

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 22 - St. Deogratias**

6:45 AM Jim Sabrey - Rudolph Family

Tuesday March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogroveio

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Wednesday March 24 - St. Cairlon

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

Thursday March 25 - The Annunciation of the**Lord**5:45 PM Carmela Delvecchio & Carol Di Siena
- Family**Friday March 26 - St. Ludger; Abstinence**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

Saturday March 27 - St. John of Egypt

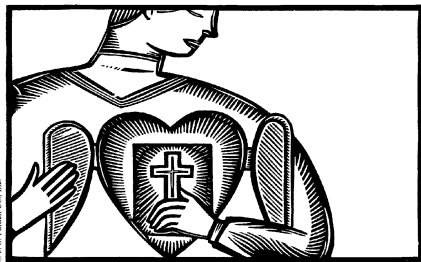
4:30 PM Margaret Smith

Sunday March 28 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

11:30 AM Lisa Fischer - Elizabeth Roach



*I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;
Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;
Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
(procession); Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>2021:</u>	Offertory \$3994	<u>2020:</u>	Offertory \$3670
	Monthly \$375		Monthly \$691
	Repairs/Maintenance \$497 (Extra Ordinary)		Repairs/Maintenance \$515 (Extra Ordinary)

In February 564 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 94 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

VEILING OF THE STATUES

Although this information is not included in the hymnal/missals, the Roman Missal includes the following notation for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: "*In the Diocese of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed.*" There are different spiritual and historical explanations for this practice, but I believe that this custom helps focus our attention on the gift of God's love recalled in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. *Father Fedor*

BLESSING OF FOOD

Particularly among those of Eastern European backgrounds, the custom of bringing an Easter Basket to Church for a blessing is an age old tradition. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. The religious significance attached to the foods eaten is noted in the blessings and prayers that are used. All are welcome to bring their food to the church for this blessing on Saturday, April 3, at 3:00 PM in the afternoon

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 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.

PARISH CALENDAR

TUES. 23	<u>PSR:</u> 6:00-7:00 PM
THUR. 25	<u>Confessions:</u> 5:00-5:30 PM
FRI. 26	<u>Stations of the Cross:</u> 12:00 PM
SAT. 27	<u>Confessions:</u> 3:00-4:00 PM

ST. EDWARD'S HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to Mark Houghtling, Jack Stanovic, and Zoltan Nagy for earning a place on Honor Roll for the current period. Keep up the fantastic work!

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Looking for ways to work effectively with young children and their families? Join Pam Perrino in exploring some simple self-reflection strategies you can use to check in on your ability to operate effectively while helping children navigate big emotions in little bodies. When: Thursday April 15, 2021 3:30 PM Eastern, 2:30 Central, 1:30 Mountain, 12:30 Pacific Topic: Early Childhood Educators – Checking In On You! Register in advance for this FREE 45 minute webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wx5uS6ozSWG370FRRkiCMQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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 www.zoom.us and enter meeting code 967-9124-3198."

HOLY WEEK INDIVIDUALLY DIRECTED RETREAT AND DAYS OF PRAYER

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>. Monday, March 29, 5:30pm - Friday, April 2, 1:00pm. Jesuit Retreat Center will be offering individually directed retreats during Holy Week. Come for a five-day silent retreat with spiritual direction. Cost includes room, meals and spiritual direction. There will also be days of private prayer and reflection on Holy Thursday (April 1st) and Good Friday (April 2nd) from 9 am to 3 pm (free will offering). Cost: \$450.

**Growing in FAITH**

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

THE EUCHARIST IS NOW

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the past action of Jesus becomes present. It is a liturgical representation of His sacrifice. Not merely a commemoration, Mass makes the sacrifice truly present. When we participate in the Eucharist, the past becomes present to us and we are present at the saving event.

LIVE GENEROUSLY

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

Make Jesus' Passion our own

It is important to recall the events of Jesus' Passion. It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, "*We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body*" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ. Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.

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