

# Saint Mark Catholic Church

MARCH 24, 2019



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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  
Mon. -Fri. 9:00am  
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

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Belmont, California 94002

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

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. Angel Quitalig, Pastor  
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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### HE PRAYED EARNESTLY THAT IT WOULD NOT RAIN, AND IT DID NOT

*by Richard Watkins*

The other day I was walking my son to school. It was overcast, had rained overnight but was not at that time. Under the impression it would not rain again until the afternoon, we headed out the door umbrella-less. We got no further than around the corner and... sprinkles. A few minutes later the sprinkles came down harder and harder until it was a full out down pour. Umbrella-less, as I mentioned, we did what any father and son caught in the rain would do; we prayed.

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rain that you have provided because of the years of drought we really needed it. We ask, if it is Your will, to please stop the rain so we don’t continue to get wet on our way to school and Mama doesn’t get upset with us for opting to go without umbrellas.” I also added my son’s request to start raining again at 10:30 so he could have inside recess and watch a movie and closed it up with a “...through your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.”

We were about five or so minutes from the school when the rain began to let up. And with each step, lighter and lighter still until it had altogether stopped. My son was completely oblivious because he was rambling on about a Pokemon who was of the fire-ground or electric-slide or liquid-smoke variety. I stopped him from babbling and asked him if he noticed anything. No response. “The rain, dude.” He looked around and up at the sky and when he finally realizes the rain had stopped, he gets this big smile on his face like “it worked, Daddy!” I told him “See? All you have to do is pray and have faith.”

I then asked him if he ever had a prayer answered, to which he responded with a typical seven-year-old’s “I don’t know” shrug of the shoulders. I told him how lucky he was that this was his first “awareness” of a prayer being answered.

On my way back home, I noticed the sun trying to break through the clouds to the east. To the west hung a big bank of dark clouds. I walked on and said another little prayer. “Lord, thank you for stopping the rain. Now, if you could just let there be a rainbow, that would really put the finishing touches on the whole experience.” Almost instantaneously, as I kept my eyes fixed to the skies, I experienced a thought deep in the recesses of my mind: “You wicked generation. Why do you insist on signs? Isn’t what happened good enough?” I pondered that thought feeling guilty like I got caught stealing a cookie and concluded that yes, it was, but a rainbow would have made a much better ending to the story.

When I got home, I told my wife and older son the story. A couple of days later I told her I was going write about the experience for *The Pilot*, including how I wanted to tie it all together with a rainbow at the end and how I thought about putting it in even though it didn’t happen (you know: creative license). My older son then says “Daddy, when you told us what happened and got to the part about the rainbow, on the video game I was playing there were rainbows. You should have just looked at the screen.”

I guess one of two things happened; either God came around to my way of thinking that it would be a cool ending or He wanted me to take note of Isaiah 8:18: “*Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts...*” I’m sure it was the latter, but what a cool way to end my story anyway.

### 2019 ST. MARK’S LENTEN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR COMING WEEK—MARCH 25

*Tuesday March 26* Light’s On: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00PM to 8:00PM

*Friday, March 22* 6:00PM Friday Soup Supper 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Lenten Sock Drive March 6th through April 7

Lenten Life in The Spirit Seminar  
Thursday, March 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Maria Ong 650-591-7072  
Faith Formation/Religious Ed  
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Jill Watkins 591-5937  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
& Confirmation (High School)

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## LENTEN SOCK DRIVE

Ladies Guild is asking the parish to support its Lenten outreach of **SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS**. We are asking for **NEW, WARM MEN'S SOCKS**.

**Men's athletic socks are preferred.** If you are able to help, please bring your socks and leave in the basket on the right side of the altar. We will collect through April 7. **If you are not able - PRAYERS ARE ALSO ALWAYS NEEDED**

Last year over 1000 pairs of socks were collected and delivered to Samaritan House Homeless Shelter, Catholic Worker House in Redwood City and the VA in Menlo Park. The need has not changed - and given the recent record rain and cold temperatures, we can all appreciate how much more vital it is this year.

## STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

## WE PRAY FOR:

*For our sick and injured*

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

*For all the souls of the faithful departed*

Especially: Francis Ong, Lorraine Lazzarotti, Romeo Campo & for all families who are grieving.

*For those serving in the military*

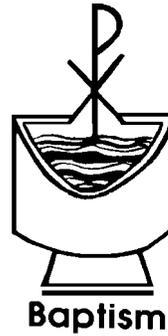
Especially Capt. Francis Buan & Seaman Javier Rosas & for all their families. May they return home safely.

## STEWARDSHIP

FOR MARCH 17TH \$4,737

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 kind generosity!



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CONGRATULATIONS & welcome to our newest member of St. Mark  
*James Scarpelli*

Son of Richard and Ing Scarpelli who was baptized March 3, 2019 at St. Mark

## HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me. —Anonymous

## SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor  
All its birds and all its blossoms  
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.  
—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*

Please check out Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever program and sign up to enrich your Lenten journey  
[www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever)

**MASSSES** for the **WEEK**

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MON Tom Coolin †  
TUES. Nelia & Chris Licudine, 20 Wed Anniv  
WEDS. George Sorensen † Birthday  
THURS. Do Lacey †  
FRIDAY Helen G. Cang †  
**MARCH 30, 2019**  
4:30 Agnes Sterba †  
**MARCH 31, 2019**  
8:00 St. Mark Parishioners, Living & †  
9:45 Daisy Po'oi, Birthday  
11:30 Laly-Ann Antonio † Birthday

## 2019 MEETING CALENDAR

### MONDAY:

St. Vincent de Paul 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.  
Legion of Mary Every  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Knights Officers 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Knights Council 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 - 9:30 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 9:00-Noon  
Pastoral Council 7:00-9:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup>

### WEDNESDAY:

Ladies Guild Sept-May 1<sup>st</sup>  
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 9:00-Noon  
Choir - Jun Madrinan Every  
7:00 - 8:30pm

### FRIDAY—In Church

Children Choir Practice 5:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Choir - Don Ramirez Every  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
(In Church-BOTH Choirs)  
Flower Group 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Every

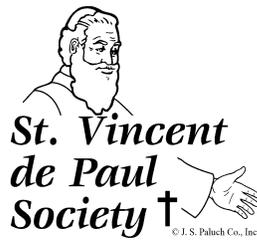
### SATURDAY

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!**



Our Saint Mark family has always supported the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul with profound generosity and compassion. If you hear the Spirit calling you to do more, please join us in our mission!

We are your brothers and sisters in Christ, your neighbors in the pews and in the community.

We are parents, spouses, youth, professionals, retirees.

We are called to serve the Lord by serving our neighbors in need:

- Groceries and diapers for Brian, Linda, and their three small children
- Rental assistance for Cassy and Angelo, young parents new to our community
- Furnishings for Florencia, a single mother raising three active school kids living in a single room
- Love and prayers for Eric, Natasha, Rachel, and all of our neighbors who simply need to know that we care, that they are not forgotten

Then what do we receive in return for merely serving as we are commanded? We receive abundant grace as only the poor, God's chosen ones, can provide! And we return with joy, having felt the presence of our Lord in their homes.

To learn more, please contact Beth Damonte at [garden400@juno.com](mailto:garden400@juno.com) or at (650)438-0124.

Si hablas espanol, ipor favor contáctanos!

**ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2019  
WE HAVE NOT REACHED OUR  
ASSESSMENT YET**

If you haven't pledged there are more envelopes at the entrances of the church to fill out and return with your pledge.

**Pay by Cash, Check, Credit Card, On Line, In Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds.**

*By pledge or one time gift*

**Let's do this together as we always do!  
Thank you!**