

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

## The Ascension of the Lord

## May 13, 2018

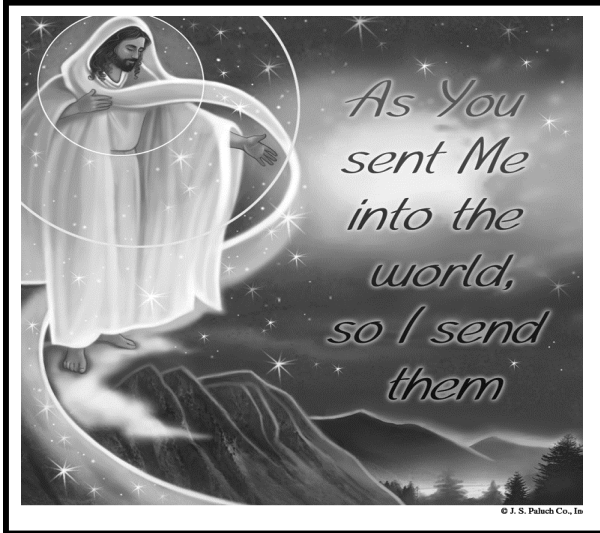
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
<b>Daily Masses:</b>	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses:</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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Secretary	Gabriela Bravo .....821-5058
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Knights of Columbus	Steve Gunning .....306-9035
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<b>FROM OUR PASTOR</b>
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***Pastor's Corner***

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!** As we celebrate this day dedicated to our loving mothers, it brings back memories of when I was a child and our Dad would take the four children in our family to buy cards and presents for our Mom. As soon as one of us saw the card that said, "World's Greatest Mother!" we each wanted to buy it. And, in our minds, we did have the world's greatest Mom! Even though my Mom passed away almost twelve years ago, I have the best memories of all that she did for us. The late nights taking care of a sick child, or helping us with homework, or preparing those wonderful Sunday dinners - and still finding time to bake chocolate chip cookies! My road to the priesthood was paved by the prayers of my mother and father. My Mom attended daily Mass for many years, took Holy Communion to the sick and elderly, and was a wedding Sacristan. My Dad was a lector at Mass and active member of the Men's Club. When children grow up in a household that emphasizes faith and spirituality, they then have the foundation in their lives to continue the practices and traditions that they have learned.

As I got older I realized that not everyone was as blessed as I was to have the type of parents that I had. When I was a volunteer at Juvenile Hall and at Covenant House, I heard stories from youth about the abuse and dysfunction that takes place in so many homes. And it was at that point that I really began to realize how blessed I was to have the mother and father that I had.

During this Mother's Day, let us give thanks to God for the mothers that God has given us. If your mother was a loving supportive parent, I invite you to take some time to thank her for that - and to say a special prayer of thanksgiving for the ways in which has blessed you. And, if your mother was someone who may not have had the gifts that other mothers have, I invite you to pray for her, that she will receive the grace of God to be the best mother possible. Finally, let us take some time to pray for our mothers who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and have entered the kingdom of heaven. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

**¡FELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES!** Al celebrar este día dedicado a nuestra Madres amorosas, me trae recuerdos de cuando era un niño y nuestro papá nos llevaba a los cuatro niños de nuestra familia a comprar tarjetas para darle a nuestra mamá. Tan pronto como uno de nosotros veíamos la carta que decía, "¡La Madre más Maravillosa del Mundo!" cada uno de nosotros queríamos comprarla. Y en nuestra mente, si tuvimos la mamá más maravillosa del mundo. Aunque mi mamá falleció hace casi doce años, tengo los mejores recuerdos de todo lo que ella hizo por nosotros. Las noches cuidando un niño enfermo, o ayudarnos con la tarea, o las cenas maravillosas que preparaba el domingo - y todavía encontraba tiempo para hornear galletas con de chocolate. Mi camino al sacerdocio fue allanado por las oraciones de mi madre y mi padre. Mi mamá asistía a Misa diariamente, llevaba la comunión a los enfermos y ancianos y fue Sacristán de boda. Mi papá era un lector en la Misa y miembro activo del Club de los hombres. Cuando los niños crecen en un hogar que enfatiza la fe y la espiritualidad, entonces tienen la base en sus vidas para seguir las prácticas y tradiciones que han aprendido.

Cuando fui creciendo me di cuenta de que no todos estaban bendecidos teniendo el tipo de padres que tuve. Cuando fui voluntario en el Juvenile Hall y en Covenant House, escuché historias de los jóvenes sobre el abuso y la disfunción que ocurre en tantos hogares. Y en ese momento fue que realmente empecé a darme cuenta cuan bendecido era con la madre y el padre que tuve.

Durante este día de la madre, demos gracias a Dios por las madres que Dios nos ha dado. Si su madre era una madre amorosa apoyo, los invito a tomar tiempo para darle las gracias por ello - y decir una oración especial de acción de gracias por la manera en que los ha bendecido. Y si su madre era una persona que no han tenido los dones que tienen otras madres, los invito a orar por ella, que ella reciba la gracia de Dios para ser la mejor madre posible. Por último, tomemos tiempo para orar por nuestras madres que nos han precedido marcadas con el signo de la fe y que han entrado en el reino de los cielos. Que sus almas y las almas de los fieles difuntos descansen en paz.

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

***Padre Paul Spellman***

<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>
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**MOTHERS DAY NOVENA**

In honor of Mother's Day, we will be celebrating a Novena of Masses for the mothers of our community - living and deceased. If you wish to have you mothers remembered in the novena of Masses please use one of the special enrollment envelopes which will be available in the pews today.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION**

All parishioners are invited to attend the sacramental celebrations scheduled this month. Please join us in prayer for the children, youth and adults who are completing their preparation for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The dates and times for the remaining celebrations are as follows:

May 20th at 9:00am Mass	Religious Ed 2nd – 3rd grades
May 20th at 4:00pm Mass	Confirmation Teens & adults
May 27th at 9:00am Mass	Religious Ed Middle grades
May 27th at 12:00pm Mass	Religious Ed 2nd - 3rd grades

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! Please join us at one of our Masses as we celebrate the birthday of the church! There will be treats out on the church patio after the Saturday 5:30pm mass as well as all the Sunday morning masses.

**CONFIRMATION MASS**

All are invited to join us for the sacramental celebration of Confirmation of our teens and adults next Sunday, May 20th at **4:00pm**. Please note: There will not be a 5:30pm Mass next Sunday.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
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Monday:	Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

<b>VIDA ESPIRITUAL</b>
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**NOVENA DE MISAS PARA EL DIA DE LA MADRE**

En celebración del Día de la Madre tendremos una novena de Misas por la madres vivas y las que han fallecido. Si desea que se recuerde a su madre en esta novena de misas, utilice uno de los sobres especiales que están en las bancas hoy.

**UNA INVITACIÓN ESPECIAL**

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir a las celebraciones sacramentales en el mes de mayo. Únase con nosotros en oración por los niños, jóvenes y adultos que están terminando su preparación para los sacramentos de Eucaristía y confirmación. Las fechas y horarios para estas celebraciones serán:

20 de mayo Misa de 9:00am	Grado 2-3 de Educación Religiosa
20 de mayo Misa de 4:00pm	Confirmación Jóvenes y Adultos
27 de mayo Misa de 9:00am	Grado 4-8 de Educación Religiosa
27 de mayo Misa de 12:00pm	Grado 2-3 de Educación Religiosa

**DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTES**

¡El próximo domingo es domingo de pentecostés! ¡Por favor únase con nosotros mientras celebramos el cumpleaños de la iglesia! Habrá pastel en el patio de la iglesia después de todas las misas.

**MISA DE CONFIRMACION**

Todos son invitados a unirse con nosotros para la celebración sacramental de Confirmación de nuestros jóvenes y adultos el próximo domingo, 20 de mayo a las **4:00pm**. Por favor de notar: No habrá misa de 5:30pm el próximo domingo.

**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.

<b>LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA</b>
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Lunes:	Hch 1:15-27, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Martes:	Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sacramental Celebrations**

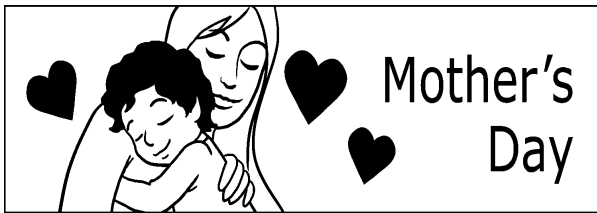
The Community of St Mark continues to pray for the children, youth and adults who celebrate the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation during the month of May.  
 St Mark School 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on May 6 at 9am mass  
 Religious Education 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades on May 20 at 9am mass  
 Confirmation teens & adults on May 20 at 4pm mass  
 Religious Education middle grades on May 27 at 9am mass  
 Religious Education 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades on May 27 at 12pm mass

**New Inquiry**

Members of St. Mark Parish are encouraged to invite new inquirers to consider a faith journey through the RCIA process. Regular RCIA Inquiry sessions are held each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the school. Members of our parish are also invited to volunteer for this vibrant RCIA ministry. For more information about RCIA or to attend Inquiry, please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201.

**Religious Education**

Registration is now open for faith formation classes beginning in the fall for grades Pre-K, K, 1-8 and Confirmation preparation for teens in grades 9-12. Please call the Religious Education Office for information and registration materials.



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**This Week at St. Mark's May 14– May 20 2018**

- Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church  
 Meditation Group 6:30pm - School  
 Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
 Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School  
 Baptism Prep 7:00pm - School
- Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church  
 RE Grades 7-8 6:30pm - School  
 St. Vincent de Paul 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
- Sat. 8:00am Mass - Church  
 RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School  
 Confessions 4:30pm –5:15pm
- Sun. **Pentecost Sunday**  
 Mass Times: 7:30am, **9:00am First Communion Mass**, 10:30am, 12:00pm(Sp),  
**Confirmation Mass 4:00pm,**  
**Note: There is no 5:30pm Mass**



**Mass Schedule**

Sat. May 19	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
Sun. May 20	7:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Tom King
	12:00pm Fr. Michael Tang
	<b>4:00pm Bishop Gordon Bennett</b>



**Mass Intentions**

Sat. May 12	5:30pm Jose Alvarez †
Sun. May 13	7:30am Mando Pineda
	9:00am Stan Bacon †
	10:30am Mother's Day Novena
	12:00pm Moises Corzantes †
	5:30pm Marie Mikols
Mon. May 14	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Tues. May 15	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Wed. May 16	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Thurs. May 17	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Fri. May 18	8:00am Mother's Day Novena
Sat. May 19	8:00am Mother's Day Novena

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).  
**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).  
**Second Reading** — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Galatians 5:16-25*.  
**Gospel** — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) *or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

**LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — El Espíritu Santo desciende sobre los apóstoles (Hechos 2:1-11).  
**Salmo** — Envía tu espíritu, Señor, y renueva la faz de la tierra (Salmo 104 [103]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Hemos sido bautizados en el mismo Espíritu para formar un solo cuerpo (1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13) *o Gálatas 5:16-25*.  
**Evangelio** — Jesús se hizo presente a los discípulos y les trajo su paz. Les envió en su misión con poder para perdonar o atar los pecados por el Espíritu Santo (Juan 20:19-23) *o Juan 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

## SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

### **Parents should research childcare providers**

Parents need to be the first line of protection for their children, and this includes thoroughly screening anyone who has access to the children. Ask for background information and confirm that all workers have the appropriate clearances before committing to a daycare or childcare provider.

For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Is Your Babysitter Or Caregiver Safe? Performing Your Own Due Diligence Can Save a Child's Life," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

## VIDA ESPIRITUAL

### **TESOROS DE NUESTRA TRADICIÓN**

En Irlanda y el Reino Unido, el día de la madre ha pasado. "El domingo maternal" era en el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma. En años pasados, las personas tenían el día libre del trabajo para viajar este día a la parroquia donde fueron bautizados. Casi siempre, las personas se reunieron con sus madres en este día. Empleadores liberaría a sus trabajadores y sirvientes para la visita. Mientras, la celebración americana, realmente tiene que ver con un movimiento de las madres contra la guerra en tiempos de Guerra Civil luchando para condiciones mejores y sanitarias para sus hijos. Cuando Presidente Wilson instituyó el primer día de la madre en 1912, fue un día para colgar la bandera en honor a las madres cuyos hijos habían muerto en batalla. Conocer la tradición es un buen equilibrio a nuestra celebración de hoy. Podemos orar por las madres que han sufrido la pérdida de sus hijos en la guerra.

### **DECLARACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN**

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión de Cristo al cielo y su elección de los discípulos para que continuaran su misión en el mundo. Primero escuchamos la descripción de Lucas de dichos acontecimientos en los primeros versículos de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Luego escuchamos palabras de aliento y consejo en la carta a los efesios. Por último, escuchamos el relato de Marcos de la Ascensión, que predice las poderosas palabras y obras que la comunidad cristiana hará en nombre de Jesús.

Juntas, estas lecturas nos brindan una visión de la misión de la Iglesia de Jesucristo, una especie de declaración de misión. Como las declaraciones de misión de nuestras parroquias y empresas, esta declaración de misión puede ayudarnos a establecer prioridades y enfocar nuestras actividades. Puede guiarnos y apoyarnos mientras luchamos por continuar la misión mesiánica de Cristo en la tierra.

## PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

### **Padres deberían investigar proveedores de cuidado infantil**

Los padres de familia deben ser la primera línea de protección para sus hijos, y esto incluye investigar a cualquier persona que tenga acceso a los niños. Solicite información de antecedentes y confirme que todos los trabajadores cuenten con los permisos necesarios antes de comprometerse con una guardería o proveedor de cuidado infantil.

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