

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 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 4:30pm - 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.

### Parish Staff

Maintenance	Antonio Rodriguez..... 821-5058
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
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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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R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis..... 822-1201 ext 247

### 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
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy ..... 823-9387
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Youth Ministry	..Jaime.Perez@stmarkvenice.com
Forever Young/40 Plus	..... 821-5058

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

***Pastor's Corner***

It was ten years ago this month that the United States, and many other countries in our world, teetered on the edge of financial collapse in what is now referred to as The Great Recession. It was the greatest economic downturn that Americans have experienced since The Great Depression of the 1930's.

During the Great Recession of 2008 over 8.7 million people lost their jobs, and over 10 million people lost their homes. By 2012, over 46 million Americans - more than 1 in 7 people - were living below the poverty line. What caused it to happen? Did it have to happen? And, are we better off now?

Since The Great Recession, the stock market has reached record levels, Wall Street banks are making record profits, and bonuses to their executives have hit levels never seen before. So, it appears that all is good! But, let's take a closer look.

On the other side of the coin, we see that in the past ten years, household income, adjusted for inflation, for the wealthiest 5% of Americans has increased by 10%. The poorest 5% have actually lost over 3%. And, the 85% in the middle? Their income is just about the same as it was ten years ago.

In 2008, there were big bailouts given to banks and other companies that were deemed "Too Big To Fail." But there were no big bailouts for lower or middle income Americans. Hopefully we have learned an important lesson, and that lesson is that businesses can not set their own rules. Someone has to be regulating the credit default swaps predatory lending, and other derivatives that put so many other people at risk.

As I look at how this has impacted our country over the past ten years, all I have to do is look at the increased number of homeless people who are living in tents along our city streets or in abandoned buildings. Yes, many of them are disabled (physically or mentally), and others have drug and alcohol problems. But, when they are sleeping on our church steps and on our street corners, we have to ask ourselves, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Over the next few months St. Mark Church and School are going to increase our efforts with St. Joseph Center, Catholic Charities, St. Robert Center, Turning Point Shelter, SPY, and our St. Vincent dePaul Society in order to reach out to the poor and the marginalized. We can begin by joining together in our 2nd annual "Walk for the Poor" next Saturday morning. We will walk from our church to the beach, in solidarity with those who are suffering. And, as we walk together as parishioners, let us walk together in the Light of Christ!

There are not easy solutions to the homeless crisis, but by doing nothing we are part of the problem. By doing something we can work together to find a solution!

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

***Father Paul Spellman***

***La Esquina del Párroco***

Hace diez años, este mes, que Estados Unidos y muchos otros países en el mundo, tambalearon al borde del colapso financiero en lo que se conoce ahora como la gran recesión. Fue la mayor crisis económica que los estadounidenses han experimentado desde la gran depresión del decenio de 1930.

Durante la gran recesión del 2008 más de 8,7 millones de personas perdieron sus empleos, y más de 10 millones de personas perdieron sus hogares. Para el 2012, más de 46 millones de estadounidenses - más de 1 en 7 personas - vivían debajo de la línea de la pobreza. ¿Qué causó que esto ocurra? ¿Tuvo que suceder? y, ¿estamos mejor ahora?

Desde la Gran Recesión, el mercado de valores ha alcanzado niveles récords, Los Bancos de Wall Street obtienen beneficios récords, y bonos a sus ejecutivos han alcanzado niveles nunca antes vistos. Por lo tanto, parece que todo es buen. Sin embargo, echemos un vistazo más de cerca.

En el otro lado de la moneda, vemos que en los últimos diez años, ingresos, ajustados por inflación, para el 5% de los estadounidenses más ricos ha aumentado un 10%. El 5% de los más pobres han perdido realmente más del 3%. ¿Y el 85% en el medio? Su ingreso es casi igual como lo fue hace diez años.

En el 2008, hubo grandes rescates dado los bancos y otras empresas que fueron consideradas "demasiado grandes para quebrar." Pero no hubo grandes rescates para para los estadounidenses de ingresos bajos o medios. Hemos aprendido una lección importante, y esa lección es que los negocios no pueden establecer sus propias reglas. Alguien tiene que estar regulando los créditos el incumplimiento de créditos y otros derivados que ponen a tantas otras personas en riesgo.

Veo cómo esto ha impactado a nuestro país en los últimos diez años, todo lo que tengo que hacer es ver el aumento del número de personas sin hogar que viven en tiendas de campaña a lo largo de las calles de nuestra ciudad o en edificios abandonados. Sí, muchos de ellos son discapacitados (física o mentalmente), y otros tienen problemas de drogas y alcohol. Pero, cuando están durmiendo en los escalones de la iglesia y en nuestras esquinas, tenemos que preguntarnos, "¿Qué haría Jesús?"

En los próximos meses la Iglesia y escuela San Marcos va a aumentar nuestros esfuerzos con el centro San José, Caridades Católicas, St. Robert Center, Turning Point Shelter, SPY y la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul con el fin de llegar a los pobres y la marginados. Podemos comenzar por unirnos en nuestro 2da "Caminata por los pobres" El próximo sábado mañana. Caminaremos desde nuestra iglesia a la playa, en solidaridad con quienes sufren. Y, mientras caminamos juntos como feligreses, Caminemos juntos a la luz de Cristo.

No hay soluciones fáciles a la crisis de las personas sin hogar, pero si no hacemos nada no somos parte del problema. Haciendo algo podemos trabajar juntos para encontrar una solución.

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

***Padre Paul Spellman***

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**VIDA ESPIRITUAL**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

As Knights we have many charitable projects, and through these projects, we meet many individuals who have been dealt a bad hand in life. Even if you are not in the same exact situation as some of the people we help, you may feel some of the anguish they feel. We would like to remind everyone who feels this way, that even if you did not choose the life you were given, you do choose what you do with that life.

We would like to remind everyone, this Tuesday is our RECYCLABLE TUESDAY and we ask everyone to bring your plastic bottles and cans to the parish hall between the hours of 6:30pm to 7:00pm, before our general membership meeting.

Please go to our website, KOC4834.org for information on the projects we are working on and upcoming events. You can also purchase your tickets online to our Pala trip on October 20, 2018.

**SVDP FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**

Next Saturday, Sept. 29 will be the 2nd annual St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk, raising money to help those in need in our community. All ages are welcome! We will meet at 10:00am at St. Mark and walk to the beach. Please sign up to walk, or donate online at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2261>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

The Marina Hospital is also 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.

**CABALLEROS DE COLON**

Como caballeros tenemos muchos proyectos solidarios, y a través de estos proyectos, nos encontramos con muchas personas que han sufrido en la vida. Aunque usted no esta en la misma situación que algunas de las personas que ayudamos, puede ser que sientan alguna de las mismas angustias que sienten. Nos gustaría recordarles a todos los que se sienten así, que aunque no eligieron la vida que les dieron, si eligieron lo que hacer con esa vida.

Nos gustaría recordarle a todos, este martes es nuestro MARTES RECICLABLE y le pedimos a todos a traer sus botellas de plástico y latas al salón parroquial entre las horas de 6:30pm a 7:00pm, antes de nuestra asamblea general de miembros.

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web KOC4834.org para obtener información sobre los proyectos que estamos trabajando y próximos eventos. También pueden comprar tus boletos para nuestro viaje de Pala en 20 de octubre de 2018.

**CAMINATA DE LOS AMIGOS DE LOS POBRES DE SVDP**

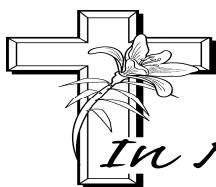
El próximo sábado, 29 de septiembre será el 2º anual Caminata de los amigos de los pobres del ministerio de San Vicente de Pablo de San Marcos. Esta caminata es para recaudar fondos para ayudar a los necesitados en nuestra comunidad. ¡Todas las edades son bienvenidas! Nos reuniremos a las 10:00am en San Marcos y caminaremos a la playa. Por favor registre para caminar o donar en línea en <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2261>

**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.



*In Memoriam*

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of  
***Art Ambrosio,***  
***Father Michael Mandala***  
***and Lydia Sanchez***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Thank You**

Last Sunday the Community of St. Mark honored all those who serve as parish Religious Education catechists, schoolteachers and parents during a commissioning rite at our 9am mass. As we begin a new academic year we thank all those who serve the ministry of faith formation with children, youth and adults at St. Mark. This celebration of Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. May we all grow in our role of sharing with others the light of Christ

**Teen Confirmation**

Teens in the second year of Confirmation preparation will be on retreat this weekend at St Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, CA. Please keep them in your prayers.

**New Bible Study**

Paul discovered his core identity in the crucified and resurrected Christ, spending his final years proclaiming the power of the cross. A new study of Paul meets each Monday evening at 7pm in the school. Come explore three key passages from Paul’s letters that invite us to embrace the redemptive power of the cross in our lives.

**RCIA Inquiry**

- Interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Baptized Catholic but never celebrated Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Baptized in another Christian denomination or not baptized at all?

Come and inquire. Sessions meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Office in the School. For more information or to let us know you are coming, call 310-822-1201 or email [rcia@stmarkvenice.com](mailto:rcia@stmarkvenice.com).

**This Week at St. Mark’s Sept 24– Sept 30 2018**

Mon. 8:00am Mass - Church  
 Movement & Meditation 6:30pm - School  
 Bible Study 7:00pm - School  
 Spanish Choir 7:00pm - Hall

Tues. 8:00am Mass - Church  
 Knights of Columbus 6:30pm - Lennon Room


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  
 Lion Olympics - Parking lots

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

Sun. **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,  
 12:00pm (Sp), 5:30pm



## MassSchedule

Sat.	Sept 29	5:30pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
Sun.	Sept 30	7:30am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		9:00am	Fr. Paul Spellman
		10:30am	Fr. Tom King
		12:00pm	Fr. Paul Spellman
		5:30pm	Fr. Michael Tang



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Sept 22	5:30pm	Rosalio Avila †
Sun.	Sept 23	7:30am	Holy Spirit
		9:00am	Eugene Schmidt †
		10:30am	Lidia Peña y Familia
		12:00pm	Juan Blanco †
		5:30pm	Stephen Mahoney
Mon.	Sept 24	8:00am	Olivia Cormier †
Tues.	Sept 25	8:00am	Mary Lou Smith
Wed.	Sept 26	8:00am	Frank Avila
Thurs.	Sept 27	8:00am	Joe Miles †
Fri.	Sept 28	8:00am	Holy Spirit
Sat.	Sept 29	8:00am	Sulay Pilcher

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalm** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

**LECTURAS DE LA PROXIMA SEMANA**

**Primera lectura** — El espíritu se posó sobre Moisés y los ancianos, y sobre Eldad y Medad. (Números 11:25-29).

**Salmo** — Los mandatos del Señor alegran el corazón (Salmo 19 [18]).

**Segunda lectura** — Ustedes que se han hecho ricos rehusando pagar los salarios y con otras obras injustas, ahora se les va a condenar (Santiago 5:1-6).

**Evangelió** — Cualquiera que esté haciendo el bien en nombre de Cristo está con él. (Marcos 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?**

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Watch for signs of anxiety in your child**

Everyone has had an anxious moment or two in their lives, but many people — even kids — struggle with daily anxiety. Anxiety can be a contributing factor in depression, and even if it's not that severe, it can make day-to-day activities tough. Kids who suffer from anxiety may exhibit physical symptoms like asthma and stomach aches, or could have trouble eating, sleeping, or going to the bathroom. If your child is showing signs of anxiety, it's important to ask why, and then to help your child address the cause and manage the associated feelings.

**VIDA ESPIRITUAL**

**¿CÓMO TRATAMOS AL MENSAJERO?**

No debemos precipitarnos a definir quiénes son "los malvados" y quiénes (es decir nosotros) son los justos. Tendemos a clasificar rápidamente a los demás como malos, porque nos consideramos buenas personas. No nos gusta que una voz profética nos critique con malas noticias sobre nuestro propio comportamiento. No nos gusta que nos reprochen que hemos transgredido la ley ni que nos acusen de no haber actuado acorde a nuestra formación.

Puede que condenemos e insultemos a quienes nos enfrentan a estas verdades sobre nosotros mismos, pero si fuéramos realmente buenos, les agradeceríamos por ayudarnos a permanecer en el camino correcto. Éste es el trato que le dieron a los profetas y el trato que le dieron a Jesús. ¿Es éste también el trato que les damos a las personas cuyos mensajes no nos gustan?

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Prov 3:27-34; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 8:16-18
- Martes: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21
- Miércoles: Prv 30:5-9; Sal 119 (118):29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lc 9:1-6
- Jueves: Eccl 1:2-11; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9
- Viernes: Eccl 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22
- Sábado: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Ap 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Domingo: Nm 11:25-19; Sal 19 (18):8, 10, 12-14; Sant 5:1-6; Mc 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS**

**Signos de ansiedad en sus hijos**

Todos han tenido un momento de ansiedad o dos en sus vidas, pero muchas personas, incluso niños, luchan con la ansiedad diaria. La ansiedad puede ser un factor que contribuye a la depresión, e incluso si no es tan grave, puede dificultar las actividades cotidianas. Los niños que sufren de ansiedad pueden presentar síntomas físicos como asma y dolores de estómago, o pueden tener problemas para comer, dormir o ir al baño. Si su hijo muestra signos de ansiedad, es importante preguntar por qué, y luego ayudar a su hijo a abordar la causa y manejar los sentimientos asociados.



*Manuel Walter,  
Chris Putziger, Juana Martinez,  
Eugenia Avila and Mrs. Manny*