



# St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

Reverend Adam A. Zajac, *Pastor*

## MASSES

### Sunday Masses:

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

Sunday: ..... 7:00, 10:00 AM

### Weekday Masses:

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

### Confessions:

Saturday: ..... 3:00-4:00 PM

## PHONES

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## PARISH INFORMATION

**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 10:00AM 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; 12:30 to 4:30 PM

**Hall available** please call the rectory office for more information.

**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**

**Pope's Intention for March:** For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Monday March 20 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:45 AM Ann Skvarek - Friend

**Tuesday March 21 -**

6:45 AM Jim Sabrey - Rudolph Family

**Wednesday March 22 -**

No Mass

**Thursday March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

6:45 AM Joseph Verbiak

**Friday March 24 -**

6:45 AM

**Saturday March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Bir Family

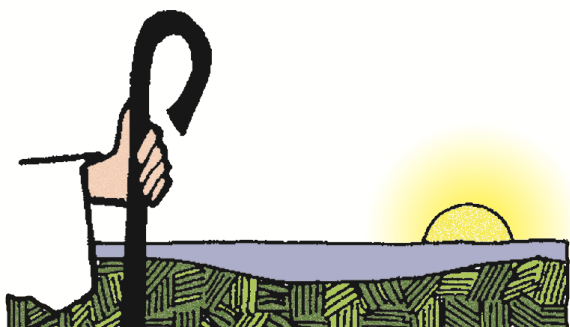
**Sunday March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

10:00 AM Fr. Mark Fedor - Doris & John Colombo

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

<u>2023:</u>	Offertory	\$	<u>2022:</u>	Offertory	\$
	Monthly	\$		Monthly	\$
	Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary)	\$		Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary)	\$

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Amy Eyerman, Dan Pauley, and Cassandra Ann Forst who died last week. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*



**PARISHOINER SPOTLIGHT**

Congratulations to Sarah Franks for being highlighted in the West Park Magazine's Meet Your Neighbor column. We are proud to have Sarah as part of our parish family and proud of the great work she does for our community.

**HEART OF A SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The Heart of a Shepherd Campaign was originally established in 2018 to support the renovation of the seminarian residences which was completed in December 2022. Due to the impact of COVID-19 the project was expanded to include assistance to retired clergy and funding for parishes as well. Over \$52 million has been pledged by over 13,000 donors with \$38 million of those pledges being collected. The success of this campaign is due the spirit of generosity and community by all those who were called to support it.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Coletta Bailey | Olga Corrigan   |
| Bob Henson     | Rita Joyce      |
| Judy           | Gretchen Lane   |
| Jan Retzer     | Sue Sollenne    |
| Mark Struhar   | Matthew Struhar |
| Joel Tomkalski | Dennis Tyburski |
| Andrew Valek   |                 |

If you or someone you know needs prayer support, please call the Rectory office to have their name included in our bulletin. Please be respectful of other's wishes and only submit a name with full permission from the intended.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Sun. 19</b>	<b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Mon. 20</b>	<b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Tues. 21</b>	<b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Wed. 22</b>	<b>Rosary: 10:00 AM</b> <b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Thurs. 23</b>	<b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Fri. 24</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM</b> <b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b>
<b>Sat. 18</b>	<b>Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM</b> <b>Nine Nights of Prayer 8:15-8:45 PM</b> <b>Ice Cream Social 8:45 PM</b>

**EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS**

To donate for Easter flowers and other decorations in honor of, or in remembrance of someone dear to you, please make your request by March 26, 2023. An insert will be placed in the bulletin on Easter weekend naming all those honored by the flowers used to decorate the church during the Easter season. Your name will be listed unless you prefer to remain anonymous. Please put the form in the collection basket with your donation. Any checks should be made out to St. Mel Church with the memo "Church Decoration Fund." For any questions, please contact Susan Mitchell at 216-941-6743 or agnes6423@yahoo.com.

**NINE NIGHTS OF PRAYER**

St. Mel will be hosting the Night Prayer of the Divine office from March 17-25 at 8:15-8:45 PM. Come join in prayer and contemplation as we continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord. After the last night we will be hosting a free ice cream social in the hall. All are welcome.

**"VIRTUOUS FRIENDSHIP"  
WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT**

You're invited to the Walking with Purpose Women's Mini-Retreat. This FREE evening will be filled with worship music, adoration, and reflection. Confession will also be offered. Come experience what your heart has truly been longing for! All women are welcome. For more info, contact: WWPLakewood@gmail.com Thursday, March 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church – 121 Bunts Rd, Lakewood Info: StJamesLakewood.com/events



**Growing in FAITH**

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**HOW CAN I OVERCOME THE TEMPTATIONS IN MY LIFE?**



Jesus knows that the battle for holiness is challenging in a fallen world, so He gave St. Faustina Kowalska twenty-five strategies to help (*Divine Mercy in My Soul*, #1760). Here is a sample:

***"Do not bargain with any temptation; lock yourself immediately in My***

***Heart.***" Don't assume you are strong enough for a "little" temptation. Run immediately to the refuge of Jesus' sacred heart for protection.

***"Bear with yourself with great patience."*** Saints aren't made overnight. See yourself as God does – beloved. Be patient and keep trying.

***"Do not neglect interior mortifications."*** Withhold a biting remark, give up a luxury for the day, cut down on screen time. Sacrifices for love are powerful.

***"Shun murmurs like a plague."*** Gossip is never in God's service. False accusations and rumors that hurt reputations are Satan's favorite tools. Don't indulge.

***"Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you."*** Our courage comes from being rooted in God (John 15:5). Recall God's loving presence throughout the day: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

**JOHN 11:1-45**

**GENEROUS TRUST, GENEROUS FAITH**

In this Gospel passage, a beloved friend of Jesus' was fatally ill and his sisters sent urgent word to Jesus to come immediately. Jesus delayed, and Lazarus died, but this would not be His ultimate fate. Jesus had something else in mind for Lazarus and his family.

When He finally arrived, Martha didn't demand Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, although she acknowledged His power to do so. Even though her brother's body had been in the tomb for days and the decay had begun in earnest, her trust in Jesus was complete. She knew that God's love is more powerful than death and left the outcome in His hands.

God never leaves us in our troubles but uses them to draw us closer to Him. Martha's generous trust in God's will rested on her close friendship with Christ. Whatever He thought would be best *was* best. God's timing is not ours, yet everything He does – even *when* He does it – is for our good. Martha's trust in Jesus was rewarded in the most magnificent way. Ours will be, too.

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER  
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