



St. Mel Catholic Church

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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:

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

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PARISH INFORMATION

Confessions: Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursdays: 5:00 - 5:30 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 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 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 March 1 - St. David

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

Tuesday March 2 - St. Agnes of Bohemia

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

Wednesday March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel

6:45 AM Patrick Joyce - George & Maureen Dlouhy

Thursday March 4 - St. Casimir

5:45 PM William Loftus - Petti Family

Friday March 5 - First Friday; Abstinence

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Saturday March 6 - First Saturday

4:30 PM Dan Tymoc - Judy Fulkerson

Sunday March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
 9:30 AM All Souls' Day Intentions
 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pezoa & Rojas Families - Paez Family



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*If God is for us, who can be against us?
 — Romans 8:31b*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
 Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20;
 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
 Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
 Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
 Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17];
 Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2021:	Offertory \$3325	2020:	Offertory \$4224
	Monthly \$415		Monthly \$40
	Repairs/Maintenance \$487		Repairs/Maintenance \$579
	(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)

In January 564 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 78 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 12:00 PM

Confessions Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:30 PM

Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Lenten Evening of Reflection Tuesday March 9th,

7:00 PM This is a Lenten Service of spoken and musical reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Mr. Thomas Czajkowski and other musicians will provide musical interludes as aides to meditating on brief spoken comments on the final statements attributed to Our Lord as He hung upon the Cross. The service is planned to last less than an hour.

Lenten Reminders

Abstinence: No meat on Ash Wednesday and All Fridays of Lent for those over 14 years of age.

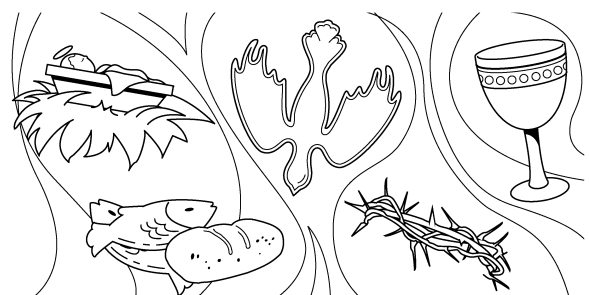
Fasting: One full meal and two other lighter meals and no eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those who are 18 years of age and not yet 60 years of age.

MARCH EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:30 PM: Sally Armstrong, Barrie Stanton
7:00 AM: Karen Crandall, Peter Roth
9:30 AM: John Colombo, Rich Beil
11:30 AM: Tom Stamper, Teresa Paez

MARCH LECTORS

4:30 PM: Tim Armstrong
7:00 PM: Ann Danuloff
9:30 PM: Natale Badillo
11:30 PM: Chrissy Gilbride



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PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 2 PSR: 6:00-7:00 PM
 THUR. 4 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM
 FRI. 5 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM
 SAT. 6 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

2021 BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION--MARCH 12TH & 13TH

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation’s top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT AM 1260 THE ROCK

Please join us for Lenten Devotions on AM 1260 The Rock! These devotions will air on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent. On Tuesdays at 3:00 PM, we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. On Fridays at 3:00 PM, we will host the Stations of the Cross for Priests. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:00 PM during Lent. We wish you a fruitful and peaceful Lenten journey and we will keep you in our daily prayers.

3 WAYS TO GROW THIS LENT: A 15-MINUTE CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP MALESIC

Friday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live
 As we enter into the Lenten season, we invite you and your family to mark your digital calendar for a special event with Bishop Edward Malesic on Friday, February 19, at 10 a.m. Bishop Malesic will guide us with insights into Lenten practices that can help refocus our attention and return our hearts to God, especially amid our challenging times. This special presentation will be live-streamed on the Catholic Community Foundation’s Facebook page. Please join us, and invite your friends and family as well. Let us journey together on a path to become an Easter people.



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

**FEAST OF FAITH
 THE OPENING PRAYER**

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition. The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own. The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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