



# St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

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## MASSES

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM

Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

### Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: .. 6:45 AM

Thursday: ..... 5:45 PM

### Holy Day Masses:

Weekday evening before the Holy Day ... 5:45 PM

Holy Day: ..... 6:45, 10:00 AM

### Christmas & New Year's Masses:

See Bulletin for Schedule

## PHONES

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## PARISH INFORMATION

**Confessions:** Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM  
Thursdays: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

**Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until after a discussion with the priest of the parish.

**Funerals:** Arrangements must be confirmed with the rectory office by the funeral director before any publication in the newspaper.

**Baptisms:** On the first and third Sundays of the month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. Arrangements should begin to be made about three months before the birth of the child.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Persons interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church are asked to call the rectory office for information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In the case of an emergency, please call the rectory office immediately. Please notify the rectory for communion calls to the homebound, or visits to parishioners in the hospital.

**Registration:** New parishioners are asked to call the rectory office to register. Please call if there is a change in address or when moving out of the parish.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00 to 4:00 PM

**Hall available** for catered events. Call Catered Affairs of Cleveland at 216-671-9833.

**Share-a-Meal Program:** Sponsored by St. Ignatius Church and supported by St. Mel Parish. Meal is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at St. Ignatius Church, 10205 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 26**

6:45 AM Marie Misconish - Nancy & Sue

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29**

5:45 PM Regina Maloney - Family

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 - St. Andrew**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1**

**- Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Lloyd & Greg Zimmer - Ruth & Family

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 - First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Walter Wincek - John & Doris Colombo

11:30 AM Paul Harrigan & Thomas McIntyre  
- St. Mel Class of 1975



*Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of  
the kings of the earth. Revelation 1:5*

**WEDDING BANNERS**

I Kevin N. Nycz (Holy Family)  
and Rachel A. Gooding (St. Mel)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**HYMNS AT ST. MEL**

**Opening Hymns for Masses**

11/25 #313 Crown Him with Many Crowns



**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Refrain**

Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler, Christ Jesus Lord and Redeemer

**2019 DATE BOOKS** are available courtesy of the Saint Mel Finance Council.

**2019 CALENDARS** with the St. Mel Mass and Confession Schedules, Telephones Numbers, and Internet Information are available thanks to *Sally Armstrong of Donlon Funeral Home*



**ST. MEL GIVING TREE**

Our church is participating in the "Giving Tree 2018" with the West Side Catholic Center. We will be collecting various items for men, women, and children. The Giving Tree is located in the Gathering Area. Please take one or more tags with suggested gift items (clothes & toiletries) and return the *unwrapped* gift on December 1/2. ***In the "Spirit of Being Green," please Do Not wrap your gifts.***

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION**

The parishes of Blessed Trinity, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Mark, St. Mel, and St. Vincent de Paul, are holding a joint Advent Penitential Celebration (Communal Penance Service) on Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 PM, at St. Mel Church. Priests from the respective parishes will be available for individual confessions during the service. Please set aside this date to help prepare for Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

**CHURCH OF SAINT MEL CHRISTMAS CARDS**

\$5.00 per box (10 cards/box with envelopes)  
(2 cards of each style)

Available in the St. Mel Card Shop located off the Gathering Area of the church.



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MONTH OF DECEMBER**

- 4:30 Paul Filippi, Kathleen Hough, Barrie Stanton
- 7:00 Maria Pelleschi, Peter Roth, Marilyn Varouh
- 9:30 Rita Blazek, Katherine Gerken, Lois Wincek
- 11:30 Rob Cahill, Chrissy Gilbride, Eva Stanton

**LECTORS MONTH OF DECEMBER**

- 4:30 Deborah Roscoe      9:30 Lucky Varouh
- 7:00 Tom Pasko          11:30 Rob Cahill

**SERVERS**

- 4:30 PM Saturday December 1 Timothy Tinnirello
- 7:00 AM Sunday December 2 Susan Mitchell
- 9:30 AM Sunday December 2 Erin, Julia, & Mark Houghtling
- 11:30 AM Sunday December 2 Christian Braquet, Collin Mccray



**PARISH CALENDAR**

- TUES. 27 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.
- WED. 28 Rosary: 10:30 AM in the church. *Note: Last time for this year.*
- THUR. 29 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- SAT. 1 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE REPORT**

The annual Saint Mel Holiday Boutique was, once again, both enjoyable and successful. There were 400 attendees. Proceeds from this outstanding event are about \$3,500. The hard work over a number of months by Gail Gooding, Barb Bostwick, Diane Bonoan, Marilyn Varouh and Carol Kerrigan has allowed this long-time St. Mel tradition to continue to prosper.

In addition to these individuals, many others volunteered their time and assisted at the Boutique. These include: Dolores Brilla, Cindy Burris, Lisa Carpenter, Susan Mitchell, Maria Pelleschi, Stephanie Finlin, Marcy Pavlac, Mark, Erin & Julia Houghtling, Collin McCray, and Maggie Sweeney. All of them are to be thanked for their outstanding efforts.

An important part of the Boutique is the stage raffle. A special word of thanks goes to those who donated items for the raffle: Diane Bonoan, Barb Bostwick, Cindy Burris, Maria Pelleschi, Michael Flash, Dan Gareau, Gail Gooding, Carol Kerrigan, Mary Chura, Dolores Brilla, and Luann Hinkel.

The Bake Sale which is an anticipated aspect of the Boutique continues to be particularly successful because of the generous offering of time and effort by so many. Thanks go to contributors to the Bake Sale who include: Dolores Brilla, Mary Chura, Doris Colombo, Judy Free, The George Family, Rita Joyce, Debra Mikula, Shirley Pauley, Maria Pelleschi, George & Noreen Dlouhy, Ann-Marie Lacy, Carol Kerrigan, Cherie Motherwell, and Deanna H.

**MOUNT ALVERNA VILLAGE  
YEAR ROUND RAFFLE**

Try your luck with 57 chances to win a prize from \$100 to \$1,000 in the Mount Alverna Village, 6765 State Road, Parma, OH 44134, Year Round Raffle. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by calling the Development Office at Mount Alverna, 440-663-1102. Drawings are once a week starting January 1, 2019. Winning tickets are put back into the raffle so your chances are great.

The proceeds from the Year Round Raffle support the many innovative programs to help Mount Alverna Village residents stay healthy and active. Don't miss out on the raffle and buy your ticket(s) today.



**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

**“BE NOT AFRAID”**

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don't know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones.

**Bring love.** Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words.

**Bring attention.** Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You'll treasure these moments after he is gone.

**Bring comfort.** Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

**Bring peace.** Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book.

**Bring strength.** When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus' words, "Be not afraid."

**from Scripture**

**JOHN 18:33B-37,  
CHRIST, THE REAL KING**

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God's promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared.

Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down off the Cross. Yet it was his sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death.

Jesus is King and he has a Kingdom, but as he teaches Pilate and us, his power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice and care for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society. Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more "Christ-like" in our lives, and that means more like Jesus the King.

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