

# 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

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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

**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.

### 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 JANUARY 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

6:45 AM Virginia Fickel -

**TUESDAY JANUARY 5 - St. John Neumann**

6:45 AM Longian Morgan - Susan Mitchell

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6 - St. Andre' Bassett**

6:45 AM Ann Marta - Family

**THURSDAY JANUARY 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**

5:45 PM Partick McGreal - Jim &amp; Kathy Roth

**FRIDAY JANUARY 8 - Christmas Weekday**

6:45 AM Robert Ancell Sr. - Dennis Ancell

**SATURDAY JANUARY 9 - Christmas Weekday**

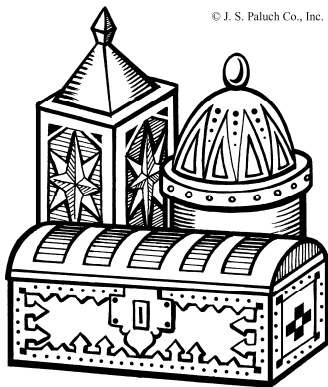
4:30 PM Lloyd &amp; Greg Zimmer - Family

**SUNDAY JANUARY 10 - Baptism of the Lord**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Dorothy Veverka - Doris Colombo

11:30 AM Edwin Feliciano - Family



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*They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh. —  
Matthew 2:11b*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;  
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10,  
12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc,  
17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;  
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4,  
3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;  
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

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

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS**

If you would like a copy of your 2020 contributions  
email your request to church@stmel.net and it will be  
emailed to you or drop a self-addressed stamped #10  
envelope (long envelope) into the collection basket  
and it will be mailed to you.

**JANUARY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**4:30 PM:** Barrie Stanton, Shron Szoradi

**7:00 AM:** Marty Lewis, Carol Kerrigan

**9:30 AM:** Michael George, Stephanie Bruce

**11:30 AM:** Rob Cahill, Tammy Harrington

**JANUARY LECTORS**

**4:30 PM:** Tim Armstrong

**7:00AM:** Marty Lewis

**9:30 AM:** Rich Beil

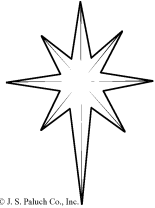
**11:30 AM:** Chrissy Gilbride

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

On behalf of the members of St. Mel parish, I wish to  
express my gratitude to the many individuals whose  
efforts contributed to the beauty of our celebration of  
the Christmas season. These include; the lectors,  
extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and  
ushers who faithfully fulfilled their duties within a  
varied schedule: David Tidyman, violinists Mary  
Beth Ions and Sam Rothberg, cantors Brittany  
Frenandez and Michael Carlozzi; Carol and Pat  
Kerrigan and Susan Mitchell who assisted in the  
sacristy; Derek Duplisea and Spencer Harrington,  
who did outstanding work in setting up the  
decorations both outdoors and in the church; Candice  
and Stephen Cingle, Sharon Link and Christian  
Stefanowicz who helped in some final decorating in  
the church. These efforts provide a warm and  
prayerful environment to our celebration. More  
especially, they are a genuine expression of praise  
and thanksgiving to God whose presence with us is  
the true meaning of the celebration of the Christmas  
season. *Father Fedor*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

TUES. 5 PSR: 6:00-7:00 in Church hall  
THUR. 7 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM  
SAT. 9 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

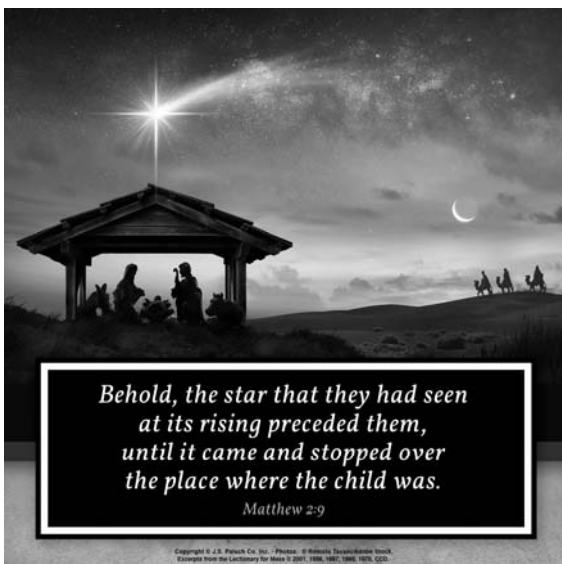


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**GIVING HOMAGE**

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke’s account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . .”

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God’s call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the “Herods” and inherent evils in our life.



*Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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**Growing in FAITH**

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

**How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?**

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an “imprimatur” printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an imprimatur generally means that a bishop’s office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral errors. It may be accompanied by a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing stands in the way”) which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions. It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God’s infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.



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**One Minute Meditation**

Tune out the world and tune into God. In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God’s voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. “By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies” (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God’s voice. “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

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