

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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Sunday Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
12 noon (Spanish) & 5:30 pm

Daily Masses: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 12:15pm &
and 7:00pm (Bilingual)

Eucharistic Adoration : First Monday of the month
8:30am to 8:30pm

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Baptism: 3rd weekend of each month.
Contact 821-5058

Marriage: 6 months notice is required.
Contact 821-5058 for an
appointment.

Anointing of The Sick: Sacrament for the sick is
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Today, the Sunday after Easter, we celebrate "Divine Mercy Sunday." The great and beloved Pope John Paul II began this celebration during his pontificate.

The image of Divine Mercy is prominently displayed this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from the heart, symbols of blood and water - Eucharist and Baptism. Catholics are invited to confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast. May the Divine Mercy be with each and everyone of you.

This Divine Mercy Sunday is also a special day of celebration for our church as Pope Francis canonizes two very important Popes and declares their saints of the church. On this day Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will join the ranks of other holy men and women who led heroic lives and thus deserve our respect and admiration. Both of these popes had an incredible impact on the church and the world. Pope John XXIII, known as "Good Pope John," convened the Second Vatican Council; Pope John Paul II, called "John Paul the Great," was largely responsible for implementing it. Both were instrumental in bringing about the "new evangelization" in which the Church proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ with "new ardor, methods and expression." Pope Francis contributed to this call in his recent apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel." The pope will make the canonization proclamations at today's celebration in Rome.

With the canonization of these two men we now have two more saints to call upon to intercede for us on this Divine Mercy Sunday and always.

I wish to once again thank everyone who was involved with our recent celebrations during Holy Week and Easter. The dedication, preparation and presentation with enthusiasm is a reminder of our parishioner's love for our church and in particular our parish. We should all be very grateful for the generosity of our fellow parishioners.

At the conclusion of our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's supper I announced that St. Mark's had received the appointment of a new Pastor. Father Paul Spellman, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Los Angeles will become your new pastor on July 1, 2014. He was ordained in 2001. I am sure that you will all welcome him with open arms.

I have also received a new assignment after 12 years of ministry here at St. Mark's. On July 1st I will become the new pastor of St. Pascal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks. Compared to St. Mark's it is a larger parish with 6000 families. It is a diverse community. Like St. Mark's it is a bilingual community but with two Spanish Masses. The Elementary School has 340 students and there is also a very large Religious Education Program. Even though Thousand Oaks seems like a far away place it is only about 45 minutes away - if the freeways are not clogged up. This new assignment will bring me closer to my family since most of my extended family lives in the San Fernando Valley. Please pray for me and Father Paul Spellman during this time of transition. Change is never easy especially for priests. Just when you get comfortable the Archdiocese moves us around.

May this Easter-time be a joyful time for all of you.

Father Michael Rocha

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy en día, el domingo después de Pascua, celebramos el "Domingo de la Divina Misericordia." El gran y amado Papa John Papa Juan Pablo II comenzó esta celebración durante su pontificado.

La imagen de la Divina Misericordia es prominente este día. La mirada penetrante, compasiva de Jesús llega al espectador. Rayos rojos y blancos emanan del corazón, símbolos de la sangre y agua - Eucaristía y bautismo. Los católicos están invitados a confesar sus pecados o a rezar ante el Santísimo Sacramento en conjunción con esta fiesta. Que la Divina Misericordia este con todos y cada uno de ustedes.

El Domingo de la Divina Misericordia también es un día especial de celebración para nuestra iglesia porque el Papa Francisco va a canonizar a dos papas muy importantes y los declara Santos de la Iglesia. En este día el Papa Juan XXIII, el Papa John Paul II se van a unir a las filas de otros hombres y mujeres que llevaron vidas heroicas y por lo tanto merecen nuestro respeto y admiración. Ambos Papas han tenido un impacto increíble en la iglesia y el mundo. El Papa Juan XXIII, conocido como "Juan, el Papa Bueno," convocó el Concilio Vaticano II; El Papa Juan Pablo II, llamado "Papa Juan el Grande," fue en gran parte responsable por la ejecución de este. Ambos jugaron un papel decisivo en la movilización de la "nueva evangelización", en la que la iglesia proclama la buena nueva de Jesucristo con "nuevo... ardor, métodos y expresión." El Papa Francis contribuyó a esta convocatoria en su reciente exhortación apostólica "La alegría del Evangelio". El Papa hará las proclamaciones de canonización en la celebración de hoy en Roma.

Con la canonización de estos dos hombres, ahora tenemos dos Santos más para hacer un llamamiento a que interceda por nosotros en este Domingo de Divina Misericordia y siempre.

Me gustaría dar las gracias una vez más todos los que estuvieron involucrados con nuestras recientes celebraciones durante la Semana Santa y Pascua. La dedicación, preparación y presentación con entusiasmo es un recordatorio de nuestro amor para nuestra iglesia y en particular nuestra parroquia. Todos deberíamos estar muy agradecidos por la generosidad de nuestros feligreses.

Al concluir la Misa de Jueves Santo de la Cena del Señor anuncié que San Marcos recibió el nombramiento de un nuevo Pastor. Padre Paul Spellman, pastor de la Parroquia Holy Name Jesus Church en Los Ángeles el sera su nuevo párroco en 1 de julio de 2014. Fue ordenado en el año 2001. Estoy seguro que todos le darán la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos.

También yo he recibido una nueva asignación después de 12 años de Ministerio aquí en San Marcos. El 1 de julio comenzaré como nuevo Pastor de la Iglesia de St. Pascal Baylon en Thousand Oaks. Comparado con San Marcos es una parroquia más grande con 6000 familias. Es una comunidad diversa. Como San Marcos es una comunidad bilingüe, pero con dos misas español. La escuela primaria tiene 340 estudiantes y también hay un gran programa de Educación Religiosa. Aunque Thousand Oaks parece un lugar muy lejos es sólo unos 45 minutos - si las autopistas no están obstruidas. Esta nueva misión traerá más cerca a mi familia ya que la mayoría de mi familia vive en el valle de San Fernando. Por favor oren por mí y por el Padre Paul Spellman durante este periodo de transición. El cambio nunca es fácil, especialmente para los sacerdotes. Justo cuando uno está cómodo en una parroquia la Arquidiócesis nos mueve.

Que este tiempo de Pascua sea un momento alegre para todos ustedes.

Padre Michael Rocha

SPIRITUAL LIFE

CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY

Since 1951, the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity has offered hope for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Next weekend all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up this Annual Collection. Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults and families and provides one-time emergency help for food, utilities, medical, housing or funeral expenses. The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the “neediest of the needy,” those for whom no other resources exist. Please be as generous as possible.

FONDO DE CARIDAD DEL CARDENAL MCINTYRE

Desde 1951, el Fondo de Caridad del Cardenal McIntyre ha dado esperanza a todos aquellos en situaciones de crisis en toda la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. El próximo fin de semana todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis tendrán la Colecta Anual. Su contribución va directamente hacia las necesidades de emergencia para niños, adultos y familias, y se ofrece ayuda de emergencia una sola vez de alimentos, servicios públicos, médicos, de vivienda o para gastos del funeral. El objetivé del Fondo de Caridad del Cardenal McIntyre es de asistir a los “mas necesitados” aquellos para los que no existen otros recursos. Por favor sea tan generoso como le sea posible.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great Easter traditions is “mystagogy,” an ancient word meaning “reflection on the mysteries.” It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life. There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you’ve had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you’ve been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you’ve said “I do” to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God’s abundant love, of forgiveness, of community. It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called “neophytes,” meaning “newly planted.” The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

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 to schedule at 310-821-5058.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

KNIGHT’S OF COLUMBUS

The Knight’s of Columbus will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, May 4, 2014!!

Please join us on the patio after all the morning masses for some delicious goodies!

Lupe Garcia,
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus
Marina Council 4834
(310) 505-3990



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes:	Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36, ó (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 ó Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2- 4,12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Viernes:	Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Domingo:	Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Mark Neophytes

The Parish of St. Mark welcomes our newest members, now called “neophytes.” They are Jessica Cail, Parveneh Showrai, Madeleine Wong, Ron Accosta, Scott Beaver and Bonnie-Jill Laflin. We continue to celebrate with them during the Period of Mystagogy (an experience of the unfolding Mystery of God’s love), and we pray that our continued journey together might be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit as we live in the love of our Risen Lord.

Inquiry

If you, or someone you know, has been considering membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Initiation now is the time to join the newest Inquiry group that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the school. Please call the Religious Education Office at 310-822-1201 to let us know you are coming.

Religious Education

Class for 7th and 8th grade religious education students resumes this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. Elementary grades 1-6 begin again next Saturday May 3 at 9am.



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This Week at St. Mark’s Apr 27, - May 4, 2014

- Mon. Meditation and Gentle Stretching 6:30pm - School
Spanish Leaders 7:00pm - School
- Tues. Legion of Mary 7:00pm - School
7th & 8th Gr RE meeting 6:30pm - School
- Wed. Inquiry meeting 6:30pm - School
- Thurs. Spanish Youth Group 7:00pm - School
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm - Church
- Fri. 8:00am Mass
- Sat. Elementary Gr 1-6 RE 9:00am - School
- Sun. 3rd Sunday of Easter



Mass Schedule

Sat, May 3	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales
Sun, May 4	7:30am	Fr. Michael
	9:00am	Fr. Michael
	10:30am	Fr. Luis Proenca
	12:00pm	Fr. Michael
	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales



MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 26	5:30pm	Eleanor Coria †
Apr 27	7:30am	Mary Ketchem †
	9:00am	Roy Da Costa †
	10:30am	People of the Parish
	12:00pm	Torres & Rocha Family
	5:30pm	Elizabeth & Alexander O’Neil †
Apr 28	8:00am	Roy Da Costa †
Apr 29	8:00am	Bob Ziello
Apr 30	8:00am	Bob Ziello
May 1	8:00am	Tomas Fernandez †
May 2	8:00am	Deacon M. Compean †
May 3	8:00am	Roy Da Costa †

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2:42-47).

Salmo — Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos. (1 Pedro 1:3-9).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Child protection is a priority for the Church

SCHOOL BOARD

The Catholic Church in the United States has made care for minors a key priority, with safe environment programs established in every diocese. Through these programs more than five million minors already have been educated on how to protect themselves from harm, and nearly two million adults have undergone background screening and training on appropriate relationships with youth in their care. To find out how you can help keep children safe, please call the parish office or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, (213) 637-7227. For particular help, you may call Victims Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

The Board of Saint Mark School has 2 open seats for the 2014/2015 school year. If you've wanted to be more involved with the school on a more strategic level, please consider joining the school board.

For particular help you may call Suzanne Healy, director of Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650 or Helene Hickey at 310-821-6612.

The board exists as an advisory committee to the Principal and the Pastor on matters that will guide the Administration in achieving the objectives of the long-range plans for the school.

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS

The Purpose and Responsibility, Nature and Functions of the Board are:

La protección de menores es una prioridad para la iglesia

1. Sharing responsibility with the Pastor, the Board is established as a consultative body in matters of Catholic school education at Saint Mark School.
2. The purpose of this Board is to assist and advise the parish Pastor and the School Principal in the formation of goals, policies, and procedures pertaining to Saint Mark School.

La Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos ha hecho el cuidado de los menores una prioridad y ha establecido en todas las diócesis programas para ambientes seguros. Con estos programas ya se han educado más de cinco millones de menores en cómo protegerse contra daño, y casi dos millones de adultos han pasado por una investigación de huellas y entrenamiento a fondo sobre cómo mantener relaciones sanas con los menores que se encuentran en sus cargos. Para informarse como usted puede ayudar a proteger a los niños, por favor comuníquese con su parroquia o con el programa Protegiendo a Los Niños de la Arquidiócesis al 213-637-7227. Para obtener ayuda, llame al Ministerio de Asistencia a Víctimas (213) 637-7650.

Board meetings are held the second Monday of every Month at 5:30pm.

Additionally, each board member will join one of the various board committees which also meet once and month at various times.

Para obtener ayuda puede llamar a Suzanne Healy, directora del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650 o llame a Helene Hickey 310-821-6612.

Your ability to attend the meetings is a requirement for nomination.

The Board, welcomes nominations from all interested parties. Please send an email to saintmarkschoolboard@gmail.com stating; your contact information, why you are interested in joining the board, and what background and experience you have that you feel will be beneficial to the board and its mission.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
The Board of Saint Mark School

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Saint Mark School

*◆Educating Children in the Way, the Truth, and the Life◆
Kindergarten through Grade 8*

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