



St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

Reverend Mark Q. Fedor, J.C.D., *Pastor*

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

Rectory Office 216-941-4313

Fax 216-941-1093

Website <http://www.stmelparish.net>

Email church@stmel.net

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 13 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Suspended

Tuesday April 14 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Suspended

Wednesday April 15 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Suspended

Thursday April 16 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

5:45 PM Suspended

Friday April 17 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:45 AM Suspended

Saturday April 18 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:30 PM Suspended

Sunday April 19 - Second Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:00 AM Suspended

9:30 AM Suspended

11:30 AM Suspended



When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. — Colossians 3:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

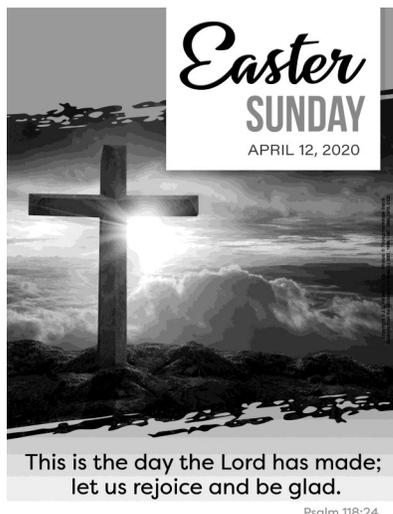
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



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 extended the 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.

THE MYSTERY OF EMPTINESS

Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is St. Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is a time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the Dead. Any yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb at daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection.

What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

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.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF OHIO EXTEND SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLICLY CELEBRATED MASSES/LITURGIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today (April 2, 2020) Governor Mike DeWine extended the executive “Stay at Home Order” to continue to curb the spread of the Coronavirus in the State of Ohio. Out of deep concern for the common good, as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have agreed once again to cooperate with the governor’s direction.

To that end, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies at least through and including Sunday May 3rd. 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 during this time period.

This decision has not been taken lightly and, as your bishops, together with you, we recognize the sacrifice we are called to make by being physically distanced from the Holy Eucharist and from one another.

Trusting in the graces flowing from the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, we remain mindful of the hope that does not disappoint. As your bishops, we continue to encourage you to keep holy the Lord’s Day by participating in Sunday Mass by way of televised, live-streamed, or radio broadcast options and making a spiritual communion. Keeping in mind the gift of plenary indulgences offered to us by the Church, we encourage all the faithful to turn to the Church’s treasury of prayer, praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours and Stations of the Cross, etc.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from the Coronavirus, for all health care workers and first responders, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His resurrection.

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

**THE EASTER OCTAVE
SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020**



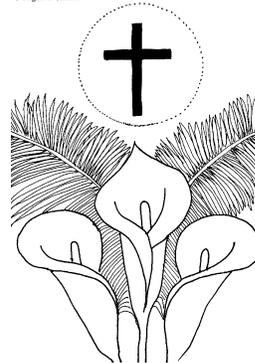
Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can’t bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: “the marriage of heaven and earth,” as the Vigil calls Jesus’ resurrection; our new members’

baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts’ “divine vacation” (Latin *vacare*, “to be empty”), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your “paschal candle”), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish’s baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): “Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet.”

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SEEDS OF FAITH

© Migdalia Galaza



There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter’s speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul’s letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture

scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**THIS WEEK’S FEATURED ADVERTISER
SUBURBAN SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**