

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 14 - St. John of the Cross**

6:45 AM Jim Mitchell (Anniversary) - Susan Mitchell

Tuesday December 15 - St. Maria Crocifissa Di Rosa

6:45 AM Robert & Rosemary Farrell - Family

Wednesday December 16 - St. Ado of Vienne

6:45 AM Thadeus & Mary Helen Otrowski - Family

Thursday December 17 - St. Olympias

5:45 PM John Salay Sr. - Nancy & Fmaily

Friday December 18 - St. Desideratus

6:45 AM Special Intention of Fr. Tom Pajak - St. Raphael Parish

Saturday December 19 - St. Augustine Moi

4:30 PM Roy Vigneulle - Family

Sunday December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Aloysius Staud - Sister

11:30 AM Amelio, Maria, Salvatore, & Mario Leanza - Family



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*Rejoice always. Pray
without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians
5:16*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Francisco Gonzalez Espinoza who died December 7th. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2020:	Offertory \$3715	2019:	Offertory \$4165
	Monthly \$805		Monthly \$211
Repairs/Maintenance	\$540	Repairs/Maintenance	\$705
(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)	

In October 569 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 85 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS REMINDER

With the rise of COVID cases and as we move closer to Christmas we ask all parishioners to take meaningful precautions this Holiday season. The Diocese of Cleveland has left the general dispensation of Sunday Mass and Holy days in effect until further notice. So if you are feeling unwell or have concerns because of your own health or the well being of family members please make the decision to remain at home. If you do still wish to celebrate Mass in person remember that face masks are required in all parish buildings for the safety of all. Please remember we are still a community in faith and we do need to take time to ensure those in our community are cared for spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

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.



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

Face masks are required at all times.

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. 15 PSR: 6:00-7:00 PM
THUR. 17 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM
SAT. 19 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

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.

JOIN BISHOP MALESIC FOR TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MASSES

Join the Most Rev. Edward Malesic, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, as he celebrates Masses from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day that will be livestreamed or broadcast on local television.

The bishop will be the celebrant for the 4:30 p.m. livestream of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 Mass. The Mass will be streamed live via the internet on the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Bishop Malesic will celebrate Christmas Mass from the cathedral on WOIO - Channel 19 -- at 9 a.m. The Mass also will be available on demand on the diocesan website at dioceseofcleveland.org.

For a schedule of weekday and Sunday livestreamed Mass from the cathedral, which is in downtown Cleveland, visit the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org.

Third SUNDAY of Advent
December 13, 2020
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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AWAKEN TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD ON CHRISTMAS MORNING



"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas; God came and lived among us.

Begin each day in his presence. Before you get out of bed in the morning, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Seek God's Word. Start your day with Scripture such as the daily Mass readings (found on www.usccb.org) or another reading you choose. Ask God to teach you during the day from that selection.

Speak to him throughout the day. Picture the Lord next to you throughout your day and talk with Him as you experience the day together. Brother Lawrence, a 17th century monk, suggested prayer shouldn't be confined to formal times.

HOLIDAY ADVICE



The holiday season is an important time in the Church but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things, (Philippians 4:8).

UNBORN JOY

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb ..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. With the coming of Christmas, look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill His plan.

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