods that provide the nutrients, the minerals, the vitamins, and the protein that are necessary for a healthy diet.

That's where CRS steps in. They serve in over 100 countries throughout the world, providing farmers with the fruit trees, fish ponds, chickens, cows, and pigs so that the people can have more nutritious food.

CRS also works in an area called "micro-finance" where people who live in the outlying villages can borrow funds so that they can start their own businesses. As they repay the loans, the funds are then loaned to someone else in the community. The money never comes back to CRS. It stays with the people who live and work together.

Next Sunday St. Mark Church and School will be hosting "Rice Bowl Sunday" with special prayers at our Masses, and then cooking demonstrations and fair trade coffee in the Deacon Compean Hall. And, I hear that there will be free donuts!

On Ash Wednesday we each received a CRS rice bowl, made out of cardboard. I hope that yours is situated in a prominent place in your home. After Mass next Sunday we invite you to join us in the parish hall, and to learn more about how we can reach out to those who are less fortunate. And, to learn more about what is being done throughout our world for those who are not as fortunate as we are.

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Cuando estaba en mis años 20 y 30, hacia mis propias compras y comida. Pero tengo que admitir, use el microondas con más frecuencia que el horno o la estufa. Como sacerdote, sé que cada vez que voy a la cocina de la rectoría encontrare algo sano, sabroso, o ambos. Nunca he tenido hambre (excepto un viaje de campo donde la comida no resulto tan apetecible como aparecía en el paquete) y nunca he tenido que preocuparme de donde provenía mi próxima comida.

Por lo tanto, cuando visito países como Bolivia, Uganda, Camboya, Nepal, y veo lo que la mayoría de la población tiene que comer cada día, siempre doy gracias a Dios por lo que he recibido. ¿Se imaginas tener un pequeño tazón de arroz como su comida principal del día? ¿Y qué es para los padres preocuparse acerca de la nutrición de sus hijos?

En el año 2001 tuve la oportunidad de unirme a un grupo de Catholic Relief Services (CRS) en Camboya y de experimentar el gran trabajo que están haciendo con algunos de los más pobres en el mundo. Camboya tiene campos de arroz que se extienden por millas. Pero la mayoría de la gente en este país en desarrollo no tienen los alimentos que proporcionan los nutrientes, los minerales, las vitaminas y las proteínas que son necesarias para una dieta saludable.

Es donde CRS puede ayudar. Sirven en más de 100 países en todo el mundo, proporcionando a los agricultores con árboles frutales, estanques de peces, pollos, vacas y cerdos para que las personas puedan tener alimentos más nutritivos.

CRS trabaja también en una zona llamada "micro-finanzas" donde personas que viven en las aldeas periféricas pueden pedir fondos prestados para que puedan empezar sus propios negocios. Cuando van pagando los prestamos, ese dinero se presta a otra persona en la comunidad. El dinero nunca vuelve a CRS. Se queda con las personas que viven y trabajan juntas.

El próximo domingo la iglesia y la escuela de San Marcos tendrá "Domingo de plato de arroz" con oraciones especiales en nuestras Misas y luego demostraciones de cocer y comercio justo de café en el salón Diacono Campean y he oído que habrá donuts gratis.

El Miércoles de Ceniza, cada uno de nosotros recibimos un tazón de arroz CRS, hecho de cartón. Espero que ustedes lo tengan situado en un lugar prominente en su hogar. Después de la Misa el próximo domingo los invitamos a unirse a nosotros en el salón parroquial y para aprender más sobre cómo podemos llegar a los menos afortunados. Y para aprender más sobre lo que se está haciendo en todo el mundo por aquellos que no son tan afortunados como nosotros.

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 9th at 6pm hosted by our teen Confirmation Year 1 candidates followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00pm, led by our teen Confirmation Year 2 candidates.

### 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 will have their next potluck gathering this Sunday March 4th at 6:30 in the parish hall and a second potluck Monday, March 5th at 12:00pm also in the parish hall. This month the gathering will feature a CD, "The Other Side of the Stone" with Rev. John Hampsch. Please join us and bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

### 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, March 10th at 1:00pm at the home of Mrs. Helen Liberto. For more information, please call 310-391-2997.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be taking a special collection for The Catholic Relief Services. Your contribution funds several national Catholic organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, provide agricultural assistance, water programs, health care and help alleviate poverty in developing countries. The special envelopes can be found in the pews today.

### 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!

## 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 9 de marzo a las 6:00pm, organizado por los candidatos de Confirmación (año 1) seguido con Viacrucis en la iglesia, con los candidatos de Confirmación (año 2).

### 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" tendrá su próxima reunión de "potluck" este domingo, 4 de marzo, a las 6:30pm en el salón parroquial y una segunda reunión lunes, 5 de marzo a las 12:00 del mediodía también en el salón parroquial. Este mes escucharemos un CD, "El Otro Lado de la Piedra" con el Padre John Hampsch. Por favor de unirse con nosotros y traiga un plato o su postre favorito para compartir!

### 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, 10 de marzo a la 1:00pm en la casa de la Sra. Helen Liberto. Para obtener mas información, llame al 310-391-2997.

### COLECTA ESPECIAL

La próxima semana habrá una colecta especial para Los Servicios de Ayuda Católicos. Su contribución financia varias organizaciones católicas nacionales que ayuda a las víctimas de desastres naturales, proporciona asistencia agrícola, programas de agua, salud y alivia la pobreza en los países en desarrollo. Los sobres se pueden encontrar en las bancas hoy.

### VIAJE A TRAVES DE LA TIERRA SANTA

Acompañenos 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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**RCIA**

The immediate preparation period has begun for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31. Mark your calendars and plan to join Angela Tesic and Anneke Pribadi, our Elect, and candidates Hilary Adams, Kathy Lewis, Carlos Rivera and Dennis Swanson. For the next three Sundays our Elect will be reminded of the mercy of our loving God at the Scrutiny Rites. This rite will be celebrated this 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 us that during this time of Lent we are each called to a new step in our ongoing conversion.

**New Bible Study**


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. To help us enter into this season, the St. Mark Bible Study group will begin exploring three key moments in the life and ministry of Jesus on Monday March 5 at 7pm in the school.

**First Confessions**

Religious Education and St Mark School children and youth celebrated their First Reconciliation on February 24 and March 3. We pray for all of them as they experience the grace of God's forgiveness in this sacrament.

**This Week at St. Mark's Mar 5 - Mar 11, 2018**

- Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church  
Adoration 8:30am  
Forever Young 40 Plus Potluck 12:00pm - Hall  
Meditation Group 6:30pm - School  
Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School  
Guadalupanos 7:00pm - School  
Benediction 8:30pm
- 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. 4th Sunday of Lent  
Daylight Savings Time Begins/Set Clocks forward one hour  
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp) 5:30pm  
Rice Bowl Sunday 8:30am - Hall  
Confirmation Year 1 at 2:45pm - Hall



**Mass Schedule**

Sat.	Mar 10	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Mar 11	7:30am	Fr. Michael Tang
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat.	Mar 3	5:30pm	MaryAnn Cobaugh Barone
Sun.	Mar 4	7:30am	Ruth Doran
		9:00am	Stan Bacon †
		10:30am	Alberto Ramirez †
		12:00pm	Guadalupanos
		5:30pm	Kayla Isabelle
Mon.	Mar 5	8:00am	Mary F. Lennon
Tues.	Mar 6	8:00am	Marie Thompson †
Wed.	Mar 7	8:00am	Marie Thompson †
Thurs.	Mar 8	8:00am	Stan Bacon †
Fri.	Mar 9	8:00am	Jaime Naranjo †
Sat.	Mar 10	8:00am	Virgen de Guadalupe

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) *o* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Salmo** — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) *o* Salmo 23 (22).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) *o* Efesios 5:8-14.

**Evangelio** — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) *o* Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**RICE BOWL SUNDAY**

Next 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 in 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 SAFIATA**

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

<b>SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN</b>
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**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.

<b>VIDA ESPIRITUAL</b>
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**DOMINGO DE PLATO DE ARROZ**

El próximo domingo 11 de marzo San Marcos tendrá un evento con demostraciones de cocina y muestras de alimentos, sesiones interactivas y estaciones multimedia. Pueden apoyar 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 mas del programa de Plato de Arroz y como podemos ayudar a los mas en necesidad de nuestra comunidad y en las comunidades del mundo.

**UN ENCUENTRO CON SAFIATA**

En Burkina Faso, nos encontramos con Safiata, una madre, abuela y agricultora que depende del dinero que gana de sus cultivos para enviar a sus hijos a la escuela. ¿Cómo pueden nuestras compras de esta Cuaresma apoyar a los agricultores y artesanos? ¿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.

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30  
 Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23  
 Viernes: Os 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34  
 Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14  
 Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;  
 Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

<b>PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS</b>
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**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.