



# 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

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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 12 - St. Veronica**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**Tuesday July 13 - St. Henry**

6:45 AM Patrick Joyce - Susan Mitchell

**Wednesday July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

No Mass

**Thursday July 15 - St. Bonaventure**

6:45 AM Patrick Joyce - Susan Mitchell

**Friday July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**Saturday July 17 - Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30 PM Henry Hout Sr. - Family

**Sunday July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary****Time**

7:00 AM Doreen Shepard - Family

9:30 AM Sue Alaksa - Nancy Gallagher

11:30 AM Deceased Membes of the Paez &amp; Menjibar Families - Family



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*Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.  
— Psalm 85:12*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;  
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;  
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14;  
Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18;  
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;  
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;  
Mk 6:30-34

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

2021: Offertory \$3972	2020: Offertory \$2910
Monthly \$655	Monthly \$255
Repairs/Maintenance \$452 (Extra Ordinary)	Repairs/Maintenance \$425 (Extra Ordinary)

In June 567 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 88 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

**FROM FR. ADAM**

Friends,

It was wonderful to be with you last weekend at all the Masses! You were very welcoming, and I am very relieved that so far things are starting smoothly.

A few people with the best of intentions asked about why there couldn't be a separate pastor dedicated to each parish, instead of me having both. I understand and I agree! The default expectation of the Church in canon law is that, normally, each parish should have a pastor and each pastor should have only one parish. But that is "normally", and there is a specific exception for when there is a lack of priests so that several neighboring parishes can be entrusted to one pastor. We've reached a point in the Diocese of Cleveland where we do not have enough priests to cover all the parishes. We don't have the large number of ordinations like we did fifty years ago, and the closing of parishes that we did about a decade ago was modest (and several of them forced a reopening). In the next twenty years, unless there is a dramatic surge in priestly ordinations or we close parishes, I suspect that most parishes and parishioners will have to adjust to new ways of doing things with fewer priests.

But as we make our own adjustments, I hope you can join me Monday evening for that meet-and-greet in the social hall! Apart from telling you about myself, I have a few important practical things that we need to start talking about and where I need your help.

In Christ

Fr. Adam

**PARISH CALENDAR**

MON. 12	<u>Meet and Greet with Fr. Adam</u> <u>Parish Hall:</u> 7:00 PM
WED. 14	<u>Rosary Group:</u> 10:00 AM
SAT. 17	<u>Confessions:</u> 3:00-4:00 PM

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. FEDOR**

I am overwhelmed. A very special word of thanks to Susan Mitchell, completely unknown to me, for arranging to collect cards of best wishes on my retirement. I am grateful to all who took the time to and made the effort to do so. The warm sentiments expressed and the generous remembrance that accompanied them were truly moving. While I hope to respond on a more personal level, I know that this will take some time. Meanwhile please accept this acknowledgment of the kindness to me that was shown. The opportunity the Lord gave me to serve the parish of St. Mel is a joyous demonstration of God's bounty. May a truly good and gracious God bless you all. Fr. Fedor

**THE FEST**

As summer quickly passes by, don't miss out on the highlight of summer – The FEST. It's an amazing day of faith, family and fun. Join us on the 132 acres of the Brookside Reservation to hear the best Christian artists/bands: We are Messengers, Tauren Wells, Danny Gokey, and for King and Country. It's going to be great to come together to celebrate our faith at Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8 pm. Get all the details and ticket information by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). For over 20 years, The FEST has been a high point of the summer season for thousands across our region. Invite your family and friends to join you at The FEST.

**ENCOUNTER MARY & THE ROSARY SERIES AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month, between May and October, in line with the Fatima apparitions, we will reflect on our Lady's messages, hear from various speakers, and pray the Rosary together. Our next event is Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with special guest Devin Schadt. His topic is "Our Lady of Fatima's Best Kept Secret". Devin is a husband, father of five, author and speaker who transmits the message of glory, necessity and the power of fatherhood. He is co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, an apostolate that works for the renewal of authentic fatherhood and is the author of many books on St. Joseph and fatherhood. The event will be in-person and live-streamed on the parish website. All are welcome.



**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

**WELCOME BACK TO MASS**



Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

**Meet Him in the flesh.** The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for

taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

**Receive His protection.** Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The more open we are to it – by actively participating in Mass – the more we enjoy the benefits.

**Love Him back.** The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. *"If you love me you will keep my commandments"* (John 15:15).

If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

**WHAT IS EXPECTED OF CATHOLICS**

Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God *wants* to see us back in person – often!

**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

**Reconnect:** "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

**Practice detachment:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Help around the house:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

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