

CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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
celebrated upon request.
Contact 821-5058

Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
Contact 821-5058

Parish Staff

Maintenance/Mgr.	Antonio Rodriguez 821-5058
Rectory Care	Sandra Perez 821-5058
Rec./Church Care	Catalina Blasi 821-5058
Secretary	Gabriela Bravo 821-5058
Secretary	Blanca Meza 821-5058

Liturgy

Altar Servers	Joan Horne.....463-9017
Altar Society	Chris Putziger.....396-3265

Eucharistic Ministry:

To the Sick (Eng)	Fr. Francisco Garcia ... 821-5058
To the Sick (Esp)	Romeo Santos973-4129
In Church	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612
	Joan Horne.....463-9017

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Wedding Coord.	Gabriela Bravo821-5058
Quinceañera Coord.	Gabriela Bravo821-5058

Music

Music Director	Maeve Cummings902-0109
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	Cherry Lappin821-5058
	Steve Gunning (Eng) ..906-9035

Greeter

Ushers

Parish School

Principal	Mary Ann McQueen ... 821-6612
Secretary	Mary Ann Welchance 821-6612
Secretary	Maria Donaldson.....821-6612

Religious Education

Director	Judy Girard.....822-1201 ext 249
Office Secretary	Maria Acosta...822-1201 ext 250
Confirmation	George Martin.822-1201 ext 248
R.C.I.A.	Susan Lewis...822-1201 ext 247

Parish Organization

Bereavement Ministry	Fritz Hirt.....827-1585
Guadalupanas	Isaias Flores.....391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Lupe Garcia.....505-3990
Power House of Prayer	Barbara Kennedy 823-9387
Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez 735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....306-2796
Cursillo Group	George & Frances Martin.....572-1242

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (Eng)822-1201
Youth Ministry (Spa)	Fabiola Andrade.....945-6044

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Imagine if Jesus gave us a state-of-the-art iPhone, with a woman named Siri who lives inside it and answers all your questions.

In a sense, Jesus did just that when he gave us the Holy Spirit. Our access to this inner voice depends on one thing. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

After his ascension into heaven, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our guide and helper as we find our way through life. This gift of the Holy Spirit provides us with a wise and knowing companion.

This Sunday afternoon 56 teens and adults will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The teens have gone through a two year preparation process to arrive at this special day. The adults who are being confirmed went through a special Archdiocesan Adult Confirmation Program.

We are also honored to be able to welcome for the first time to our Saint Mark Community Archbishop José Gomez. Archbishop Gomez was named Coadjutor Archbishop of Los Angeles on April 6, 2010. A coadjutor bishop is named to a diocese when the presiding bishop of that diocese is approaching retirement. Archbishop Gomez came to succeed Cardinal Roger Mahony. Archbishop Gomez became the Archbishop of Los Angeles on March 1, 2011. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is the largest Archdiocese in the United States with over 4½ million Catholics spread out over 8,762 square miles. With all of his responsibilities it takes quite awhile to visit all 287 parishes spread out over our vast Archdiocese. Today our parish finally has an opportunity to receive our Archbishop on his first pastoral visit to our great parish community. Welcome Archbishop Gomez to St. Mark's and the City of Venice!

Last weekend we celebrated the last of our First Communion Masses. With that celebration our Religious Education Program has come to an end until the Fall. I wish to thank our Director of Religious Education, Judy Girard, and all of the dedicated catechists who shared their time and talents. It was obvious to me during the First Communion Masses, as well as speaking with all the children celebrating this sacrament, how well they were prepared and how knowledgeable they were. To all those involved in anyway with our Religious Education Program - Thank you! To all those who celebrated their First Communion this year - God Bless You and Congratulations!

I would also like to commend our Confirmation Coordinators - Year I (Edwin Ambrosio) and Year II (George & Francis Martin and Cathy Daoust) and their Confirmation teams for all their dedicated commitment and success throughout this past year. Because of your team efforts many more individuals have now been fully initiated into our Church. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed. May you always remain close to the Holy Spirit.

This weekend is also Memorial Day Weekend. We should all pause and say a prayer in gratitude for the services rendered by our men and women in uniform defending the cause of peace. Especially we pray for those who paid the ultimate price. May they rest in peace.

Father Michael Rocha

La Esquina del Párroco

Imagínate si Jesús nos diera un iPhone, con una mujer llamada Siri que vive dentro de él y responde a todas tus preguntas.

En cierto sentido, Jesús hizo eso cuando él nos dio el Espíritu Santo. Nuestro acceso a esta voz interior depende de una cosa. Jesús dijo, "si me amáis, guardaréis mis mandamientos. Y yo le pediré al Padre y os dará otro abogado para estar contigo siempre, el Espíritu de la verdad."

Después de su ascensión al cielo, Jesús envió el Espíritu Santo para ser nuestro guía y nos ayudara a encontrar nuestro camino por la vida. Este don del Espíritu Santo nos da un compañero sabio.

Este domingo por la tarde 56 adolescentes y adultos serán sellados con los dones del Espíritu Santo durante la celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación. Los adolescentes han pasado por un proceso de preparación de dos años para llegar a este día tan especial. Los adultos que están siendo confirmados fueron a través de un programa especial de confirmación para adultos arquidiocesano.

También nos sentimos honrados de poder darle la bienvenida por primera vez a nuestra comunidad de San Marcos al Arzobispo José Gómez. El Monseñor Gómez fue nombrado Arzobispo Coadjutor de Los Ángeles el 06 de abril de 2010. Un obispo coadjutor se nombra en una diócesis cuando el obispo de esa diócesis se aproxima a la jubilación. Arzobispo Gómez llegó para ser el sucesor del Cardenal Roger Mahony. El Arzobispo Gómez se convirtió en Arzobispo de Los Ángeles el 01 de marzo de 2011. La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles es la Arquidiócesis más grande en los Estados Unidos con más de 4 millones católicos repartidos sobre 8.762 millas cuadradas. Con todas sus responsabilidades toma bastante tiempo para visitar todas las 287 parroquias repartidas por nuestra Arquidiócesis. Hoy nuestra parroquia finalmente tiene la oportunidad de recibir a nuestro Arzobispo en su primera visita pastoral a nuestra gran comunidad parroquial. Bienvenido Monseñor Gómez a San Marcos y a la ciudad de Venice.

La semana pasada celebramos la última de nuestras Misas de Primera Comunión. Con esta celebración nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa ha llegado a su fin hasta el otoño. Me gustaría dar las gracias a nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, Judy Girard y a todos los catequistas dedicados que compartieron su tiempo y talento. Fue obvio para mí durante las Misas de Primera Comunión, así como hablar con todos los niños que celebraron este Sacramento, que ellos estaban preparados. Para todos aquellos involucrados de alguna manera con nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa -¡gracias! Para todos aquellos que celebraron su Primera Comunión este año - que Dios los bendiga y Felicidades.

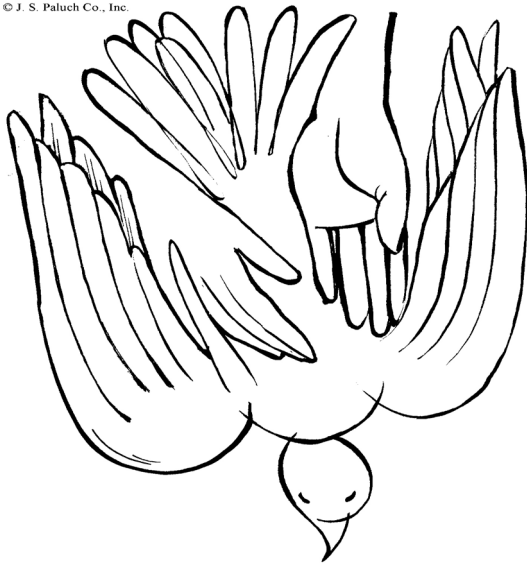
También me gustaría felicitar a nuestros Coordinadores de Confirmación - año I (Edwin Ambrosio) y año II (George & Francis Martin y Cathy Daoust) y su equipo de confirmación por todo su compromiso dedicado y éxito a lo largo de este año pasado. Debido a los esfuerzos de su equipo muchas más personas ya han sido completamente iniciadas en nuestra iglesia. Felicidades a todos los recién confirmados. Siempre permanezcan cerca del Espíritu Santo.

Este fin de semana también es fin de semana de Memorial Day. Todos debemos hacer una pausa y decir una oración en agradecimiento por los servicios prestados por nuestros hombres y mujeres en uniforme defendiendo la causa de la paz. Especialmente oramos por aquellos que pagan el precio más alto. Que descansen en paz.

Padre Michael Rocha

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TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

The latest report from the Together in Mission office shows that St. Mark's has successfully reached it's 2014 assigned goal in pledges. We are also well on our way in paying off those pledges. I wish to thank everyone who has pledged, all those that are paying off their pledges as well as those that have paid off their pledges.

Because of your concern and care numerous parishes and parish schools, in financially challenged areas of the Archdiocese, will be able to continue to be able to serve the needs of their parishioners. Thank you all for reaching out and spreading the Gospel of Love to our brothers and sisters in other parts of our great City of Angels.

Fr. Michael

Parish Goal:	\$53,939.40
Amount Pledged:	\$56,694.00
Amount Paid:	\$41,455.00

Difference Over/Under Goal vs. Amount Paid:
\$12,484.40

A reminder: Any amount received over our assigned goal will be rebated to St. Mark's.

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KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS

The Knight's of Columbus is sponsoring a Pala Casino bus trip fund raiser on Friday, June 13th. The event costs \$25 and includes \$5 in gambling money, drinks and food, and the bus. The bus will leave St. Mark at 9:30 am and will return around 7:00pm. Reservations are required. Please contact Terry Ballentine at 310-351-9743 for more information.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46) :2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Sábado: Sof 3:14-18a ó Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Lc 1:39-56
- Domingo: Hch 1:12-14; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pe 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a ó (para la Ascensión) Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation

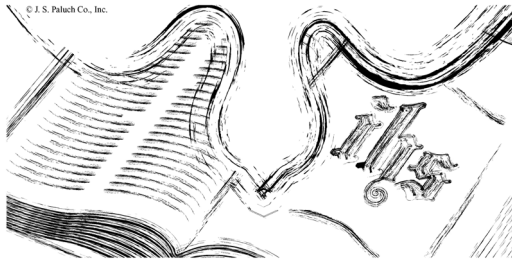
The Community of St. Mark welcomes Archbishop Jose Gomez today, May 25, as he confirms 56 teen and adult members of our parish. We pray together for the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the confirmandi on their continuing journey of faith.

Religious Education

As this school year quickly draws to a close it is time for parents whose children attend public or non-Catholic private schools (grades 1-8) and high school students who attend Catholic or non-Catholic schools to plan for their religious education. Registration is now open for all programs at St. Mark from Sunday pre-school through high school Confirmation preparation. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information and registration materials.

Educación Religiosa

Pronto terminara el año escolar y es tiempo para que los padres de los niños que asisten a las escuelas públicas o privadas que no son católicas (gr 1-8) y estudiantes de grados 9-12 hagan planes para que sus niños continúen su educación religiosa. En San Marcos está abierta la inscripción para todos los programas desde pre-escolar hasta los grados 7 y 8 y el Programa de Confirmación. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 310-822-1201.



This Week at St. Mark's May 26, - June 1, 2014

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| 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 School Mass |
| Sat. | RE Grades 1-6 9:00am - School |
| Sun. | 7th Sunday of Easter
Early Childhood 9:00am - School
Children's Liturgy 9:00am - School |

Mass Schedule

Sat, May 31	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales
Sun, June 1	7:30am	Fr. Michael
	9:00am	Fr. Tom King
	10:30am	Fr. Luis Proenca
	12:00pm	Fr. Michael
	5:30pm	Fr. Michael



May 24	5:30pm	Mother's Day Novena
May 25	7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
	9:00am	Juan & Nonie Aquino †
	10:30am	People of the Parish
	12:00pm	Modesto Perez †
	4:00pm	Confirmation Candidates
May 26	8:00am	Thanksgiving
May 27	8:00am	Sagrado Corazon †
May 28	8:00am	Sagrado Corazon †
May 29	8:00am	Maria Cueva
May 30	8:00am	Modesto Perez †
May 31	8:00am	Mena Barbarita †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or 1 Peter 4:13-16.*

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or Jn 17:1-11a.*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pedro y Juan les impusieron las manos, y recibieron el Espíritu Santo (Hechos 8:5-8, 14-17).

Salmo — Que aclame a Dios con alegría toda la tierra (Salmo 66 [65]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo murió en la carne, y luego resucitó por el Espíritu (1 Pedro 3:15-18) ó 1 Pedro 4:13-16.

Evangelio — Yo rogaré al Padre y les dará otro Protector. No los dejaré huérfanos (Juan 14:15-21) ó Juan 17:1-11a.

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

A healthy scrutiny of programs for kids helps create a healthy environment

It is not a best practice for a parent, guardian, employer, or manager to blindly trust everyone who works with children. Yet, paranoia of those who work with children is also not a best practice. There is a healthy balance. By regularly and frequently questioning the actions and motives of those who work with children, parents and other adults can audit the programs their children participate in and help keep caregivers accountable for their work. In this process, parents and other adults can create a constant fear of being caught in the mind of a perpetrator. By channeling this kind of healthy scrutiny and suspicion into accountability, adults can create an environment where children are protected, quality care is emulated, and abuse is not tolerated. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Escrutinio de los programas de niños ayudaría a crear ambientes saludables

No es la mejor práctica para padres, guardianes, empleadores o gerentes el confiar ciegamente en todos los que trabajan con niños. Sin embargo, la paranoia con quienes trabajan con niños tampoco es la mejor práctica. Existe un balance saludable. El cuestionar regular y frecuentemente las acciones y motivaciones de quienes trabajan con niños, padres y otros adultos, puede servir de auditoría de los programas en los que sus niños participan y ayudar a mantener a los guardianes responsables del trabajo que hacen. En este proceso, los padres y otros adultos pueden crear un temor constante de ser sorprendidos con la mente de un perpetrador. Al canalizar este tipo de escrutinio saludable y asumir responsabilidad, los adultos pueden crear un ambiente donde los niños sean protegidos, donde exista calidad en el cuidado y donde el abuso no sea tolerado. Para una copia del artículo de VIRTUS®, "Una onza de sospecha saludable vale una libra de prevención" (An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention), escriba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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

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Memorial Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

In observance of Memorial Day, the school will be closed Monday, May 26th.

SCHOOL BOARD

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.

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.

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. 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.

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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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