



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

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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 4 - St. Casimir

6:45 AM Veronica Eyerman - Dennis Ancell

TUESDAY MARCH 5

6:45 AM Larry Isabella - Dennis Ancell

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Roger Weist - Dennis Ancell
 10:00 AM James Gallagher - Nancy & Family
 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word With Distribution of Ashes



THURSDAY MARCH 7 - Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

5:45 PM Ronald G. Johnson - Wife, Joyce

FRIDAY MARCH 8 - St. John of God

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions
 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 9 - Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Anna Nagy - Family

SUNDAY MARCH 10 - First Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
 9:30 AM Kathleen Laurent - Don Bothwell
 11:30 AM Rudolph Weber - Karin Erickson & Family



Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. Luke 6:44

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Charles Kettel who died on February 25, 2019. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

HYMNS AT ST. MEL

Opening Hymns for Masses
 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.

THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER - ALLSTATE

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>2019:</u> Offertory \$3784	<u>2018:</u> Offertory \$4315
Monthly \$220	Monthly \$220
Repairs/Maintenance \$135	Repairs/Maintenance \$80
(Extra Ordinary)	(Extra Ordinary)

In February 571 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 121 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Ashes will be distributed during the 6:45 and 10:00 AM Masses and the 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word Service.

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.

LECTORS - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Deborah Roscoe

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - ASH WEDNESDAY

6:45 AM Carol Kerrigan (ashes), Karen Crandall (e.m.)
 10:00 AM Doris Colombo (ashes), John Colombo (e.m.)
 7:00 PM Eileen Stull (ashes), Sharon Szoradi (ashes)

SERVERS

6:45 AM Ash Wednesday March 6 Susan Mitchell
 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday March 6 Spencer Harrington
 4:30 PM Sunday March 9 Timothy Tinnirello
 7:00 AM Sunday March 10 Michael Prcela
 9:30 AM Sunday March 10 Mark, Erin, & Julia Houghtling
 11:30 AM Sunday March 10 Zoltan & Emma Nagy



PARISH CALENDAR

- TUES. 5 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.
- WED. 6 Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be distributed during the 6:45 and 10:00 AM Masses and the 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word Service.
- THUR. 7 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- FRI. 8 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM.
- SAT. 9 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

ST. MEL FOOD COLLECTION

In addition to the food items left at church for the February Food Collection, \$752.00 cash and checks were received. Thanks to your generosity 4 families and 6 singles or couples were served. *We were unable to send anything to the St. Ignatius Share-a-Meal program due to limited funds in the food collection.*

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.

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

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS

March 6 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting—eating one simple meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, Frances' wealthy parents required that she marry. With a sister-in-law, Vannozza, Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving the poor. Frances honored her husband, cared for her children until their deaths, and served the poor and sick. She even converted her house into a hospital.

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.

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.