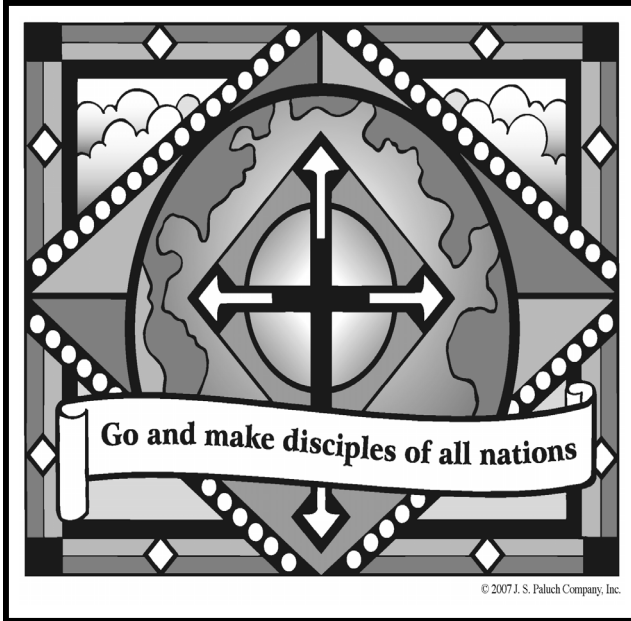


CHURCH OF SAINT MARK

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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
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Contact 821-5058

Holy Eucharistic for the Sick: Communion is given upon request.
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Guadalupanas	Isaias Flores.....391-5085
Knights of Columbus	Lupe Garcia.....505-3990
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Prayer Group (Esp)	Javier Hernandez735-7013
Legion of Mary	Lorene Ross.....306-2796
Cursillo Group	George & Frances Martin.....572-1242

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor's Corner

Today we are celebrating the great Feast Day of the Ascension. The ascension of Jesus is the ultimate culmination of his work on the cross on behalf of the world. He died to be resurrected, he was resurrected to be exalted at the Father's right hand. We celebrate Easter, but Easter culminates with the Ascension. The Ascension was traditionally celebrated by the Church on the Thursday between the sixth and seventh Sunday after Easter. It was ten days before the Day of Pentecost. In the United States most churches celebrate Ascension in place of the seventh Sunday of Easter. The reason for this is so that more Catholics will avail themselves of this important celebration of our faith. The message of the Ascension is twofold. First, the ascension of Jesus means he is Lord over all (Eph. 1:21-23). Second, the ascension means that Jesus' priestly work on our behalf continues eternally (Heb 9:24). Let's remember today that the man, Jesus of Nazareth, confirmed to be the Son of God by his being resurrected, has been exalted to God's right hand. It is this person, the resurrected and exalted Son of God, whom we worship, whom we follow, and whom we seek to pattern our lives after. It is this Jesus who we believe will return in glory at the end of the age to restore all things (Acts 1:11); and it is for him that in the meantime we bear witness through our testimony to the message of his kingship and his continuous and gracious work on behalf of humanity.

As Jesus was about to return to his Father he asked to the Apostles to go out and make disciples of all the peoples. This message and invitation is also given to all of us. In September, in all parishes, the formal RCIA process will begin for those who wish to enter the Catholic Church or to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Everyone has their own personal story. Everyone's spiritual journey is different. A year ago or more might not have been the right time or the calling to join the church was not felt strongly enough. You know your families, your neighbors and fellow workers. You are not being asked to preach to them but simply to encourage them if they ask. I invite you all to be witnesses to your faith. I invite you to encourage them to come to St. Mark's, or to whatever parish they belong to or are near, and at least inquire. Right now St. Mark's is holding the "Inquiry Period" for those considering joining the church. These weekly meetings are just to come and informally inquire, talk or just listen to different topics regarding the church. There is no obligation. Please direct interested persons to call our Religious Education Office for more information.

I wish once again congratulate all the teens and adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. Now that you are "adults" in the church I wish to encourage you to get more involved in one of our ministries. There is something for everyone. What are you interested in doing? You are wanted - you are needed!

This Monday, June 2nd, is our monthly Eucharistic Adoration Day. As usual we need volunteers to be present in prayer in our church throughout the day. Please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet in the church vestibule today after Mass. Thank you for your commitment.

God's peace and blessing to each and everyone of you.

Father Michael Rocha

La Esquina del Párroco

Hoy celebramos Día de la Ascensión. La ascensión de Jesús es la culminación definitiva de su obra en la Cruz en nombre del mundo. Él murió para ser resucitado, fue resucitado para ser exaltado a la diestra del padre. Celebramos la Semana Santa, pero Pascua culmina con la Ascensión. La ascensión se celebra tradicionalmente en la iglesia el jueves entre el sexto y séptimo domingo después de Pascua, diez días antes del Día de Pentecostés. En los Estados Unidos la mayoría de las iglesias celebran la Ascensión en lugar del jueves el séptimo Domingo de Pascua. La razón de esto es para que los católicos se den cuenta de esta importante celebración de nuestra fe. El mensaje de la ascensión es doble. En primer lugar, la ascensión de Jesús significa que él es el Señor de todos. Efesios 1:21-23). En segundo lugar, la ascensión significa que la obra sacerdotal de Jesús en nuestro nombre continúa eternamente (Hebreos 9:24). Vamos a recordar hoy que el hombre, Jesús de Nazaret, confirmó que es el hijo de Dios su resucitando y exaltado a la diestra de Dios. Es esta persona, el resucitado y exaltado hijo de Dios a quien adoramos, seguimos y a quien buscamos para que sea el patrón de nuestras vidas. Es este Jesús que creemos que volverá en gloria al final de los tiempos para restaurar todas las cosas (actos. 1:11); y es por lo que mientras tanto damos testimonio a través de nuestro testimonio al mensaje de su reinado y su continuo trabajo en nombre de la humanidad.

Cuando Jesús estaba cerca de regresar a su padre invitó a los apóstoles a que salieran e hicieran discípulos de todos los pueblos. Este mensaje e invitación también se nos da a nosotros. En septiembre, en todas las parroquias, comenzará el proceso formal de RCIA para aquellos que desean entrar a la iglesia católica o para completar los Sacramentos de Iniciación. Cada uno tiene su propia historia personal. El viaje espiritual de cada persona es diferente. Hace un año o más no podría haber sido el momento o el llamado a unirse a la iglesia no era fuerte. Ustedes conocen a sus familias, sus vecinos y compañeros de trabajo. No se les pide que les prediquen sino simplemente que los animen si preguntan. Les invito a todos a ser testigos de su fe. Les invito a alentarlos a venir a San Marcos. O a cualquier parroquia que tengan cerca y por lo menos pregunten. Ahora San Marcos está sosteniendo el "período de información" para aquellos que estén considerando unirse a la iglesia. Estas reuniones semanales son sólo para venir y preguntar informalmente, hablar o escuchar diferentes temas relacionados a la iglesia. No hay ninguna obligación. Para más información, dirija a las personas interesadas a nuestra oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Una vez más me gustaría felicitar a todos los jóvenes y adultos que recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación el domingo pasado. Ahora que son "adultos" en la iglesia me gustaría animaros a involucrarse más en uno de nuestros ministerios. Hay algo para todos. ¿Qué te interesa hacer? te llaman - ¡te necesitan!

Este lunes 2 de junio, es nuestro Día de Adoración Eucarística mensual. Como siempre necesitamos voluntarios para que estén presentes en oración en nuestra iglesia durante todo el día. Por favor después de la Misa regístrese en la hoja de inscripción voluntaria que está en el vestíbulo. Gracias por su compromiso.

La paz y bendición de Dios para todos y cada uno de ustedes.

Padre Michael Rocha

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Save the Date

Farewell Mass
&
Reception
for
Father Michael Rocha

Pastor of Saint Mark Church
2002 -2014

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Special Bilingual Mass
at
12:00noon

Reception following
from
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Garfield Parking Lot Great Lawn

Entertainment
by
Mariachi "Voces de Mexico"
de
Casa Sanchez

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

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 104:1-2a, 24, 35c,
27-28, 29bc-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; Jn 20:19-23

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd,
6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

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 ó Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b ó
Ez 37:1-14 ó Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 24,
35c, 27-28, 29bc-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; Jn 20:19-23

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 7 - 8, all parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests. This fund provides for all the retired priests who have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. We, in turn, owe it to them to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those for their generosity to this Special Collection.

COLECCION ESPECIAL

El proximo fin de semana, 7 - 8 de junio, se les pedirá a todos los feligreses que contribuyan generosamente al Fondo de Jubilación para los Sacerdotes Arquidiocesanos. Este fondo proporciona ayuda a todos los sacerdotes jubilados que han dedicado sus vidas a servir, atendiendo las necesidades espirituales de nuestras comunidades parroquiales. Nosotros a cambio debemos asegurarnos que ellos no tengan que preocuparse por sus años de retiro. Deseamos expresar nuestra mas sincera gratitud a todos por su generosidad en esta colecta especial.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

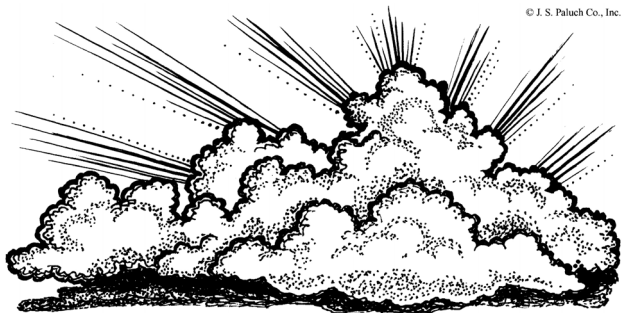
RCIA

All those who celebrated their Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil are completing their formal sessions of Mystagogy, a Greek term that means to "unfold the mysteries." We pray for Ron Acosta, Scott Beaver, Jessica Cail, Bonnie-Jill Laflin, Parvaneh Showrai, and Madeleine Wong as they discern active participation in one of the ministries at St. Mark.

If you, or someone you know, is considering membership in the Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The next Inquiry session will be held on Wed. June 4 at 6:30pm in the school. Please call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

Thank You

As this year's formal Religious Education sessions conclude, we offer thanks to the many catechists who volunteer every week in our preschool, elementary, middle grades, Children's Liturgy, and teen Confirmation programs. We also thank those who serve as adult catechists in Bible studies, RCIA, meditation and prayer groups. They are visible signs of God's presence among us. St. Mark thanks each of them for their faithful service.



This Week at St. Mark's June 2, - June 8, 2014

- Mon. Adoration 8:30am - Church
Benediction 8:30pm - church
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. Pentecost Sunday

Mass Schedule

Sat, June 7	5:30pm	Fr. Luis Proenca
Sun, June 8	7:30am	Fr. Michael
	9:00am	Fr. Michael
	10:30am	Fr. Tom King
	12:00pm	Fr. Marc
	5:30pm	Msgr. John Morales

MASS INTENTIONS

May	31	5:30pm	Carmen Hernandez †
June	1	7:30am	Bill May †
		9:00am	Irene & Jose Franco †
		10:30am	People of the Parish
		12:00pm	Guadalupanas
		5:30pm	Antagracia & Enrique †
June	2	8:00am	Deacon M. Compean †
June	3	8:00am	Divine Child
June	4	8:00am	Maria Luisa Robledo †
June	5	8:00am	Maria Robledo Montes †
June	6	8:00am	Francis & Albert Cardenas †
June	7	8:00am	Mary Ketchem †

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).
Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera (Hechos 1:1-11).
Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).
Segunda lectura — Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23).
Evangelio — Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).

SAFE GUARD THE CHILDREN

Victims of abuse can seek help/information by dialing toll free number

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was created in April of 2002 to deal with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious, or any lay person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese. Call the office toll free number, (800) 355-2545, to report misconduct by a priest, deacon or other person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; to get information about the Archdiocese's ongoing commitment, programs resources that focus on outreach to victims/survivors of sexual abuse; and to report abuse suffered in another diocese and to receive assistance in connecting with the appropriate persons in that diocese.

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

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NINOS

Víctimas de abuso pueden buscar ayuda marcando número gratuito

La Oficina del Ministerio de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles fue creada en abril del 2002 para trabajar en casos pasados o actuales de abuso sexual por parte de clérigos, religiosos o cualquier persona laica empleada o haciendo trabajo voluntario para la arquidiócesis. Llame al número de teléfono gratuito (800) 355-2545, para reportar problemas de conducta de un sacerdote, diácono u otra persona trabajando asalariadamente o voluntariamente para la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles; para obtener información sobre los compromisos, recursos de programas que se enfocan en alcance a las víctimas/sobrevivientes de abuso sexual; y para reportar abuso sufrido en otra diócesis y recibir asistencia para conectarse con las personas apropiadas en esa diócesis.

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.



Welcome to Our Community

Mary Rubin
Lauren Meyer
Kerstin & Moon Schulze

SCHOOL NEWS

THE MONTH OF MAY

May is always a busy time for schools and St. Mark is no exception!

First Communion and May Crowning with Malina Yago and Emma Sheridan serving as the students who crowned Mary. Angela Villesenor was the second grader selected to serve as the crown bearer. Combining a celebration of First Communion with the May Crowning is a lovely tradition and includes the entire 8th grade and First Communicants as well as the rest of the school.

Track Season Victory!

The track team had a very successful season all around. In particular, the 7-8 grade girl's track team earned the amazing title of second team overall in all of CYO. This means that out of 138 schools they earned the second highest number of points at the final track meet of the season winning or placing second in five events. Congratulations to the entire track team and to the finalist including Malina Yago, Tatyana Henry, Valeria Romo and Maya Hollien, Isabella Wright, Harley Zepeda, Maddy Phung, Kayla Nieto, Suezette Chavez.

The 5-6 grade boys volleyball team has had a very successful season. The co-ed combined 3-4 grade team is enjoying a successful season as well. 6-8 grade girl's soccer team has also had a winning season and continues to shine in their league.

Field trips to the Los Angeles Zoo, The Eco Station, the Annenberg Space for Photography, The Reagan Library, and The Natural History Museum have all taken place in the past few months. Soon the 8th grade will be going on retreat with Fr. Michael as they prepare for Graduation and high school. Our graduates were accepted to the following high schools and we are very proud of their accomplishments:

- Crespi Carmelite
- Marymount High School
- Notre Dame Academy
- Pacifica Christian
- St. Bernard High School
- St. John Bosco
- St. Monica High School

Windward (two of our sixth graders were admitted)

There are openings in some grades for next year and we welcome interested families to visit the school, pick up an application and make arrangements for a tour and/or information.

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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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