

Saint Mark Catholic Church

MAY 19, 2019



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
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Saint Mark Catholic Community Mission

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

Fr. Angel Quitalg, 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	Liturgy Committee
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A Signature Moment”

St. Mark's Corner by Richard Watkins

I'm sure, either for work or even personally, you have run across an email that was sent to you that had a pre-formatted signature. If it were for work, it would be something like: Regards, John Doe – Executive Director, The John Doe Company, 123-456-7890 • jdoo@TJDC.com. Or maybe it's a friend's email that includes an abbreviated signature like “Thanks – Julie B” or “---Chris”. Or maybe there is a quote at the end like: “Never look down when you're not giving up”. Even those people who live in the 19th century and are using Juno for email have ads that appear at the end of their messages.

For a while now in my signature line, I have been including either an inspirational quote or picture that relates to whatever liturgical season we are in or if there was something I read from a daily gospel or reflection that spoke to me and stuck out. But that wasn't always the case. Long before I began this evangelical journey, I was very much a “Sermon on the Mount” kind of guy. When I gave alms, I folded up the bill so small that it was hard to make out the denomination. Of course, that was not to keep others from knowing how much I was giving, rather how little. When I would fast... oh let's face it; those who know me could figure out very easily I have never fasted a day in my life. And for those of you who don't know me, I would say Job 15:27 is a fair representation. And when I would pray, I would go into my inner room so no one would see me or hear. But it was more than that. I kept my relationship with God hidden. Secret. If someone brought up the subject in a small group, I was more than willing to discuss and share my views. But I was never the type of guy to lead a group of people in public discourse on Jesus and salvation. In fact, whenever someone would bring up or praise Jesus in a large public setting such as rallies or demonstrations, I would get nervous for what would come next because what I always seemed to encounter as the follow up to those touting Jesus was something quite un-Jesus, like “and burn in hell” or “and go back to your own country” or “and that's why your god is a fake”.

So back to my email. At the beginning of Lent, I changed my personal email signature to read “Repent and live the Gospel” and “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return;” the two options for being said when being given ashes on Ash Wednesday.

A couple of weeks after changing my signature, I am exchanging emails with a group of people with whom I have personal business. After about four or five back-and-forths, one member of the group sends a reply to me alone and asks, “Where did the quote in purple come from?” (I put the quote in purple because it is the color of penance and that's what we are supposed to do during Lent). I told her it was just part of my email signature. And life went on. About a month later, after some more back and forth, the same person includes in an email to the whole group: “I would prefer to get future emails without the ‘Repent’ lecture.”

First, it's hardly a lecture It's more like a suggestion. Second, why wasn't there any mention of “...you are dust, and to dust you shall return”? I would think that's a little more brazenly foreshadowing of something bad happening than just telling someone to repent and live the Gospel. I mean, there isn't even an implied consequence if you don't repent. But here's the thing...

At one time in my life, I would have felt guilty about offending anyone and would have considered changing my signature line or removing it altogether. I was very much a Peter denying Jesus three times before the cock crows and not a Paul getting knocked off his “ass” and proclaiming it to the nations. I would retreat into that inner room and feel embarrassed; for me, for them, for God and for Jesus.

But I have come to learn that you if you listen to Jesus on one thing, you best listen to Him on all things. Even though I thought I was being righteous by “not praying on the street corner”, what I was doing by retreating was denying Him before others. Of which the consequence will be Him denying me before our heavenly Father.

Now, I've never visited Gehenna, but according to all the Post-apocalyptic travel guides I've read (Joshua 15:8, 18:16. Isaiah 30:33, 66:24. Jeremiah 7:31-32, 32:35.) it's not a place I'm too keen on checking out. So, I will continue, in email, in *The Pilot* and in articles on the St. Mark Facebook page (@SaintMarkBelmont), to acknowledge Jesus before others so He will acknowledge me before our heavenly Father.

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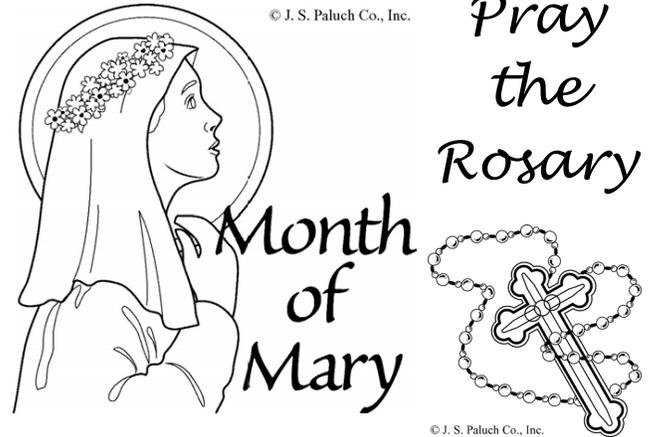
The registration forms for the 2019 - 2020 CCD year will be mailed out later this summer.

If you are new to the parish, or have a child who will be starting Gr. 1 this Fall, please email me at the above email address, so that I can include your family in the mailing list.

Please note that preparation for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion is a 2 year program, and children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation program *one year prior* to the year of preparation for this Sacrament.

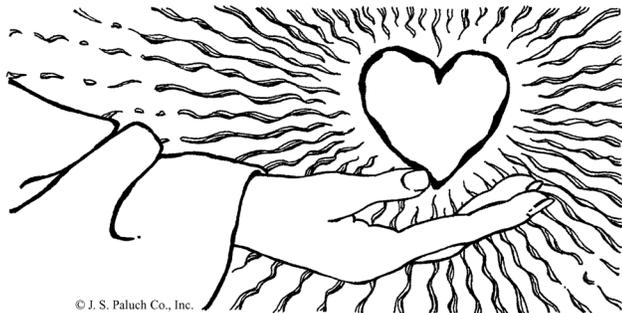


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“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

— Revelation 21:3

STEWARDSHIP

FOR MAY 12—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 kind generosity!

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WE PRAY FOR:
 For our sick and injured
Especially Victor Lusap. For those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.
 For all the souls of the faithful departed
Especially: Rod Salazar, Vera Sorensen, George White & for all families who are grieving.
 For those serving in the military
 & for all their families. May they return home safely.

MON Tom Coolin †
TUES. Romulo Hocson †
WEDS. Ken(B’Day)& Ele Braband, WedAnniv.
THURS. Francis Ong †
FRIDAY Malcom Deakin †
MAY 25, 2019
4:30 George & Vera Sorensen Wed Anniv †
MAY 26, 2019
8:00 St. Mark Parishioners Living & †
9:45 Man Shan Lee †
11:30 Deceased Knights of Columbus †

2019 MEETING CALENDAR

MONDAY:

St. Vincent de Paul 1ST & 3rd
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary Every
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Knights Officers 1st
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Knights Council 2nd
7:30 - 9:30 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.
Confirmation - Jill 1st & 3rd
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Every
In Church 9:00-Noon
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.

Ladies Guild Board 3rd
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Curia 7:00-9:00 pm 2nd
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
Liturgy Committee 7:00-9:00pm 4th

FRIDAY—In Church

Children Choir Practice 5:00pm 3rd & 4th
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 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 ARE WELCOME! FIND A GROUP THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!

How can we describe the Saint Mark community? We are a family, joyous and warm and loving, we support each other, we are One in the Spirit!

To celebrate and deepen our fellowship, please join us in the hall on Saturday evenings at 6pm, starting June 1, for a communal potluck dinner. Please bring what you are having for dinner and share your conversation, laughter and fellowship with others in a casual relaxed setting.



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*Psalm —
I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God
(Psalm 145).*