

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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SAINT MEL

Mel is said to have been the son of Conis and his wife, Darerca, the sister of Saint Patrick. Mel accompanied his uncle to Ireland and helped to evangelize in that country. Mel is said to have had no fixed diocese, which might be explained by his being a missionary. Saint Patrick himself built the church at Ardagh and to this he appointed his nephew, Mel. The cathedral at Ardagh is dedicated to Saint Mel. Acting upon the counsel of Saint Paul, Mel supported himself by working with his hands, and what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. The Feast of Saint Mel is on February 6th.

PARISH INFORMATION

PHONES

Rectory Office: 216-941-4313
Fax: 216-941-1093
Email: church@stmel.net
Website <http://www.stmelparish.net>

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 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 office 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.

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 other than Christmas & New Years

Weekday evening before the Holy Day: 5:45 PM
Holy Day: 6:45, 10:00 AM

Confessions: Thursdays 5:00 - 5:30 PM
Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY MARCH 9 - St. Frances of Rome

6:45 AM Special Intention of Fr. Michael Johnson -
St. Raphael Parish

TUESDAY MARCH 10 -

6:45 AM John & Clara Holkenborg - Family

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 -

6:45 AM Special Intention of Fr. Naim Khalil -
St. Raphael Parish

THURSDAY MARCH 12 -

5:45 PM Anna Nagy - Family

FRIDAY MARCH 13 - Abstinence

6:45 AM Ann Marta - Family

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 14 -

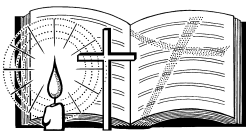
4:30 PM Coletta Hoffman - Bailey Family

SUNDAY MARCH 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Mary Derr - Sister

11:30 AM James & Irene Stamper - Family



*Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality to
light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 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 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

3/8 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #253

3/15 I Heard the Voice of Jesus #443

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

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

2020:	Offertory \$4224	2019:	Offertory \$2980
	Monthly \$40		Monthly \$75
Repairs/Maintenance	\$579	Repairs/Maintenance	\$665
(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)	

In February 574 packets of envelopes were mailed out for March and April. Last week, 121 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

ST. MEL LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 12:00 PM

An Evening of Confession
at St. Mel Church and at All Catholic Churches
Wednesday, March 11, 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 24, 7:15 PM This is a Lenten Service of spoken and musical reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Tom Czajkowski (keyboard and guitar), Melissa Wallace (oboe) and Virginia Ashley (violin) will provide musical interludes as aids in 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

Sat. 3/14 4:30 PM
Sun. 3/15 7:00 AM
Sun. 3/15 9:30AM
Sun. 3/15 11:30 AM

Mary Adkins
Susan Mitchell
Erin, Julia, & Mark Houghtling
Christian Braquet, Chiemela &
Daberechi Onunkwo

PARISH CALENDAR

- TUES. 10 PSR: 6:30-7:30 in Church hall
- WED. 11 Evening of Confession: 5:00-8:00 PM
- THUR. 12 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM
- FRI. 13 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM
- SAT. 14 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP: MORE THAN A NICE IDEA - A WAY OF LIFE

Join Deacon Mark Yantek as he addresses the members and guests of the OLA Guild on Thursday evening, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the Oratory. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this thought provoking, uplifting session as we prepare our hearts to experience the Sacred Triduum and the joy of Easter! By virtue of our baptism, every Christian is called to discipleship. During this Lenten Evening of Reflection, we will explore what discipleship means, and how we can embrace it in our own spiritual lives.

LENTEN SERIES AT BLESSED TRINITY.

Come join us for two special evenings for two thought provoking presentations. The first is *The Priesthood of the Faithful, Preparing the Laity of Our Catholic Church to Celebrate the Sacraments When There Are No Longer Any Priests Available*. This presentation will explore the history and meaning of our sacramental life and how lay people might interpret that today. What will be needed in terms of lay training, both for the lay presiders and the lay assembly to understand this? This talk will be on Mar 16 in the church. The second presentation is titled *Vatican Bible Conspiracy, Readings from the Bible That You Never Hear On Sunday Because the Vatican Doesn't Want You to Hear Them*. There will be time for questions and discussion at each presentation. The second one will be on Tuesday March 31 at 7:00pm in the church.

SEND MY ROOTS RAIN

Saturday, March 21 from 1:00pm - 4:30pm. Presented Kim Langley, M.Ed. This day is designed to help caregivers, chaplains, Stephen's ministers and all those who are past the first pain of bereavement (6 months or more since the loss). Our focus will be on resilience in grief that is evidence based and data driven, and participants will leave with many fresh ideas for how to improve coping skills whether they are the bereaved, or the person who companions them. Cost: \$35 (includes price of book). Offered at Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd., Parma. To register, contact **440-884-9300** or visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.

ELECTION TIME REMINDER

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

CAN YOU SUGGEST A MEANINGFUL SACRIFICE FOR LENT?



The point of Lent is not to greet Easter a few pounds lighter but to be transformed. Try something new this Lent:

Make extra time for him each day. Read the Bible, attend daily Mass, pray a Rosary, or visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Avoid the mirror. Take the focus off your appearance or looks. Refuse to compare yourself to others or accept others' view of you. Remember, your worth isn't in how others see you, but in God's infinite, unchanging love for you.

Give up one thing at every meal. Offer up a little something every time you eat – forego sugar in coffee, honey on cereal - to keep the idea, "it's Lent," in the forefront.

Offer the heroic minute. St. Josemaría Escrivá suggested jumping out of bed – no snooze button - as soon as the alarm goes off, "without granting a single minute to laziness. If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in that moment, you'll have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day."

FROM SCRIPTURE: JOHN 11:1-45, TRUST, AND YOU SHALL BE REWARDED



God's ways can be puzzling. In this Gospel passage, Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus that their brother was seriously ill, believing Jesus could help. Yet, Jesus delayed in coming to them and Lazarus died.

Despite this, Martha showed great faith: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God he will give you." For her firm faith in God, she was rewarded generously.

God never leaves us in our troubles but draws closer to us. When the situation was at its bleakest for his friends, Jesus was with them. He wept; he wasn't insensitive to their pain. God's timing is not ours, yet everything he does – even when he does it – is with our best interests in mind. He was not too late for Lazarus, but right on time and worked his greatest miracle yet.

The next time it feels like God isn't listening, remember Jesus' own words: "Father I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me." We can trust his response, while perhaps not what we want, will work for good.

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