

Saint Mark Catholic Church

APRIL 22, 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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Belmont, California 94002**

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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

Altar Servers	Legion of Mary
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



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 EASTER

When Does Two Equal 10 and 10 Equal Two?

By Richard Watkins

I think it is safe to say that if something comes in the amount of 10, that thing is viewed upon favorably. When a baby is born, parents look for 10 fingers and toes. At the end of every year, there are slews and slews of 10 top lists. When shopping, a 10 for \$10 sale is great deal. 10 is the number of bowling pins to start each frame not to mention the number of frames in each game. The number of hot dogs per pack is 10. It's the time of the morning I'd prefer waking up if it weren't for my wife and kids. And...wait for it...there are the 10 Commandments.

Let's take a look at those Commandments for a moment. We have: 1. *You shall not have other gods beside me*; 2. *You shall not make for yourself an idol...you shall not bow down before them or serve them*; 3. *You shall not invoke the name of the LORD, your God, in vain*; 4. *Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy*; 5. *Honor your father and your mother*; 6. *You shall not kill*; 7. *You shall not commit adultery*; 8. *You shall not steal*; 9. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*; 10. *You shall not covet your neighbor's house...wife, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor*

Pretty straightforward, right? But then we have Jesus who comes along and when asked by the Pharisees, "*Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest,*" Jesus responded with: "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment,*" (Matt. 22:37-38).

And then, for good measure, He added: "*The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments,*" (Matt. 22:39-40).

Wait. What? Love? Moses' Commandments never said anything about love. It was a list of thou shalt and shalt nots. Do we go with what God dictated to Moses or with what Jesus said? And if we go with Jesus, His first one isn't even in the original 10 which is "*You shall not have other gods beside me*". And for that matter, neither is the one about loving your neighbor. There is a mention of bearing false witness and coveting against one's neighbor, but Moses' Commandments never said anything about having to love anyone.

Was Jesus paraphrasing the Commandments; condensing them down so they would be easier to remember? Like the people living back in those days had so much on their mind that they might forget all 10.

"I have to get Hadarezer to sheep sheering practice by 4:00 then Dionysius has a fishing team tryouts at 4:30 then I have to pick up Malchiel from basket weaving and I still can't remember commandments 5 through 7 and I'm shaking on number 9. Man I wish there were only like two I needed to remember."

Of course not. But what Jesus did was to take the 10 and break them down into two categories. Commandments one through four pertain to God and five through 10 apply to our neighbors.

Here's how: Let's say that you did worship someone (or something) instead of God. And you made an idol of someone/something, bowed down to it and pledged your allegiance to it. Would that be showing love to God? Or maybe you did worship God but you took the LORD's name in vain. Would that be an example of loving God? I think we can all agree that it is not. So then, conversely, if one did love God with all of his heart, soul, and mind could he worship a false god? Could he not keep holy the Sabbath? No because the love for God, with all one's heart and soul and mind wouldn't allow it.

Similarly, how much love would be shown to a neighbor if you went out and spread false rumors about him? Maybe you told a lie that got him in trouble with a relative or another neighbor. Or at work? Or worse, with the law? Or maybe you stole a neighbor's (fill in the blank here) because you really liked that (fill in the blank here) and wanted it so much? Or, if, because of coveting his wife, you killed the neighbor and took her for your own (which, by the way, is what got King David in so much trouble with God).

How can you honor your parents if you don't love them? Would one be showing love to a spouse if they were out committing adultery? And don't give me any of that "my spouse is not my neighbor. We live in the same house" stuff. We must remember that when Jesus said "neighbor" he meant everyone else that is not you. And when I say everyone, I mean that guy who bags groceries at the store, the construction worker building a new house in Indiana and the kid who just skipped a rock 3 times across a contaminated and disease-ridden pond in Ethiopia. Even though you may not who these people are or if the even exist, they are still considered your neighbor.

Simply put, in order to keep the Commandments God gave us, there has to be love for everyone. You can't love God and worship someone else. You can't love your neighbor and steal from them. Equally, you can't bear false witness against and claim you love. Your main priority in life cannot be money or fame or popularity and say you love with all your heart, soul and mind. If you did, God would be your priority, not money or fame or popularity.

So, in short, by obeying Jesus' two commandments, you are in keeping with God's 10. And by holding true to God's 10 Commandments, you are fulfilling Jesus' two.

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SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: May 18-20, 2018 in San Jose. Early registration is highly recommended.

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God Bless, Paul & Stephanie Francois communications@sanjosewwme.org
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STEWARDSHIP

EASTER: \$13,379
APRIL 8TH: \$4,367
APRIL 15TH: \$4,800

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS



Masses for the Week

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**AAA ASSIGNMENT FOR
 2018 IS \$52,991**

We extend our gratitude to those who have pledged! We encourage everyone to pledge to take part in our goal! Forms are available in church. Thank you!

WE PRAY FOR:

For our sick and injured :
ESPECIALLY: Msgr. James Tarantino & Javier Laval. For those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.
For all the souls of the faithful departed:
ESPECIALLY: Katie Coyle, Lee Savasta, Emily Sardinias & for all their families.
For those serving in the military:
 and for their families.

MON. Muriel McClure †
 TUES. Delia Panelo, Birthday
 WED. Roger Klase & Family, Living & †
 THURS. Katie Coyle †
 FRIDAY Charles Borg †
APRIL 28, 2018
 4:30 Robert Lynch †
APRIL 29, 2018
 8:00 Deceased Olivares Family
 9:45 Children of St. Mark Parish
 11:30 St. Mark Parishioners, Living & RIP

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

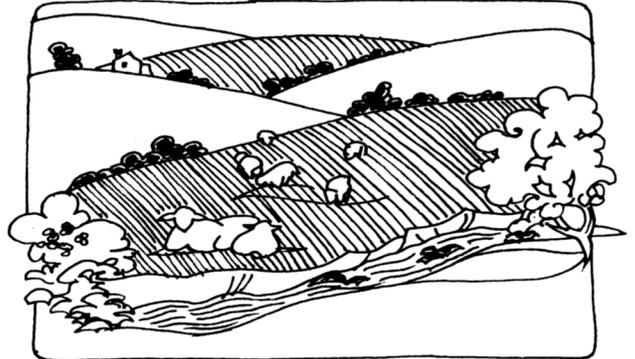
Legion of Mary meets 1ST
Noon- 1:30 p.m.
RCIA Every
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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!**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
— 1 John 3:1



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MAY IS "BRING A FRIEND TO MASS MONTH"

Please pray about who you will bring to mass during the month of May. It could be a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, someone who hasn't been to church for a while, someone who is interested in learning about Catholicism, or even a family member. Your invitation could be a life changing gift for them.

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SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.
—St. Vincent Pallotti