

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 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

6:45 AM Suspended

TUESDAY MARCH 24 - World Day of Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations

6:45 AM Suspended

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Suspended

THURSDAY MARCH 26 - St. Basil the Younger

5:45 PM Suspended

FRIDAY MARCH 27 - Abstinence

6:45 AM Suspended

SATURDAY MARCH 28 - St. Canon of Naso

4:30 PM Suspended

SUNDAY MARCH 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Suspended

9:30 AM Suspended

11:30 AM Suspended



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall
not want. — Psalm 23:1*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

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

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Irene Surgala who died
March 12, 2020. *May God grant peace and comfort to her
family and friends*



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>2020:</u>	Offertory \$3670	<u>2019:</u>	Offertory \$3009
	Monthly \$691		Monthly \$51
	Repairs/Maintenance \$515		Repairs/Maintenance \$896
	(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)

In February 574 packets of envelopes were mailed out for March and April. Last week, 116 parish families/ households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided -- **effective immediately** -- to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or livestreamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

PARISH CALENDAR

**Parish events are cancelled until further notice
Due to public health concerns.**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC

In this current health crisis, there are a few simple things we can all do to protect ourselves and our community from illness.

1. Wash your hands with soap and water regularly. Soap is the most effective method of killing the virus on surfaces.
2. Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Touching your face is the fastest way to introduce viruses or bacteria from the environment into your body.
3. Practice social distancing. This means do not go out in public gatherings, and if you must leave your home try to keep between 3-6 feet between you and other people at all times.
4. Cover your cough or sneeze. If you cough or sneeze into a tissue throw it away immediately and wash your hands.
5. If you or someone who you are in close contact with are sick please remain home and only leave to see a doctor.

MASS FROM HOME

The Diocese of Cleveland presents a television Mass at 6 a.m. every Sunday on Fox 8 and at 11:30 a.m. Sundays on Cox Cable channel 45. Beginning the afternoon of March 14, that weekly Mass also can be viewed on the diocesan website. A growing number of parishes throughout the diocese also offer a livestreamed or taped Mass that can be viewed on the parish website, Facebook page or other platforms. Among those offering this opportunity are:

St. Victor Parish, Richfield, streams the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass on its Facebook page and website.

St. Raphael Parish, Bay Village, streams Mass live at 11 a.m. Sundays on its website. Archived videos of some previously streamed Masses also are available.

SS. Robert and William Parish, Euclid, livestreams its 11 a.m. Sunday Mass on its Facebook page.

St. Ladislav Parish, Westlake, livestreams a Sunday Mass that is available by 11 a.m. Sundays on its website.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood offers a tape delay broadcast of a Sunday Mass on its website at 1 p.m. Sundays. The parish also plans to tape and broadcast stations of the cross and the Easter triduum liturgies.

St. Patrick Parish in West Park also offers a taped Sunday Mass on its website. It is planning to offer Friday stations of the cross, as well.

St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick offers opportunities to view the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays on its website.

Church of the Gesu in University Heights began taping the Sunday Mass last weekend. It can be watched on the parish YouTube site.



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

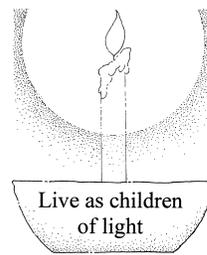
**SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO
(1538-1606) MARCH 23**



In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned,

Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

LIGHT



"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the

power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.—St. Vincent Ferrer

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