

# 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 28 - The Holy Innocents**

6:45 AM Ann Marta - Family

**Tuesday December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St Thomas Becket**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**Wednesday December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**Thursday December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester; New Year's Eve**

5:45 PM Jack &amp; Marcia Marrie - Family

**Friday January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace**

9:00 AM Jim Terwilliger - Paul &amp; Jeanie Roth

**Saturday January 2 - Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday**

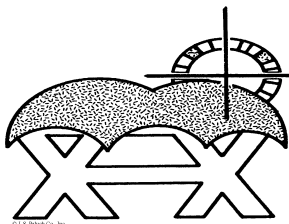
4:30 PM Gerry Rini - Family

**Sunday January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Fr. Lawrence Brummer - Ralph &amp; Kathy Nevel

11:30 AM Fernando Paez - Paez Family



*My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of all the  
peoples.*

— Luke 2:30-31

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;

Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;

Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;

Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

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

**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.

**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.



**ST. MEL CHURCH  
NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**  
Face masks are required at all times.

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy****Mother of God:**

December 31: 5:45 PM

January 1: 9:00 AM

**JANUARY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION****4:30 PM:** Barrie Stanton, Sharon Szoradi**7:00 AM:** Marty Lewis, Carol Kerrigan**9:30 AM:** Michael George, Stephanie Bruce**11:30 AM:** Rob Cahill, Tammy Harrington**12/31 5:45 PM:** Deborah Roscoe, Karen Crandall**1/1 9:00 AM:** John Colombo, Teresa Paez**JANUARY LECTORS****4:30 PM:** Tim Armstrong**7:00 AM:** Marty Lewis**9:30 AM:** Rich Beil**11:30 AM:** Chrissy Gilbride**12/31 5:45 PM:** Deborah Roscoe**1/1 9:00 AM:** Ann Danuloff

**PARISH CALENDAR**

TUES. 29 PSR: No Classes  
 THUR. 31 Rectory Office Closes 12 PM  
 Confession 5:00 – 5:30 PM  
 New Year’s Eve Mass: 5:45 PM  
 FRI. 1 Rectory Office Closed  
 New Year’s Day Mass: 9:00 AM  
 SAT. 2 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

**CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT E-NEWSLETTER**

Don’t forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association’s monthly grief support e-newsletter, “A Closer Walk with Thee”. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit the Bereavement page on our website and click the brown signup box on the right side, contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866. You can also click this link and go directly to the signup <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE RETREAT**

*Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org> Thursday, December 31, 5:30 pm - Friday, January 1, 11:00 am. Presented by Presented by Fr. Jim Shea, SJ.* New Year’s Eve is a threshold moment - an ideal time to stop and reflect and pray in gratitude for the blessings of the past year, and to look with renewed hope upon the life and possibilities of a new year. Begins with dinner at 5:30 pm and concludes at 11:00 am the next morning. Fr. Jim Shea, SJ will offer insights for reflection based on the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The retreat includes Mass, as well as opportunities for personal prayer and spiritual conversation. Cost: \$95



**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

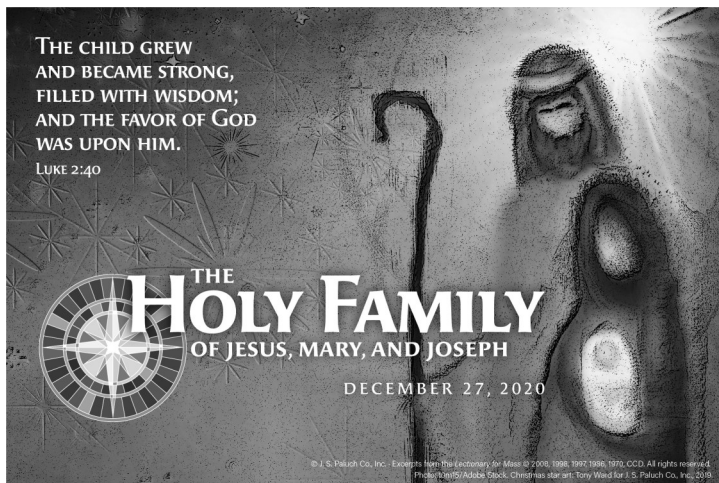
**FEAST OF FAITH: PROCESSIONS**

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ’s presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

**WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.



**THIS WEEK’S FEATURED ADVERTISER  
 CATHOLIC CRUISES AND TOURS**