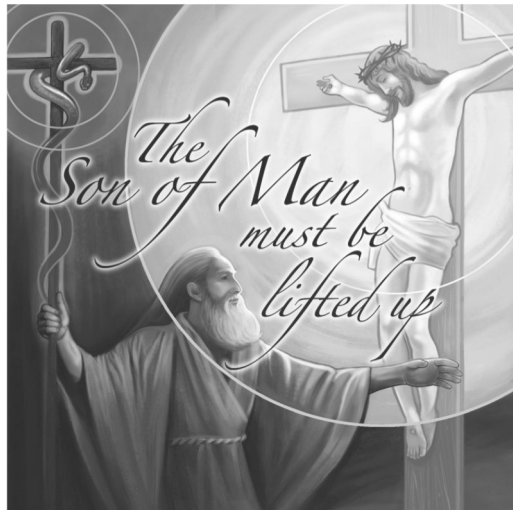


# Saint Mark Catholic Church

March 11, 2018



**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. 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

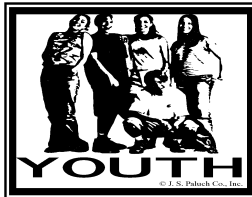
The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air - theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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***WE PRAY FOR:***

**For our sick and injured :**  
**ESPECIALLY**

Msgr. James Tarantino  
 Rita Gomes  
 Connie Luis Allen  
 Sherlyn Barker  
 Eva Bar

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

**For all the souls of the faithful departed:**

**ESPECIALLY:**

Marlene Annuzzi,  
 James Shea  
 & their families.

**For those serving in the military** 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.



Happy St.  
 Patrick's Day  
 on Saturday



**NOT ENOUGH**

It is not enough for me to love God, if my  
 neighbor does not love God.—St. Vincent de Paul

- MON. Esther Dizon †
- TUES.
- WED. Nicanor Lim †
- THURS. Jan Nielsen Palma on birthday
- FRIDAY John Palma on birthday  
March 17 2018  
 4:30 Stuart Foster †  
March 18, 2018  
 8:00 St. Mark parishioners, Living & †  
 9:45 Msgr. James Tarantino, Healing  
 11:30 Bea Atendido Birthday

**STEWARDSHIP**

**March 4th \$5,826 Plus \$26**

In order to meet *the budget* for the  
 year, on average, the weekly collection  
 for St. Mark needs to be **\$5,800**  
**Maintenance Mar. 4 \$3,040**  
**Thank you for your kindness**

**HOLY THURSDAY March 29th  
 PASCHAL SUPPER**

**6:00PM BEFORE MASS**

(Simple meal of soup, bread & wine)

***RESERVATIONS REQUIRED***

***Due: Thursday, March 22***

*Children under 10 and Third child (or  
 more) are free. Adults \$5.00 Children  
 \$3.00*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# Of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose fee with form and put  
 in collection basket or drop off at  
 office. Thanks!

## 2018 MEETING CALENDAR

### **MONDAY:**

St. Vincent de Paul 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Group Coordinators 4<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Finance Group 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
  
Confirmation - Jill 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Ladies Guild Board 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Group 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
SOS 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Group (Aug.- May) 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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!**



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**IT'S TIME FOR.....!!**  
**The YOUTH**  
**GROUP'S Annual**  
**SEES CANDY sales.**

Next weekend **ONLY**  
March 17th-18th

We will be selling assorted Easter  
goodies and candy bars!

*Thank you* in advance for your support

## **LENTEN OUTREACH**

### **NEW, WARM SOCKS!!**

Last year during Lent, the parish participated in a Blessing Bag outreach for the homeless. The response was overwhelming. However, because the past year has been a hard one with so many natural disasters and other worthwhile requests for our hard earned "treasure", the Ladies' Guild has decided not do the bags this Lent. However, the **ONE ITEM** in those bags that was the most welcome and is the most needed was the **SOCKS!!**

**So we are opening up a**  
**SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS DRIVE**  
**for Lent.**

We are asking for new, warm socks. If you are able to help, please bring your socks and leave in the basket available on the right side of the altar.

**We will collect through**  
**March 25.**

**If you are not able -**  
**prayers are ALWAYS NEEDED.**