



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 MARCH 11

6:45 AM Rev. Edwin J. Schenkelberg

TUESDAY MARCH 12

6:45 AM Msgr. Louis A. Wolf

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

6:45 AM Thadeus + Mary Helen Ostrowski

THURSDAY MARCH 14

5:45 PM Fr. Timothy J. Shepard S.J.

FRIDAY MARCH 15

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 16

- Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
4:30 PM Lloyd + Greg Zimmer

SUNDAY MARCH 17 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
9:30 AM (Anniversary) Joseph Verbiak
11:30 AM Patricia Kettel

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

— *Romans 10:8*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

HYMNS AT ST. MEL

Opening Hymns for Masses

3/10 #254 Forty Days and Forty Nights



Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free

Communion Refrain

Spare your people, Lord; spare your people in your loving kindness. Show us your mercy; we have sinned against you, Lord.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>2019:</u>	Offertory \$2980	<u>2018:</u>	Offertory \$3716
	Monthly \$75		Monthly \$70
Repairs/Maintenance \$665		Repairs/Maintenance \$562	
(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)	

In February 571 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 118 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross at St. Mel Church Fridays at 12:00 PM

An Evening of Confession at St. Mel Church and at All Catholic Churches Wednesday, March 20, 5:00-8:00 PM

Confessions at St. Mel Church

Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:30 PM and
Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Lenten Evening of Reflection at St. Mel Church Tuesday, March 26, 7:15 PM

This is a Lenten Service of spoken and musical reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Mr. Thomas Czajkowski (keyboard and guitar), Ms. Mary Beth Ions (violin), and Mr. Kent Collier (cello) will provide musical interludes as aids to meditating on brief spoken comments on the final statements attributed to Our Lord as He hung upon the Cross. The service is planned to last less than an hour.



Lenten Reminders

Abstinence: No meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent for those over 14 years of age.

Fasting: One full meal and two other lighter meals and no eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those who are 18 years of age and not yet 60 years of age.

SERVERS

4:30 PM Saturday March 16
Michael Bartell

7:00 AM Sunday March 17
Mary Adkins

9:30 AM Sunday March 17
Mark, Erin, & Julia Houghtling

11:30 AM Sunday March 17
Christian Braquet & Collin McCray



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 12 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.

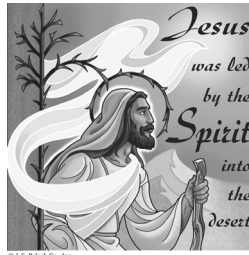
THUR. 14 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.

FRI. 15 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM.

SAT. 16 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26: 10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.



LENTEN TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00- 8:00 PM

St. Mary of the Falls Church, 25615 Bagley Road

Taizé Prayer is an hour-long meditative candle-lit service that centers around music, prayer, and silence, to quiet the mind, open the heart and feed the soul. It is a time of quiet and solitude in the presence of God. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can be grasped quickly by the heart and intellect, gradually penetrating the whole being. We hope you will take one hour out of your busy schedule during this holy season of Lent, to experience the calm and peace that comes from a Taizé prayer service. For more information, call 440-235-2222.

BAPTISM CLASS: OUR LADY OF ANGELS CHURCH

3644 Rocky River Drive, 216-252-2332

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 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.



Growing in FAITH

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 6 to April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days of Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray between 7 AM to 7 PM during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm at 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood at 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146 or Family Planning at 54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077. Plan to join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Columbkille Church on March 5 at 7:00 PM with Bishop Nelson Perez as the Keynote Speaker. For more information, contact John Noall at 216-245-9744.

One Minute Meditations

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLINESS

It often seems that everyday life can't allow for a deep connection with God.

When we are at work, or play, or at rest, we can do all things in a holy way. Each hour brings its chances for patience, kindness, unselfishness, and other virtues.

FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.