



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 April 6 - Monday of Holy Week**

6:45 AM Suspended

Tuesday April 7 - Tuesday of Holy Week

6:45 AM Suspended

Wednesday April 8 - Wednesday of Holy Week;**Passover Begins**

6:45 AM Suspended

Thursday April 9 - Holy Thursday; The Sacred Pascal Triduum

5:45 PM Suspended

Friday April 10 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord;**Fast and Abstinence**

6:45 AM Suspended

Saturday April 11 - Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

4:30 PM Suspended

Sunday April 12 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM Suspended

9:30 AM Suspended

11:30 AM Suspended



God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
— **Philippians 2:9**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21**Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

Due to the suspension of masses, there is no collection information for the previous week.

OHIO STAY AT HOME ORDER

As we are all now aware, Gov. Dewine has issued a Stay At Home Order for the State of Ohio. In this difficult time it is imperative we act as a unified people and follow all public health directives. While the order remains in effect, remember we all have a duty and responsibility to look after the emotional, physical, and spiritual wellbeing of our brothers and sisters. In that regard, please take time out of your day to contact those you know who may be vulnerable or alone. We are a community in faith, and our unity, solidarity, and prayerful action are the cornerstones of our community.

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday: At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

The Mass of the Lords Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral. These can be found on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org.

BLESSED PALMS

Blessed palms will be available in the church throughout Holy Week. They will be available in the vestibule on the west side of the church in the vestibule between the school building and the church closest to the parking lot for all to take home.



PARISH CALENDAR

DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS, ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. RECTORY OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MON-FRI 9 AM-12 PM.

**PALM SUNDAY
MY WILL BE DONE**

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, “not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39); I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it’s comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father’s will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord’s Prayer we pray, “Thy will be done.” But how often do we still take the easy way out? When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it’s none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, “Not my will, but yours be done”?

Luke’s Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, “When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father’s will. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, “Not my will, but yours be done.”

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HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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4 REASONS TO BE HOPEFUL RIGHT NOW



It’s hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God’s family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world.

God, our Father, knows what we need. “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him” (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. “Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out” (Psalm 4:4). “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

He will never abandon us. “You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ... (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

Worrying won’t do any good. “Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?” (Luke 12:25). Don’t waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.

WHAT IS A MONSTRANCE



In practicing or learning Catholicism, one can find some funny sounding words. “Monstrance” is one of them. It’s an upright container for the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host), usually made of gold or silver and often shaped like a sunburst. The rays are meant to evoke the power and grace radiating from the Host. They also draw the eye to the window (*luna*) at the center where the Host is.

By means of it, Christ and the viewers can literally be face to face.

The monstrance is used to display the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass developed to satisfy the devotion of the faithful. When you love someone deeply, you want to see him – in person – and spend time with him frequently. God doesn’t just want to hear our prayers; he wants to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Jesus longs for us to visit him in our churches. He remains in the Blessed Sacrament so that anyone who seeks him can find him.

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