



St. Mel Catholic Church

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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 25

6:45 AM Special Intention - Sheila Kropf

TUESDAY MARCH 26

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

THURSDAY MARCH 28

5:45 PM Mary Derr - Sister

FRIDAY MARCH 29

6:45 AM All Souls Day Intentions

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 30

- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Thomas & Catherine O'Malley - Family

SUNDAY MARCH 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Violet Kurtz - George Family

11:30 AM Hector Becerra - Frances & Tom Maggio



The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.
— Psalm 103:6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

HYMNS AT ST. MEL

Opening Hymns for Masses

3/24 #359 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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 \$3728	<u>2018:</u>	Offertory \$4859
	Monthly \$491		Monthly \$415
	Repairs/Maintenance \$272		Repairs/Maintenance \$115
	(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)

In February 571 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 123 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 30
Timothy Tinnirello

7:00 AM Sunday March 31
Michael Prcela

9:30 AM Sunday March 31
Mark, Erin & Julia Houghtling

11:30 AM Sunday March 31
Zoltan & Emma Nagy



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.



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PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 26 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.
Lenten Service: 7:15 PM

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

FRI. 29 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM.

SAT. 30 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.



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

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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**.