



# St. Mel Catholic Church

*14436 Triskett Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263*

Reverend Adam Zajac, *Pastor*

## MASSES

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM

Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

### Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: .. 6:45 AM

### Holy Day Masses:

Weekday evening before the Holy Day ... 5:45 PM

Holy Day: ..... 6:45, 10:00 AM

### Christmas & New Year's Masses:

See Bulletin for Schedule

## PHONES

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## PARISH INFORMATION

**Confessions:** Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**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 second Sunday 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 in 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 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday July 19 - St. Arsenius the Great**

6:45 AM Patrick Joyce - Bob &amp; Flo Schwind

**Tuesday July 20 - St. Apollinaris**

6:45 AM Matthew Petti - Petti Family

**Wednesday July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

No Mass

**Thursday July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene**6:45 AM Veronica Eyerman - Pat & Carol  
Kerrigan**Friday July 23 - St. Bridget**

6:45 AM Rollin Morgan - Susan Mitchell

**Saturday July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf**

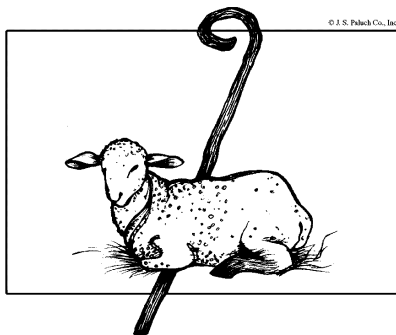
4:30 PM Carol Glynn - Friend

**Sunday July 25 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary****Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

7:00 AM St. Mel &amp; St. Mark Parishioners

9:30 AM Mike Haney - Family

11:30 AM Giovanni DiSiena - Family



*Behold, the days are coming,  
says the LORD, when I will raise up  
a righteous shoot to David.  
— Jeremiah 23:5a*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17;  
Mt 12:46-50Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;  
Mt 13:1-9Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;  
Mt 13:24-30Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;  
Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

2021:	Offertory \$3434	2020:	Offertory \$3559
	Monthly \$505		Monthly \$885
Repairs/Maintenance	\$145	Repairs/Maintenance	\$877
(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)	

In June 567 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 94 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

**FROM FR. ADAM**

Friends,

It was great seeing those of you who were able to come to the meet-and-greet this past Monday! Everyone here has been very welcoming, and given me a lot of confidence. One thing I emphasized at the end of the meeting is that my intention is to make St. Mel as strong and as vibrant of a parish as all of us together are able to make it. We talked about a lot of things, but there were two big ones:

**Establishing a pastoral council.** A pastoral council is a consultative group that advises the pastor. I set the agenda and ask them their advice on matters, and then the expectation is that I will follow their advice. Having a strong pastoral council is extremely important to me because I'm young and I need your voices and input to lead the parish. My plan is to find three people whose initial task will be to read the church's documents about pastoral councils and create the structure for how we will do this here at St. Mel. Once that is done, maybe in a year or less, we'll hold elections and start operating with a truly functioning council.

**Reducing the Sunday Mass schedule.** I know this will upset people but I promise you this is the only bad news that I have planned. In September I will be reducing the schedule to two Masses on Sunday, plus the Saturday Vigil. Right now there are seven weekend Masses between both parishes, two Saturday vigils and five Sunday Masses. I have four retired priests filling holes for me the next two months, and keep in mind that the minimum retirement age is 75. The Masses overlap on their scheduled time, so if either Fr. Gary or I wake up next weekend with the flu it would be impossible to cover the Masses. You may not know this, but priests are only allowed to say two Masses on a Sunday, and a third Mass only for pastoral necessity. With roughly two-thirds of our clergy being 65+ years old, it is impossible for me to maintain the scheduled as it is for the long term.

My current thought is to have a Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 7:00am, and Sunday 10:00am. I can then move St. Mark Mass times to Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, and Sunday 11:30am. The vigils will still overlap, but at least for Sunday there will be a good spread throughout the morning, and in an emergency I could physically do all the Masses.

Give me a few weeks to come to a final decision, and I will certainly make sure that everyone knows in advance what the plan is. Forgive me for making a change that I know might be hard to accept.

In Christ,

Fr. Adam

**PARISH CALENDAR**

WED. 14 Rosary Group: 10:00 AM  
SAT. 17 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU**

Are you ready for a day of faith, family, and fun? We hope to see you on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Brookside Reservation! Don't forget to get your ticket(s) at [www.TheFEST.us/tickets](http://www.TheFEST.us/tickets) and check out the main stage schedule featuring We Are Messengers, Tauren Wells, Danny Gokey, and for King & Country!!! There's plenty of activities, displays and ways you to enjoy an inspiring day at The FEST 2021. You could also have a chance to win over \$40,000 by participating in The FEST Raffle – visit [www.TheFEST.us](http://www.TheFEST.us) for all the details! There is something for everyone at The FEST. It's a great way to celebrate your faith and strengthen the bonds of your family before we enter into a busy fall season.

**TAKE COURAGE - VOLUNTEER AT THE FEST!**

The FEST 2021 is less than three weeks away and we need your help more than ever to make this event come to life! To get involved and learn more – visit [www.theFEST.us/volunteer](http://www.theFEST.us/volunteer). It will take over 1,000 volunteers to make The FEST possible this year, so we hope you can help! Volunteers will also get a free t-shirt and make this wonderful day of faith, family and fun possible.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER**

Wednesday, July 21 10 AM, Manufacturing Career Track Information Session. Hosted by the West Side Catholic Center , Towards Employment, and MAGNET.

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*For it is in giving that we receive – St. Francis of Assisi*

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**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

**FROM SCRIPTURE:  
JOHN 6:1-15; LOAVES AND FISHES.**



This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for

us and can be intimidating.

The apostle Andrew went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the five thousand “as much...as they wanted.” Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over! God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

**GOD IS THE CURRENT OF LIFE**



“Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God.” *Mother Teresa*

**SAYING “NO” IS NOT A SIN**

Saying “no” is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say “yes” until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say “no.” God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our “yes” should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

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