



# St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

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## MASSES

### Sunday Masses:

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

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

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and 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.

**PAPAL INTENTION**

**Pope's Intention for November:** For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Pope's Intention for December:** For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday November 27 -**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**Tuesday November 28 -**

6:45 AM Mass.....John Staresinic

**Wednesday November 29 -**

10:00 AM Rosary

**Thursday November 30 - St. Andrew**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**Friday December 1 -**

6:45 AM Mass.....Father's Day Intentions

**Saturday December 2 -**

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Joseph Flynn

**Sunday December 3 - First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM Mass.....All Souls' Day Intentions

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Gerald and Bride Sweeney

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Due to the holiday printing schedule last week's collection will be posted at a later date.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Please be aware that Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 6:45am and 12:00pm.

**WE GIVE CATHOLIC****Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

WE GIVE CATHOLIC is Northeast Ohio's online day of Catholic giving to raise awareness and inspire our Catholic community to generosity in support of Catholic Parishes and Schools.

Maintaining the buildings on the St. Mel property is of the utmost importance. Having good quality windows in the school building will help to ensure the longevity of the building. Keeping water from leaking in, helping with temperature control, reducing the sun glare and providing the safety that comes with new windows are all excellent reasons to participate in We Give Catholic!

Donate at <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/giving-events/wgc23>, search for St. Mel

If you do not have access to a computer, donations can be made at the Rectory Office with cash, check or credit card!

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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Rita Joyce

Catherine McCafferty

Sue Sollenne

Matthew Struhar

Joel Tomkalski

Ruth Zimmer

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  
Sat. 2

Rosary: 10:00 AM  
Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

## ST. MEL GIVING TREE



Once again we are partnering with the West Side Catholic Center to provide much needed necessities this holiday season. Check by the glass doors at the back of the church after all Masses to find

tags with a list of needed items on the Christmas trees. This year the West Side Catholic Center has asked in addition to their usual requests for full sized toiletries and adult and child clothes, for specifically hats and scarves for adults and children. **We will only be accepting new, unwrapped items and no toys. Please drop your donations off by Sunday December 3.**

## MARKERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join the Marker's on Saturday, December 16th after the 4:00 pm Mass, in the St. Mark Social Hall, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This Christmas get together will be a catered dinner at a cost of \$25.00 per person, which is payable at the door. Also, there will be a white elephant exchange! If interested in participating in the fun, please bring your item wrapped. If you'd like to bring a dessert to share, it will be most appreciated! Please RSVP through the St. Mark Parish Office at 216-226-7577. It will be an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun!

## GIVING AND GRATEFUL

Please Give About just 1 hour a week of your time. WEST PARK MEALS ON WHEELS is in desperate need of volunteers. Drivers or Deliverers on any day you can be available. Mon. thru Fri. (No Holidays). Normally one hour out of your day is all that is needed. It is a very rewarding one hour per week that will make a difference to you as well as to the people served and they are very Grateful.

Please help by calling : Georganne at: 216-251-6255 and Please leave a message.



## Growing in FAITH

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HOW DOES THE CHURCH  
DECIDE WHO IS A SAINT

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

DEALING WITH LOSS AND  
THOSE LEFT BEHIND

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

**Pray.** Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to keep their intentions alive.

**Be Present.** Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

**Offer material support.** Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

**Contribute.** Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.

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