



# 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

## PHONES

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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 20 - St. Agnes of Montepulciano**

6:45 AM Suspended

**Tuesday April 21 - St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)**

6:45 AM Suspended

**Wednesday April 22 - Ss. Parmenius, Chrysotiens, and Helimenas; Earth Day**

6:45 AM Suspended

**Thursday April 23 - St. George; St. Adalbert**

5:45 PM Suspended

**Friday April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

6:45 AM Suspended

**Saturday April 25 - St. Mark**

4:30 PM Suspended

**Sunday April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM Suspended

9:30 AM Suspended

11:30 AM Suspended



*“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*  
— John 20:29b

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35**Divine Mercy Prayer**

You expired, O Jesus,  
but the source of life gushed forth for souls  
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
O Fount of Life,  
unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world  
and empty Yourself out upon us.  
O Blood and Water,  
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us,  
I trust in You.  
Amen.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

Thank you to all parishioners who have continued their financial support to St. Mel Church through this trying and uncertain time. We are most appreciative and pray for the health and safety of all parishioners.

**AN EASTER MESSAGE**

Happy Easter!

Easter remains a source of great joy and hope – hope of life eternal for all Christians.

This Easter is certainly different from anything we have experienced during most of our lifetimes. The coronavirus, stay-at-home orders from the government, isolation, hand-washing and social distancing have certainly impacted our daily lives. Despite all of this, the resurrection of Jesus reminds us day after day -- and in a particularly special way on this Easter Sunday, that no matter how dark it is, light -- the light of Christ -- is always more powerful than darkness. And that no matter how much trouble or difficulty there could be in the world, love – the love of Christ -- conquers all fear and fills us with hope and new life.

Through the power flowing from the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, let us continue to work together to sing the Easter Alleluia and to do our part to proclaim Jesus Christ is risen from the dead through our actions, words and deeds.

May we courageously help one another through this extraordinary time in the history of the world and trust that God will give us what we need to have hope and keep our eyes fixed on heaven.  
Happy Easter and God bless you and your loved ones!

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak  
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

**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.

**2021 MASS INTENTION**

The Mass Intention book for 2021 is now open. If you have any intentions please call the Rectory office during normal hours.

**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.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
X-TREME CHRISTIANS**



You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. "Of course, we can visit the sick and comfort the dying. Just leave it up to God to cure anyone," you might say. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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**WHY DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE EASTER ON DIFFERENT DATES**



Although celebrating Easter on a different day every year isn't strictly a Catholic practice, the reason why we do this has its roots in the Church's history. There was a dispute in the second century about the date of Easter: should it be celebrated on the exact date or on the nearest Sunday? At the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), it was decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) equinox.

**FROM SCRIPTURE:**

**LUKE 24:13-35, JESUS ACCOMPANIES US**



Imagine what it would be like to have a Bible study with Jesus! This was exactly what Cleopas and his friend experienced when Jesus accompanied them to Emmaus. Failing to recognize Jesus and still grieving his death, they unknowingly told the risen Christ all about it. In

an unexpected turn of events, Jesus explained to them how his death and resurrection was part of God's saving plan.

The disciples invited Jesus to stay with them, even though they still didn't recognize him. Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. Suddenly, they recognized him. He vanished, but their hearts burned with joy. They raced back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their fellow disciples.

Cleopas and his friend's story is ours too. At every Mass, God speaks to our hearts through Scriptures. In the Eucharist blessed, broken and given to us, we encounter Jesus and receive him into our hearts. With the final blessing, we are sent to spread the Good News: Christ rose from the dead and reopened heaven for us.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

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