

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

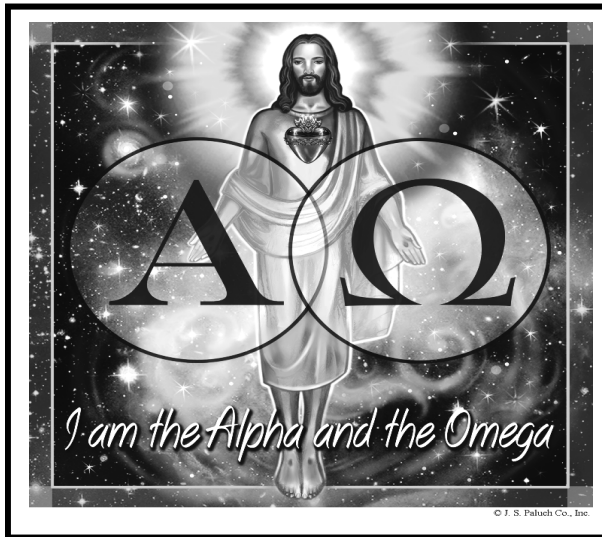
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am 12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30pm
<b>Daily Masses:</b>	Monday - Saturday 8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses:</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 4:30pm - 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
Church Care	Catalina Blasi ..... 821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo ..... 821-5058
Bookkeeper	Kathy Olson.....821-5058
Pastoral Coordinator	Heidi Villaluz.....821-5058

## Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....463-9017
Altar Servers (Sp)	Romeo Santos.....720-0084
Altar Society	Chris Putziger.....396-3265

## Eucharistic Ministry

In Church	MaryAnn Long.....717-2645
To the Sick	Fr. Paul Spellman.....821-5058
In Church (Sp)	Juan Hernandez....424-309-3994
To the Sick (Sp)	Ofelia Gonzalez.....306-8768

## Ministry of the Word

English	Michael Shindle ..... 821-5058
Spanish	Erick Yela ..... 463-9080
Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo ..... 821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo ..... 821-5058

## Music

Music Director	Maeve Becker ..... 902-0109
Adult Choir	Valerie Vinnard.....323-804-7720
Spanish Choir	Alex Venegas .....213-675-0564
Organist/Pianist	Mark Balling.....390-3646
Ushers	Scott Haberkon (Eng)....821-5058
	Ausencio Rosales (Sp)...821-5058

## Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ..... 821-6612
Admissions	Jennifer Dao ..... 821-6612
Office Manager	Maria Donaldson.....821-6612
School Receptionist	MaryAnn Welchance....821-6612

## Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard.....822-1201 ext 249
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Confirmation	Jaime Perez .....822-1201ext 248
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## Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt.....827-1585
Guadalupanos	Rosa Gonzalez.....752-3891
Grupo de Oracion	Luis Vazquez.....424-216-2261
Knights of Columbus	George Arias.....760-888-7321
Legion of Mary	Horst Blasi.....306-1326
Mary Widows	Helen Liberto.....391-2997
Pastoral Council	Tom Suchy ..... 821-5058
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Forever Young/40 Plus	.....821-5058

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

I hope that each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving, and that all of your teams won their big games! (I am actually writing this before the games start, so this is not aimed at anyone's team who may have had a rough day.) Next Sunday we begin our Advent season, a time of watching, waiting, and preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us keep in mind the true reason for the season, when the Son of God came to earth and changed the course of human history.

Just about a year ago, we began our Offertory Increase Program in which we asked all of our parishioners to make a commitment to supporting St. Mark Church through sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. As a result, more people are involved in our parish ministries, and our collections continue to increase. And, for that, I say THANK YOU!

Next month we will be asking each of our families to re-commit to sharing their gifts with St. Mark Church, and, if possible to increase your weekly donations. God has blessed us in so many ways, and we are now asking you to share your blessings with others.

In the next few weeks we will be publishing our financial results for the past year. I have written the first draft of the narrative of the report, and I've asked our parish staff to review it so that it doesn't sound too much like an accountant talking. But... I like the way accountants talk! (However, I know that not everyone else does....)

As we prepare to begin our Advent season next Sunday, let us ask the Lord how we can make this a special time of prayer and service as we reach out to one another.

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

**La Esquina del Párroco**

Espero que hayan tenido un Día de Acción de Gracias lleno de bendiciones, y que todos sus equipos ganaron sus juegos. (En realidad escribo esto antes de empezar los juegos, así que esto no va dirigido al equipo de alguien que pudo haber tenido un mal día.) El próximo domingo comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento, un tiempo de observación, esperando y preparándose para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Tengamos siempre en mente la verdadera razón de esta temporada, cuando el hijo de Dios vino a la tierra y cambió el curso de la historia humana.

Hace casi un año, comenzamos nuestro programa de aumentar la ofrenda en que pedimos a todos nuestros feligreses que se comprometan a apoyar a la Iglesia San Marcos compartiendo sus dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Como resultado, más personas participan en los ministerios de nuestra parroquia y nuestras colectas siguen aumentando. Y, por eso digo GRACIAS.

El mes que viene le pediremos a cada una de nuestras familias volver a comprometerse a compartir sus dones con San Marcos y, si es posible aumentar sus donaciones semanales. Dios nos ha bendecido de muchas maneras, y ahora le pedimos compartir sus bendiciones con otros.

En las próximas semanas estaremos publicando nuestros resultados financieros durante el año pasado. He escrito el primer borrador del informe, y le he pedido a nuestro personal que lo revisen para que no suene demasiado como un contador hablando. Pero... de todas maneras me gusta como los contadores hablan. (Sin embargo, sé que no todo el mundo hace...)

Mientras nos preparamos para comenzar nuestro tiempo de Adviento el próximo domingo, pidamos al Señor cómo podemos hacer este un tiempo especial de oración y el servicio mientras tratamos de llegar el uno al otro.

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

***Padre Paul Spellman***

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we are taking up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. Your donation will help fight poverty in America. Please use the special envelopes located in the pews today.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Life is the most thought-provoking examination you will experience. Most fail trying to copy others. They do not realize, we all have a different exam.

UPCOMING BAKE SALE: The Knights of Columbus will have their holiday bake sale on Dec. 2nd on the church patio. Come by and pick up your delicious holiday treats!

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

### FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS MINISTRY

The Forever Young 40 Plus Ministry will have their next potluck gathering Sunday, December 2nd at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!

### DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration will be Monday, December 3rd. 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.

### 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. The retreat will take place on January 18th - 20th. 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.

### WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Annual Women's Silent Retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra January 25th-27th with retreat master Rev. James Kubicki, S.J.. The theme is "Streams of Grace and Mercy. For more information or reservations please call Shawna Tobalina at 310-428-1534 or email shawn-a90291@hotmail.com

## VIDA ESPIRITUAL

### COLECTA ESPECIAL

Esta semana es la colecta para la Campana Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por su siglas en ingles). Por mas de 40 años, CCHD ha financiado a grupos comunitarios que originan cambios duraderos. Su donación ayudar con la lucha contra la pobreza en América. Por favor de usar los sobres especiales en las bancas hoy.

### CABALLEROS DE COLON

La vida es el examen más estimulante que experimentará. La mayoría fallan tratando de copiar a otros. Ellos no se dan cuenta, que todos tenemos un examen diferente.

VENTA: Los Caballeros de Colon tendrá una venta de pan dulce y antojitos deliciosos el 2 de diciembre en el patio de la iglesia.

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

### MINISTERIO DE "FOREVER YOUNG 40 PLUS"

El Ministerio de "Forever Young 40 Plus" tendrá su próximo potluck el domingo 2 de diciembre a las 6:30pm en el salón parroquial. ¡Por favor de traer su platillo favorito para compartir!

### DIA DE ADORACION EUCHARISTICA

Nuestro próximo día de Adoración Eucarística será lunes el 3 de diciembre. 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.

### 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 retiro será el 18 - 20 de enero. Los jardines y la tranquilidad de Mater Dolorosa es 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.

### RETIRO DE MUJERES

El retiro anual de mujeres se llevara a cabo en "Sacred Heart Retreat House" en Alhambra el 25 - 27 de enero con el Reverendo James Kubicki, S.J.. El tema sera "Arroyos de gracia y misericordia". Para mas información o reservaciones por favor llame a Shawna Tobalina a 310-428-1534 o shawna90291@hotmail.com

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Concern America Craft Sale

On Sunday, December 9, Concern America will be here at St. Mark Church with a Craft Sale featuring unique quality hand-crafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. These gifts for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. This year there will be many new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador Guatemala, and Mexico. Inspired by nature, these beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions, and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions.

### Bible Study

Join your fellow parishioners for a study of the Gospel of Luke each **Monday evening at 6:30pm in the school**. Experience this gospel narrative as a way of understanding God's universal plan of salvation in Jesus, the Savior of all people.

### RCIA

Inquiry into the Catholic faith and the sacraments of initiation meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the school. Invite someone you know who is curious and please call 310-822-1201 to let us know they are coming.

### Adult Confirmation Preparation

Registration is being accepted for the preparation of adults for the sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions will be held in January and February. Please call the Religious Education Office for information at 310-822-1201.

### This Week at St. Mark's Nov 26– Dec 2 2018

Mon.	8:00am Mass - Church Movement & Meditation 6:30pm - School Bible Study 7:00pm - School
Tues.	8:00am Mass - Church RE Grades 7-8 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 5:30pm Mass
Sun.	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm (Sp), 5:30pm K of C Bake Sale after the morning masses Forever Young 40 Plus Potluck 6:30pm - Hall

## Mass/Schedule

Sat. Dec 1	5:30pm Fr. Michael Tang
Sun. Dec 2	7:30am Fr. Tom King
	9:00am Fr. Paul Spellman
	10:30am Fr. Paul Spellman
	12:00pm Fr. Paul Spellman
	5:30pm Fr. Paul Spellman



Sat.	Nov 24	5:30pm	All Souls
Sun.	Nov 25	7:30am	Tom Putziger
		9:00am	Frank Family †
		10:30am	Alfred Braganza †
		12:00pm	Olivia Cormier †
		5:30pm	All Souls
Mon.	Nov 26	8:00am	All Souls
Tues.	Nov 27	8:00am	All Souls
Wed.	Nov 28	8:00am	All Souls
Thurs.	Nov 29	8:00am	All Souls
Fri.	Nov 30	8:00am	All Souls
Sat.	Dec 1	8:00am	Jose Sison †

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

### LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA

**Primera lectura** — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

**Salmo** — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

**Evangelio** — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**CHRIST IS KING**

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

**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.

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry**

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles serves to help victim-survivors who have been victims of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church. The Victims Assistance Ministry also works to create a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward while ensuring that civil authorities are notified, and victims are provided with counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Please join the members of this important ministry in offering our continued prayers and support for the healing of victim-survivors and all impacted by abuse.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**CRISTO ES REY**

El último domingo del año litúrgico celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Puede que entendamos las lecturas de hoy como acontecimientos que sucedieron hace mucho, mucho tiempo o predicciones que se harán realidad algún día en algún lugar. Pero en realidad nos invitan a aclamar a Cristo como nuestro Rey aquí y ahora. Las palabras de Jesús a Pilatos en el Evangelio nos recuerdan que su Reino trasciende el tiempo y el espacio. Y las profecías de Daniel y del Apocalipsis nos dan motivos para ser fieles a Cristo, nuestro Rey, aquí y ahora.

Al terminar el año con esta fiesta proclamamos nuestra fe en que Jesucristo es el único Rey de todos los tiempos, pueblos y de toda la Creación. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra nacionalidad ni qué idioma hablemos: Cristo "y ha hecho de nosotros un reino" (Apocalipsis 1:6), en un pueblo unido en el amor y la paz por toda la eternidad.

**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.

**PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**

**La Oficina del Ministerio de Asistencia par Víctimas**

La Oficina del Ministerio de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles fue creado para ayudar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes de abuso sexual por un sacerdote, diácono o individuo representante de la Iglesia Católica. El Ministerio de Asistencia para Víctimas también trabaja para crear un ambiente seguro y compasivo para que las víctimas busquen ayuda, mientras que las autoridades civiles son notificadas. A las víctimas se les provee consejería y otro tipo de asistencia en el proceso de sanación. Por favor únase a los miembros de este importante ministerio ofreciendo sus oraciones continuas y el apoyo para la sanación de las víctimas-sobrevivientes, así como a todos los impactados por abuso.



**Pray for ...**  
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***Rocio Cappolonga,  
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