

# 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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>
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**MONDAY JANUARY 14****- First Week in Ordinary Time begins**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

**TUESDAY JANUARY 15**

6:45 AM Nicole Russell - Paul &amp; Jeanie Roth

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**THURSDAY JANUARY 17 - St. Anthony**

5:45 PM Thomas Oleksiak - Susan Mitchell

**FRIDAY JANUARY 18**6:45 AM Thadeus & MaryHelen Ostrowski and  
Kenneth R. Anderson - Family**SATURDAY JANUARY 19****- Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**SUNDAY JANUARY 20****- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Wayne Milota - Family

11:30 AM Jean McDermott

- Bob &amp; Anna Marie McDermott



*He saved us through the bath of  
rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
Titus 3:5*

**BAPTISM** We welcome into God's family, *Jacqueline Marie Swartz*, who was baptized on December 29, 2018 and *Anderson Michael Hout*, who was baptized on December 30, 2018.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;  
Jn 2:1-11**HYMNS AT ST. MEL****Opening Hymns for Masses**

1/13 #498 Praise the Lord Ye Heavens



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

**Communion Refrain** Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your Church, gathered today.

**SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

<u>12/30/18:</u> Offertory \$6608	<u>01/06/19:</u> Offertory \$3767
Monthly \$260	Monthly \$65
Repairs/Maintenance \$160	Repairs/Maintenance \$466
(Extra Ordinary)	(Extra Ordinary)

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

2018 Christmas Donations: Offertory \$22,813.00

All those who participated made Christmas a true Day of Celebration of the Birth of Jesus. A *sincere thank you to all of you* for your generous Christmas donations! *St. Mel Finance Council*

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you would like a copy of your 2018 contributions email your request to church@stmel.net and it will be emailed to you or drop a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope (long envelope) into the collection basket and it will be mailed to you.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION  
JANUARY 19-20**

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. An envelope for this collection was provided in your bi-monthly packet of envelopes. Drop it in with the regular collection next week.

**NEW SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH**

Thank you for your patience during December with the church's sound system. After a number of attempts to address the issue, it was concluded that the original equipment (amplifiers, mixer) had reached their limits. Thus, Mel, of Melsound, who had installed the original equipment, replaced them with more modern technology. The difference is apparent. The \$4,600 cost was covered by the "Extraordinary Maintenance and Repair Fund" to which contributions are gratefully accepted. *Fr. Fedor*

**SERVERS**4:30 PM Sunday January 19 *Server is Needed*

7:00 AM Sunday January 20 Michael Prcela

9:30 AM Sunday January 20 Jacob Novak

11:30 AM Sunday January 20  
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PARISH CALENDAR
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TUES. 15 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.

THUR. 17 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.

SAT. 19 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

SUN. 20 Food Collection

**NEW PARISHIONERS AT ST. MEL** St. Mel Parish extends a warm welcome to Mary Hout.

### ST. MEL FOOD COLLECTION

In addition to the food items left at church for the December Food Collection, \$1,067.00 cash and checks were received. Thanks to your generosity 4 families and 6 singles or couples were served at St. Mel and \$200.00 was sent to the Share-A-Meal Program at Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church.

### RECYCLING AT ST. MEL

On November 1<sup>st</sup> your 4,190 pounds of recycled paper and cardboard earned St. Mel \$47.14. Recycle: newspapers, mail, magazines, catalogs, paper, phone books, broken down cardboard, hard and soft bound books.

### RETRouvaille

#### A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. The 2019 weekends are January 25-27, March 22-24 and September 27-29. For more information go to their website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for registration or email Marce & Liz Gliha at [3031@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3031@retrouvaille.org).

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

*January 26 5:30-11:00 PM*

*Blessed Trinity Church, 14040 Puritas Avenue*

Come out to enjoy this night of racing, great food, and lots of fun. Tickets (\$20) includes food and beverages (beer, wine, pop, water). Proceeds will help meet parish expenses for the coming year. Even if you cannot attend, your purchase of a race horse (\$10) can help make this a successful fundraising event! To purchase tickets or horses, call 216-671-5890.

**THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER**  
**ALLSTATE - TERESA PAEZ**



## Growing in FAITH

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### FORGIVENESS MAKES GOOD SENSE

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her." "When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.

### Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received" (Pope Benedict XVI).