

# Saint Mark Catholic Church

September 9, 2018



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## 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

325 Marine View Avenue,  
Belmont, California 94002

E-Mail: [st\\_markschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:st_markschurch@yahoo.com)

**NEW WEBSITE:**

[www.SaintMarkBelmont.com](http://www.SaintMarkBelmont.com)

Church Office & Rectory  
650-591-5937 Fax: 650-591-7645  
Religious Ed: 650-591-7072

## Saint Mark Catholic Community Mission

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

Fr. Joe Bradley, Administrator  
Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mr. Gerard Quinn, Deacon  
Coordinator of Religious Education, Gr. 1-8  
Maria Ong  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry/Confirmation  
Jill Watkins  
Office Manager  
Cathy Coolin

## CHOIRS

Michael Clements 4:30  
Mario Valentone 8:00  
Jun Madrinan 9:45  
Don Ramirez 11:30  
Nelia Licudine—Children Choir  
Last Sat. of month 4:30 & Various 9:45

## 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

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?— *James 2:5*



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint? —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Maria Ong 650-591-7072**  
**Faith Formation/Religious Ed**  
**sm.faithform@yahoo.com**

A reminder that our Parents Meeting will be this Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center, and I look forward to seeing at least one parent from each family at Tuesday's meeting. There will be light refreshments from 7 - 7:30pm.

Families who are new to the parish, have a child starting 1st Grade or need information about registering your child in our Faith Formation program, please contact me at the above email address.

### **Are you or someone you love dealing with separation or divorce?**

The Archdiocese strives to make known Christ's healing love, so that all who suffer from separation and divorce might experience new life, reconciliation and restoration, meet people in a similar position and find help to rebuild their own lives. We also recognize that separated and divorced people are not mere recipients of the Church's compassion; they are as well ministers of that compassion. Through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance they bear witness to Christ and his redeeming grace in the world. Beginning Sept 19

New Beginnings: a Catholic Divorce Ministry will offer a support group in San Francisco, meeting the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00 P.M. at the Parish Center, St. Brendan Church (29 Rockaway Ave, SF). Please go to [www.newbeginningsf.info](http://www.newbeginningsf.info) or contact Diana (415-929-0999 / [dianamwild@gmail.com](mailto:dianamwild@gmail.com).) or Martin (650 -739-6446) for more information.

**CELEBRANTS: Sept. 15 & 16**  
**4:30 Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC**  
**8:00 Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC**  
**9:45 Fr. Joe Bradley**  
**11:30 Fr. Joe Bradley**

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

Do you have or know of a high schooler who is interested in being a part of our Youth Group? Or would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Please email Jill at [YouthGroup@saintmarkbelmont.com](mailto:YouthGroup@saintmarkbelmont.com) for more information.

Red Mass with Archbishop for the Legal Profession Thursday, September 27, 5:30 pm Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 666 Filbert St., SF [StThomasMore-SF.org/the-red-mass](http://StThomasMore-SF.org/the-red-mass).

The annual Red Mass for judges, attorneys, law professors and students, government officials, and all who work or have an interest in justice will take place on Thursday, September 27 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone will celebrate Mass at 5:30. A dinner will follow at the nearby San Francisco Italian Athletic Club, and Mr. Thomas Brandi will receive the organization's annual Thomas More Award. All are welcome. The St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco was founded in 1937 and is the oldest fellowship of Catholic lawyers and judges in the West. St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco invites members of the legal profession to join them in the pursuit of his call to true legal service. Learn more at: [stthomasmore-sf.org](http://stthomasmore-sf.org). Or to purchase Dinner tickets.

### ***WE PRAY FOR:***

**For our sick and injured :**

**Especially:** Sherylynn Barker & for those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.

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

**Especially:** Buffie Vermeulen, Blake Bottarini, Al Bertagna, Andrew Brandi & for all the families.

**For those serving in the military** and for all the families. May they return home safely.

**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.  
 Confirmation – Jill 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 7:00 - 8:30 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.  
 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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### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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### PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

—Anonymous

**MASSes for the WEEK**

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|-------|-----------------------------------|
| TUES  | Milagros Avila †                  |
| WED.  | Manadu-KI-Kalevalio, 1st Birthday |
|       | <b><u>SEPTEMBER 15 2018</u></b>   |
| 4:30  | St. Mark Parishioners, Living & † |
|       | <b><u>SEPTEMBER 16, 2018</u></b>  |
| 8:00  |                                   |
| 9:45  |                                   |
| 11:30 |                                   |