

# SAINT MEL

## Catholic Church

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### SAINT MEL

*Mel is said to have been the son of Conis and his wife, Darerca, the sister of Saint Patrick. Mel accompanied his uncle to Ireland and helped to evangelize in that country. Mel is said to have had no fixed diocese, which might be explained by his being a missionary. Saint Patrick himself built the church at Ardagh and to this he appointed his nephew, Mel. The cathedral at Ardagh is dedicated to Saint Mel. Acting upon the counsel of Saint Paul, Mel supported himself by working with his hands, and what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. The Feast of Saint Mel is on February 6th.*

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### PHONES

Rectory Office: ..... 216-941-4313  
Fax: ..... 216-941-1093  
Email: ..... church@stmel.net  
Website ..... <http://www.stmelparish.net>

**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 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 office 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.

### 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 other than Christmas & New Years

Weekday evening before the Holy Day: ..... 5:45 PM  
Holy Day: ..... 6:45, 10:00 AM

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 10**

6:45 AM Loretta Prcela - SJA Friends, Class of 1973

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 - St. Damasus I**

6:45 AM Florence Cregan - Family

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12**

**- Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:45 AM Dominic Sidari - Sister, Frances

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 13 - St. Lucy**

5:45 PM (Anniversary) Jim Mitchell - Susan Mitchell

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 - St. John of the Cross**

6:45 AM Pat Maybury - Family



**“WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS”**

5:00 PM Kevin M. Nycz and Rachel A. Gooding

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 15**

**- Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Roy L. Vigneulle - Family

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 - Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Thadeus & MaryHelen Ostrowski  
and Kenneth R. Anderson - Family

11:30 AM John Salay, Sr. - Wife & Family



*God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. Baruch 5:7*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Gerald A. Solenne who died on December 1, 2018. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

**WEDDING BANNERS**

III Kevin M. Nycz (Holy Family)  
and Rachel A. Gooding (St. Mel)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**A SERVER IS NEEDED** for the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass on December 15 and 22. Any adult or student willing to serve call the rectory.

**LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION**

<u>2018:</u>	Offertory \$4784	<u>2017:</u>	Offertory \$3882
	Monthly \$250		Monthly \$395
	Repairs/Maintenance \$1003		Capital Improve \$901
	(Extra Ordinary)		

In December 572 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 144 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?** Yes, another request! Did you include your parish? The highlight of the Season should be your “Christmas Experience” with your family, fellow parishioners and friends at Christmas Mass.....**The reality of Christ’s birth and what he gave to all of us.** Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a thank you for your Christmas Gift to St. Mel Parish. *St. Mel Finance Council*

**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.

**OPLATEK (OPLATKI) CHRISTMAS WAFER**

*Available in the St. Mel Card Shop located off the Gathering Area of the church. Free Will Donation.* Each envelope contains 4 wafers (3 white and 1 pink).

**HYMNS AT ST. MEL**

Opening Hymns for Masses  
12/09 #201 On Jordan's Bank



Memorial Acclamation We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Communion Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

**SERVERS**

5:00 PM Friday, December 14 Wedding  
Erin & Mark Houghtling

4:30 PM Saturday December 15 Server Needed

7:00 AM Sunday December 16 Susan Mitchell

9:30 AM Sunday December 16  
Mark, Erin, & Julia Houghtling



11:30 AM Sunday December 16 Emma & Zoltan Nagy

**PARISH CALENDAR**

TUES. 11 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.  
Advent Penitential Celebration: 7:00 PM.  
 THUR. 13 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.  
 SAT. 15 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.  
 SUN. 16 Food Collection

**ST. MEL CHURCH  
 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Confession:**

Tuesday, December 11: 7:00 PM  
*Advent Penitential Celebration*  
 Thursdays, December 13 & 20: 5:00-5:30 PM  
 Saturdays, December 15 & 22: 3:00-4:00 PM

**Christmas Masses:**

December 24: 4:30 PM & 10:00 PM  
 December 25: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

December 31: 4:30 PM  
 January 1: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



**LOOKING FOR NEW LECTORS FOR 2019**

You might wonder how lectors stand before you during Mass and proclaim the word of God, even those who are terrified of public speaking. This is the Holy Spirit at work, guiding us and providing a calming sense as we read God's message. Don't think of it as public speaking, because the words are right there in front of us, and we have heard them repeatedly through the years, so we are already familiar with them. Could the Holy Spirit be calling you be a lector in 2019? If so, please call Ann at 440-334-4361 for more information.

**THANK YOU** to the following who changed out the missals in the church: Barbara Bosak, Doris & John Colombo, Paul & Rita Filippi, Judith Gedeon, Kathy George, Sam George, Spencer Harrington, Rita Joyce, Tom Maloney, and Jack Muldoon.

**ST. MEL NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION**

In addition to the food items left at church for the November Food Collection, \$1,006.00 cash/checks were received. 4 families and 6 singles or couples were served at St. Mel. \$100.00 was sent to the Share-A-Meal Program at Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church

**RECYCLING AT ST. MEL**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> your 3,910 pounds of recycled paper and cardboard earned St. Mel \$43.99. Recycle: newspapers, mail, magazines, catalogs, paper, phone books, broken down cardboard, hard and soft bound books.

**FREE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

*Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM*

***Blessed Trinity Church, 14040 Puritas Ave., Cleveland***  
 You are invited to this free concert, featuring the Blessed Trinity adult choir, bell choir, and instrumental ensemble joined by professional guest artists. Come join us for holiday classics and a special performance of music from The Nutcracker. The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill offering. A reception will follow. Keep the season holy.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
 MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

***Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM***

***St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office);  
 Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);  
 and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).***

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc.

*December's Topic:*

*"Emmanuel - Finding God in the Midst of Grief"*

No registration is required; just come and join us.

For more information, visit our website

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>  
 or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).



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**What is meant by "fear of the Lord?"**

"Fear of the Lord" is more about awe—recognizing God's power and might – than about fear of the merciful creator who loves us most. Fear of the Lord is also known as "reverence," and is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah: *"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding...counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord"* (Isaiah 11:2). These gifts, when used, make us open to God's love.

Fear of the Lord helps us have a healthy respect for God's majesty. We fear offending God for the same reason we fear offending someone we love. If we really love someone, we wouldn't do anything (on purpose) to hurt them or damage the friendship. This is what happens when we sin. "The [Christian] no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1828).

***A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.***