

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 21 - Winter Begins**

6:45 AM Special Intention of Archbishop
Nelson Perez - St. Raphael Parish

Tuesday December 22 - St. Chaeromon

6:45 AM Special Intention of Bishop Anthony
Pilla - St. Raphael Parish

Wednesday December 23 - St. John of Kanty

6:45 AM Veronica Eyerman - Family

Thursday December 24 - The Vigil of Christmas

4:00 PM Henry Hout Sr. - Family
5:30 PM St. Mel Parishioners

Friday December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Douglas Staresinic - Family
11:00 AM James & Elizabeth Frank - Saba
Family

Saturday December 26 - St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanza

4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. John Muldoon Jr. -
Family

Sunday December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
9:30 AM Rev. Msgr. S.W. Staud - Sister
11:30 AM Carmela & Giuseppe Del Vecchio -
Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5;
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Due to our bulletin publisher's Holiday schedule, collection data will be posted at a later date.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Eileen Gilbride
who died December 10th. *May God grant peace and comfort to her family and friends.*

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:

Saturday, Dec. 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. 22	<u>PSR: No Classes</u>
THUR. 24	<u>Rectory Office Closed Until 12/28</u> <u>Christmas Eve Masses:</u> 4:00 PM & 5 PM
FRI. 25	<u>Christmas Day Masses:</u> 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
SAT. 26	<u>Confessions:</u> 3:00-4:00 PM

GIVING TREE THANKS

Thank you to all the participants who donated to the St. Mel Giving Tree this year. It was a great success as usual! We were able to pack 17 boxes of personal care items and clothing for the West Side Catholic Center. Each December, the WSCC provides new, warm winter essentials to over 1,500 men, women, and children. WSCC gives clients the basic necessities of sweatshirts, socks, underwear, hats, gloves, mittens, and full sized toiletries. On behalf of all those whose Christmas was made a little brighter and a little warmer: Thank You!

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.

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. It also will be available on demand on the diocesan website after the broadcast.

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.

**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

**FROM SCRIPTURE
MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23**

Mary and Joseph were forced to travel in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had no option for decent housing and had to stay in a stable with animals. Young Mary gave birth in crude conditions with no friend or family to help.

After a short time, they fled to Egypt with their newborn to escape threats from the government, and stayed there for several years. There were no friendly faces to greet the family once they arrived and they had to make their own way in an unfamiliar land.

Refugees all over the world flee violence like the Holy Family. Catholics have a special charge to protect them and those who are vulnerable: children, elderly, and poor. Like Mary's and Joseph's, God has a special place for each of us in his plan of salvation. Prayerfully ask God what he wants you to do for him and his kingdom.

HOW DO CATHOLICS BENEFIT FROM PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to the graces to be more Christ-like.

A prayer with roots in Scripture, the Rosary begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic Faith. The *Our Father* that introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* that follows is from the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*.

The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Pope John Paul II in 2002—Luminous.

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
SLIFE HEATING & COOLING**