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.

Pope's Intention for April: For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Monday March 27 -
6:45 AM Lenny Gecik - Dorothy McGuire

Tuesday March 28 -
6:45 AM Charles Rudolph Jr. - Rudolph Family

Wednesday March 29 -
No Mass

Thursday March 30 -
6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Smith Family - Dorothy McGuire

Friday March 31 -
6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Burns Family - Dorothy McGuire

Saturday April 1 -
4:30 PM Lloyd & Greg Zimmer - Ruth Zimmer

Sunday April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 AM All Souls' Day Intentions
10:00 AM Dick Readinger - Rudolph Family

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:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
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:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

2023:		2022:	
Offertory	$2131	Offertory	$3441
Monthly	$154	Monthly	$465
Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary)	$110	Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary)	$60

APRIL LECTORS

4:30 PM: Tim Armstrong
7:00 AM: Stephanie Bruce
10:00 AM: Ann Danuloff

APRIL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4:30 PM: Sally Armstrong, Maureen Forrest, Rich Beil
7:00 AM: Ed Bringman, Mark Mertus, Stephanie Bruce
10:00 AM: Nancy Zajac, Ken Zajac, Christine Gilbride

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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

Wed. 29	**Rosary: 10:00 AM**
Fri. 31	**Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM**
Sat. 1	**Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM**

CCA GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, visit: https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx.
For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

IGNITE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Saturday April 29, 2023 9:00 AM at the Cleveland Mariott 1360 W Mall Dr. Cleveland, OH 44114. Registration is $55 and doors open at 8:00 am concluding the day with Mass at the Cathedral, led by Bishop Malesic. For more information, a full schedule and a list of speakers please visit the website ignitecatholic.com

CONTEMPLATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, April 2, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org Presented by Bill Hobbs and Margaret Mach, SC. As we enter into Holy Week, join us at the Jesuit Retreat Center for a Contemplative Stations of the Cross. Through Ignatian Imaginative prayer, reflective readings, quiet music, and time for contemplation, we will spend the evening reliving the final day and hours of Jesus's passion. Free Will
Offering.

TRIDUUM SILENT RETREAT

Thursday, April 6, 3:00pm - Sunday, April 9, 10:00am. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org Come join us at the Jesuit Retreat Center as we gather for the holiest days of the church year – the Paschal Triduum. Together we will pray and celebrate some of the most significant and beautiful liturgies of the Christian faith. $325

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LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH THE THREE LENTEN DISCIPLINES: ALMSGIVING

In addition to prayer and fasting, Lent gives us the chance to give alms to those who are most needy. By helping others, we practice charity and social justice. We look to carry our own cross and help others carry theirs as well. In other words, we practice the same generosity as God, who makes the rain to fall on the good and on the bad and loves people without distinction. To help others is to confront the poverty of this world with the hope of the kingdom of God.
Charity is a Christian virtue because Jesus is the best example of what charity is. Charity is more than giving alms; it is love and justice. It is complying with the commandment to love one another in a world where most people are poor and abandoned. To be charitable is to give to the needy what they need from our time, talent, and treasure; it is to work for social changes that promote human dignity and the economic wellbeing of all. Charity is love and God is love. May we live in that love.

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