

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

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 December 7 - St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

6:45 AM Patricia Flynn - Eileen Kilbane

Tuesday December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM Hattie Scanlon - Family

Wednesday December 9 - St. Juan Diego

6:45 AM Edwin Feliciano - Family

Thursday December 10 - International Human Rights Day; Hanukkah begins at sunaet

5:45 PM Eleanor Staud - Daughter

Friday December 11 - St. Damasus I

6:45 AM Special Intention of Fr. James Ols

Saturday December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30 PM Henry Hout Sr. - Hout Family

Sunday December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Henry Seman - Family

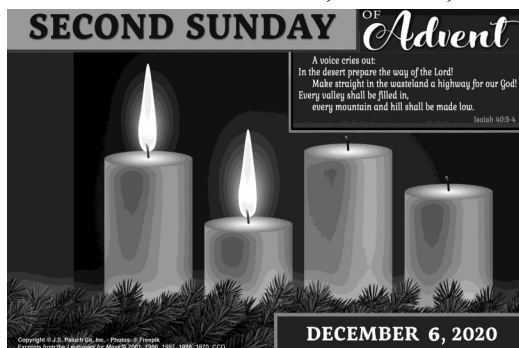
11:30 AM Orville & Janet Reed - Family



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*Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill
 shall be made low.*
 — Isaiah 40:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2020: Offertory \$43797	2019: Offertory \$4551
Monthly \$210	Monthly \$95
Repairs/Maintenance \$350	Repairs/Maintenance \$534
(Extra Ordinary)	(Extra Ordinary)

In October 569 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 76 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS

St. Mel Church is offering a daily prayer resource for use during the Advent Season. These booklets include a reflection for each day of Advent. Advent booklets will be available in the Gathering Area of the church. Booklets are limited and on a first serve basis.

2021 CALENDARS with the St. Mel Mass and Confession Schedules, telephone numbers, email address, and internet information are available thanks to *Sally Armstrong of Donlon Funeral Homes.*

2020 DATE BOOKS are available courtesy of the Saint Mel Finance Council.

OPLATEK (OPLATKI) CHRISTMAS WAFER
Available in the St. Mel Card Shop located off the Gathering Area of the church. Free Will Donation.



**ST. MEL CHURCH
 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

Confession:

Thursdays, Dec. 10 & 17: 5-5:30 PM
 Saturdays, Dec. 12, 19 & 26: 3:00-4:00 PM

Christmas Masses:

December 24: 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM
 December 25: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

December 31: 5:45 PM
 January 1: 9:00 AM

PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 8 PSR: 6:00-7:00 PM
 THUR. 10 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM
 SAT. 12 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

DECEMBER LECTORS

4:30 PM: Deborah Roscoe
7:00 AM: Maria Pelleschi
9:30 AM: Lucky Varouh
11:30 AM: Rob Cahill

Holiday Schedule

Dec. 24 4:00 PM: Tim Armstrong
Dec. 24 5:30 PM: Lucky Varouh
Dec. 25 8:30 AM: Rich Beil
Dec 25 11:00 AM: Rob Cahill

DECEMBER EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:30 PM: Deborah Roscoe, John O'Brien
7:00 AM: Carol Kerrigan, Maria Pelleschi
9:30AM: Bill & Katherine Gerken
11:30 AM: Teresa Paez, Rob Cahill

Hoiday Schedule

Dec. 24 4:00 PM: Barrie Stanton, John O'Brien
Dec. 24 5:30 PM: Bill & Katherine Gerken
Dec. 25 8:30 AM: Teresa Paez, John Colombo
Dec. 25 11:30 AM: Rob Cahill, Deborah Roscoe

BECOME A LECTOR AT ST. MEL

When you hear the lector say, "The Word of the Lord", you have once again heard God reveal His divine intention to love, redeem and reclaim us as His own. His promise has been written on our hearts. Please consider joining a rewarding ministry and become a lector at St. Mel. The 2021 schedule is being developed, and we are looking for new readers to participate. Please call Ann at 440-334-4361.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING AT AM1260 THE ROCK

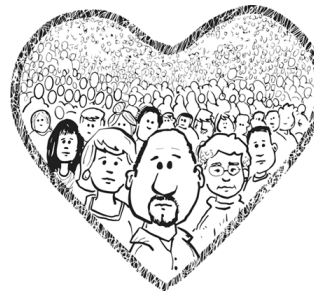
As we are now in the Season of Advent and awaiting the Birth of Christ, AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day programming to enrich your Christmas celebration. Please visit our website at: www.am1260therock.com for updates and have a blessed and peaceful Advent.



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

GOD IS LOVE



We call God "Creator," "Savior," "Father," yet when we really want to understand who He is, one word is enough. God is love.

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:-8). Love is the very nature and essence

of God Himself. He doesn't just love, He *is* love. In fact, that's why He created us, so we can have a share in that love.

We are not simply swept up in the good will God has toward all his creations. He loves each of us as individuals and that love is never-ending and unconditional. *"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* (Isaiah 49:15-16). This is not necessarily because we are good; we can't possibly earn the vast love He has for us. But the good news is we can't lose it either.

Because He loves us so much, He denies us nothing that will draw us closer to him and to life in Heaven. *"For God so loved the world,"* Jesus declared, *"that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN A "VIRGIN BIRTH"



Before Jesus was born, Isaiah was told, *"the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7:14). The virgin birth was documented in Luke 1:34.

Had Jesus been conceived like the rest of us, He could not have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins. *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14).

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
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