

Saint Mark Catholic Church

February 25, 2018



I will make your
descendants as countless
as the stars of the sky

Mrs. Maria Ong
Coordinator of Religious Education, Gr. 1-8
Mrs. Jill Watkins
Coordinator of Youth Ministry/Confirmation
CHOIRS

Michael Clements 4:30
Mario Valentone 8:00
Jun Madrinan 9:45
Don Ramirez 11:30
Nelia Licudine—Children Choir

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am
Daily Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
Exposition after Mass until noon Benediction

Holy Days: Information in Bulletin
Perpetual Help Devotions/Benediction:
Weds. 7:00 pm in Chapel
Rosary: Mon. Tues. Weds. 7:30 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45- 4:15 pm
and/or call for an appt.

BAPTISMS

New or expecting parents must contact the Rectory three (3) months before the Baptism to allow sufficient time for the instructions prior to the celebration.

MARRIAGES

Contact Rectory 6 months in advance.
LOCAL CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Holy Cross, Colma: 650-756-2060
Holy Cross, Menlo Park: 650-323-6375

Saint Mark Catholic Community Mission

*TO PROMOTE THE LIVING GOSPEL
OF JESUS CHRIST AND LIVE
THE UNIVERSAL
CALL TO HOLINESS*

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Rev. Msgr. James T. Tarantino, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gerard Quinn, Deacon
Catherine Coolin, Office Manager

PARISH MINISTRIES

Catechesis	Parish Pastoral Council
Choirs	Prayer Group
Finance	Rosary Group
Greeters	Sandwiches on Sunday
Hospitality	(SOS)
Knight of Columbus	St. Vincent de Paul
Ladies Guild	Youth Ministry
Legion of Mary	



Welcome in Jesus' Name. Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, long-time residents or the newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

___ New Parishioner ___ New Phone
___ New Address

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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SAVE THE DATE
"ST. MARK PARISH LENTEN RETREAT"
Saturday March 10
9:00am—2:00pm in the Church
Details to follow

Children Faith Formation/Religious Education
 Maria Ong, Coordinator, Grades 1-8
 591-7072 sm.faithform@yahoo.com



Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 & Confirmation (High School)
 Jill Watkins 591-5937

WE PRAY FOR:

For our sick and injured :
ESPECIALLY

Msgr. James Tarantino
 Suzan Desing
 Rita Gomes
 Connie Luis Allen
 Sherlyn Barker
 Eva Barr
 Lee Savasta
 Marlene Anuzzi
 Katie Coyle
 Vera Sorensen

For those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.

For all the souls of the faithful departed & their families.

For those serving in the military especially Capt. Francis Buan and Seaman Javier Rosas and for their families.

ABSTINENCE:

Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent including Good Friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations are every Friday throughout Lent at 7 p.m., except for Good Friday which are during the Noon to 3pm Service. A simple Soup Dinner precedes the stations of the cross at 6:00pm in the Fr. Flanagan Ctr.

STEWARDSHIP

February 18th will be in next bulletin

In order to meet the budget for the year, on average, the weekly collection for St. Mark needs to be \$5,800
Thank you for your kindness

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County is currently hiring for the Director of Development position. SVdP's Director of Development will be responsible for managing activities related to fundraising and mission advancement. We are looking for an experienced, passionate, and joyful individual to join our team. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits!

All applications should be submitted electronically, to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County, Attention: Executive Director, at info@svdpsm.org and should include a letter of application, resume, writing sample and contact information for 3 professional references. A review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. SVdP is an equal opportunity employer.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
 — *Romans 8:31b*



- MON.
- TUES.
- WED.
- THURS. Ethel "Mom" Coolin † Birthday
- FRIDAY Ben & Lorry Ramos †
March 3, 2018
- 8:30 Alonso Silva, † Birthday
- 4:30 Bon Family †
March 4, 2018
- 8:00
- 9:45 Clara Tao †
- 11:30 St. Mark parishioners, Living & †

2018 MEETING CALENDAR

MONDAY:

St. Vincent de Paul 1ST
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary Every
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Knights Officers 1st
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Knights Council 2nd
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Group Coordinators 4th (4x/yr.)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

CCD: (Gr 5-8) Sept. - May Every
7:15-8:45 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Every
In Church All Day Food Storing
Pastoral Council 7:00-9:00 p.m. 4th

WEDNESDAY:

Ladies Guild Sept-May 1st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Baptism Class 2nd
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Finance Group 2nd
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Confirmation - Jill 1st & 3rd
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Ladies Guild Board 3rd
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Scripture Study Sept-May Every
10:00 - Noon
PRAYER GROUP Every
In Church 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
SVDP (Bread Dist.) Every
In Church 10:00am-3:00pm
Choir - Jun Madrinan Every
In Center 7:00 - 8:30pm

FRIDAY—In Church

Children's Choir Practice 5:00pm 3rd & 4th
Choir - Don Ramirez Every
7:00-9:00PM
Flower Group Every
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

Legion of Mary meets 1ST
Noon- 1:30 p.m.
RCIA Every
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

CCD (Gr 1 -4) Sept.-May Every
9:45 - Noon
Knights- Mass & Fellowship 2nd
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 2nd
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
SOS 3rd
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group (Aug.- May) 3rd
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mass & Fellowship

**(ALL meetings are held in Center unless otherwise indicated) ALL ARE WELCOME!
JOIN A GROUP THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!**

Lenten Action for Dreamers:
Congressional Call-In Campaign
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Please participate in the Call-in Day to Congress on Monday, February 26, 2018. Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation as soon as March 6, unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them.

Please follow these easy steps to help:

1. Please call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard, and press 1 to connect to your Senators. Once you are connected to each Senator's office, please ask the person on the phone to deliver this simple message:

"I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

- Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a path to citizenship.
- Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.
- As a Catholic, I know that families are not "chains," but a blessing to be protected.
- Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters."

2. Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and **press 2 to connect to your Representative**. Once you are connected to the Representative's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver the same message as above**.

After completing your call, please go to <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org> to learn more about Dreamers and find other ways to voice your support.