

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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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

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 March 8 - St. John of God

6:45 AM Virginia Fickel

Tuesday March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

6:45 AM Edwin Feliciano - Family

Wednesday March 10 - St. Marcarius of Jerusalem

6:45 AM Tara Kelly - Eve Fedor

Thursday March 11 - St. Constantine

5:45 PM Delores Rudolph - Rudolph Family

Friday March 12 - Abstinence

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

Saturday March 13 - St. Roderic

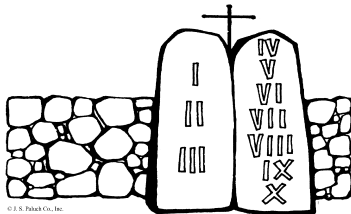
4:30 PM

Sunday March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Mary Deer - Sister

11:30 AM Thadeus & Maryhelen Ostrowski & Kenneth Anderson - Family



*I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Michael Hout who died on February 28, 2021. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9;
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2021:	Offertory	\$	2020:	Offertory	\$
	Monthly	\$		Monthly	\$
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$		Repairs/Maintenance	\$
	(Extra Ordinary)			(Extra Ordinary)	

In February 564 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 86 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.

**HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE**

Next week our parish will support up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to this worthwhile cause and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 9 PSR: 6:00-7:00 PM
 THUR. 11 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM
 FRI. 12 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM
 SAT. 13 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM

SIGNS & WONDERS: THE SHARED STORY OF PASSOVER AND EASTER

The Department of Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University invites you to the following Zoom lecture: Join Dr. Noah Bickart (John Carroll University) for an online exploration of the origins of the Passover celebration. Learn about the religious world of the first century, and how Jews and Christians today look back on their shared history. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00pm. The webinar is free and open to the public. To register, go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter meeting code 967-9124-3198."

NEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group is an offshoot of the Life in the Spirit Seminar hosted at St. Paul, North Canton in 2020. The group will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month; the next meeting is **March 8 at 6:30pm in the Walsh University Main Chapel.** All Covid19 restrictions are observed. All are welcome to come and give glory to God with us!

LENTEN MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

March 11, 7:30-9pm The women of Walking with Purpose invite you to join us for a beautiful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, contemplation, music, and Lenten reflection on Thursday, March 11, from 7:30-9pm at St. Luke's (1212 Bunts Rd., Lakewood). Free for ALL women, no RSVP required. Come be refreshed and encouraged during your Lenten Journey!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION "VIRTUAL" GRIEF SUPPORT

March 21st 5:00pm: The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be hosting a **Virtual Sunday Grief Support Group on Sunday, March 21 at 5pm.** This new support group, hosted via Zoom, will cover the same material as our in-person Sunday Grief Support Groups. The discussion topics are "Springing Forward/ Easter: Rising Up with Jesus". Registration is free and open to anyone seeking bereavement support. Register for our **virtual meeting** at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. For more information, contact Rhonda or at 216-930-4866.



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REFOCUS IN THE DESERT



Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be. This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.

Simplify. Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need. For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy if you keep only what you need.

Focus. During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from distractions. Limiting social media exposure, controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

Concentrate. Avoid influences that pull you away from God. *"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit"* (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.

WHY DO CATHOLICS FAST AND ABSTAIN



In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.

Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.

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