



# 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 18**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**TUESDAY MARCH 19**

6:45 AM Evelyn Friery - Susan Sekeral

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 20**

6:45 AM Douglas Staresinic - Scanlon Family

**THURSDAY MARCH 21**

5:45 PM Coletta Schmidt - Sister

**FRIDAY MARCH 22**

6:45 AM Charles & Patricia Kettel -  
Tom & Barb Maloney

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

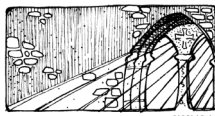
**SATURDAY MARCH 23**

**- Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

4:30 PM Henry Hout, Sr. - Family

**SUNDAY MARCH 24 - Second Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners  
9:30 AM John Forrestal - Gerry & Family  
11:30 AM Irene Stamper - John & Doris Colombo



*The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?—  
Psalm 27:1*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a  
Wednesday: 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20: 17-28  
Thursday: 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**HYMNS AT ST. MEL**

**Opening Hymns for Masses**

3/17 #253 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

**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.

**THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER -**

<u>2019:</u>	Offertory \$3009	<u>2018:</u>	Offertory \$3716
	Monthly \$51		Monthly \$70
	Repairs/Maintenance \$896		Repairs/Maintenance \$562
	(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)

In February 571 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 120 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 122  
Timothy Tinnirello

7:00 AM Sunday March 17  
Susan Mitchell

9:30 AM Sunday March 17  
Jacob Novak & Aidan Keevan

11:30 AM Sunday March 17  
Chiemela Onunkwo & Daberechi Onunkwo



**Do You Want to Fast This Lent?**

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.



**THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER**  
**CATERED AFFAIR OF CLEVELAND**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

TUES. 19 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.

THUR. 21 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.

FRI. 212 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM.

SAT. 23 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

**STAND FIRM IN THE LORD**

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).



**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. For more information, contact John Noall at 216-245-9744.

**HOLY LAND GIFTS**

March 23 & 24, 2019, there will be a display of handmade hand carved articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper, and many other beautiful religious articles. Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of the beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension and oppression. Thank you for supporting this project to keep Christians present in the Holy Land, the birth place of Jesus.



**Growing in FAITH**

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

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

**COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS  
GIVING VOICE TO OUR PAIN**

Held at Blessed Trinity Parish - Fogarty Hall  
Thursday, April 11th - 6:45-8:45pm

**Why Courageous Conversations?** We need safe places and relationships to face and respond to the Catholic Church Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis. We need opportunities to gather to reflect, pray, and listen to each other. These places need to be safe in every way - psychologically, spiritually, and physically - because it's risky and vulnerable to sort things out in community through conversations. "Safety" means that the conversations need solid guidance, structure and clear boundaries so as to help people listen to each other in love. The Courageous Conversations framework provides the safety and guidance for us to talk with one another in confidence about the unthinkable. Topics for the evening will include "Sharing Our Hearts," "On Roots and Causes," "Speaking Our Truth," and "What Now? What Next?"

This conversation will be facilitated by Dr. Dobie Moser. All responses will be anonymously recorded and will become the basis of a report to Bishop Perez. If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the sheet located in the back of the Church by **Thursday, April 4th.**