



St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

Reverend Mark Q. Fedor, J.C.D., *Pastor*

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 FEBRUARY 25

6:45 AM Special Intention - Sheila Kropf

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

6:45 AM Victor Salcedo - Judy & Diana

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

5:45 PM Jim Michals - Susan Mitchell

FRIDAY MARCH 1 - First Friday

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY MARCH 2

- Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM William Scanlon
- Jim, Patty, & Patrick Galbraith

SUNDAY MARCH 3

- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
9:30 AM John J. Brilla - Stephanie Finlin
11:30 AM Amelio, Maria, & Salvatore Leanza - Family



Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Psalms 103:8

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Sharon Gullette who died on February 11, 2019. *May God grant peace and comfort to her family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

HYMNS AT ST. MEL

Opening Hymns for Masses

2/24 #464 Let All Things Now Living
3/03 #502 Praise to the Lord



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

Communion Refrain

Rejoice and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

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| <u>2019:</u> | Offertory | \$3977 | <u>2018:</u> | Offertory | \$4814 |
| | Monthly | \$256 | | Monthly | \$506 |
| | Repairs/Maintenance | \$152 | | Repairs/Maintenance | \$675 |
| | (Extra Ordinary) | | | (Extra Ordinary) | |

ST. MEL PARISH SECRETARY RETIRING

Dear Parishioners, After serving our parish community for 22 years as the parish secretary I have made the decision to retire. My last day in the parish office will be February 28th. I have enjoyed working here immensely. This was more than a job to me; it was a ministry. I will miss my daily interactions with you and want to say thank you for the kindness and support that you have shown to me over the years. I may no longer be greeting you at the door or on the phone but you will still see me at the Saturday Mass with my husband, and once the weather warms up relaxing on our front porch, and on my walks through the neighborhood. Don't hesitate to say to stop and say hello. May God Bless You, *Sue Sekerak*

Congratulations to Sue Sekerak as she retires from her position as parish secretary. We are extremely grateful for her 22+ years of faithful service to St. Mel parish. Our very best wishes and prayers for God's blessings on her and her husband Dennis as they begin this new phase of their lives.

A major transition such as this will bring on adjustments. Tammy Harrington will take on the duties of office management for the parish on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays. For the time being we will have the services of Megan Bolin in the parish office on Thursdays and Fridays. A warm welcome is extended to both of them. Parish office hours will continue to be from Monday through Friday, 9 am - Noon, 1 pm to 4 pm. *Fr. Fedor*

LECTORS - MARCH

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| 4:30 Tim Armstrong | 9:30 Karen Crandall |
| 7:00 Marty Lewis | 11:30 Chrissy Gilbride |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - MARCH

4:30 Sally Armstrong, Pauline Joseph, Deborah Roscoe
7:00 Carol Kerrigan, Marty Lewis, Peter Roth
9:30 Doris & John Colombo, Karen Crandall
11:30 Rob Cahill, Tammy Harrington, Chrissy Gilbride

SERVERS

4:30 PM Sunday March 2 Michael Bartell

7:00 AM Sunday March 3 Mary Adkins

9:30 AM Sunday March 3 Jacob Novak

11:30 AM Sunday March 3

Audrey Harrington, Chiemela & Daberechi Onunkwo



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| PARISH CALENDAR |
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TUES. 26 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.

THUR. 28 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.

FRI. 1 First Friday Communion Calls

SAT. 2 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.



BRING IN YOUR OLD PALM BRANCHES

and place them in the baskets located in the Gathering Area of the church. They will be burned and the ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have earned academic honors for the current grading period:

HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Audrey Harrington

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Honor Roll: Mark Houghtling, Zoltan Nagy

BAPTISM CLASS: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

13400 Lorain Avenue, 216-252-2626

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM

All parents expecting their first child must attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. It is suggested that you attend this class during the second trimester of pregnancy.

GENTLEWOMAN FELLOWSHIP

First Friday, March 1

St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted

Schedule

9:30 AM: Rosary

10:00 AM: Mass followed by Coffee/Tea

11:00 AM: Speaker, Dr. Phil Gigliotti

Dr. Gigliotti is an Internal Medicine physician who spends time as a medical missionary working in poverty stricken areas of Mexico. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. For more information call Mary at 440-235-6258.

RETIRE YOUR AMERICAN FLAGS PROPERLY...

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is now accepting any worn, tattered, or faded American flags in need of proper retirement. Drop off your flag at any one of our eight offices during normal business hours, and we will ensure that it is retired of properly and respectfully.

THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER

DONLON FUNERAL HOME

The parish staff extends a special "Thank You" to all the merchants who use our bulletin to advertise.



Growing in FAITH

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

from Scripture

Luke 6:27-38; Being Merciful as God is Merciful

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to "love your enemies...lend and expect nothing back...and forgive." All of these go against our human ideas of fairness. In the Old Testament, the "eye for an eye" rule was meant to make sure the punishment wasn't excessive. Likewise, the idea of getting favors was meant to show gratitude for a favor already given.

The problem is that "an eye for an eye" can result in a vicious cycle of violence and destroyed relationships. The "favor for favor" idea reduces the value of giving gifts out of kindness and appreciation to simply owing favors. How would you know if the good someone did you was because he or she loved you or because they wanted something from you?

Jesus "updates" the old understanding of justice to God's justice, which is infinitely wiser and more perfect. God doesn't dole out his love to the most deserving, but freely to everyone. His goodness includes mercy as well as justice. His love is generous, selfless, simple, and compassionate. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

Make Every Sunday the Lord's Day

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). God wants us to have a day of rest each week. He felt it was so necessary that he made it a Commandment. While it is non-negotiable for God's people, a busy person may find it hard to do Sunday right. Try these tips for making Sunday the Lord's Day:

Attend Mass. Both Jesus' Resurrection and Pentecost occurred on Sunday. There's no better way to celebrate the Lord's Day than to worship him during Mass on Sunday.

Schedule chores. It's not very restful to stand in line at the grocery store or change the oil in your car. Try to accomplish chores and errands another day so you can spend time relaxing on Sunday.

Alternate entertainment. Instead of turning on the TV or zoning on the smartphone, take a nice long drive, curl up with a good book, or visit friends or family. Do whatever it takes to recharge your spirit.

Create a unique prayer habit. Offer prayers that you only say on Sundays. Read Scripture. Listen to sacred music. Take time to thank God for your blessings.

Protect the day. Make Sunday a priority. Don't let anything interfere with your rest, peace, or worship. Let the Holy Spirit guide your day.