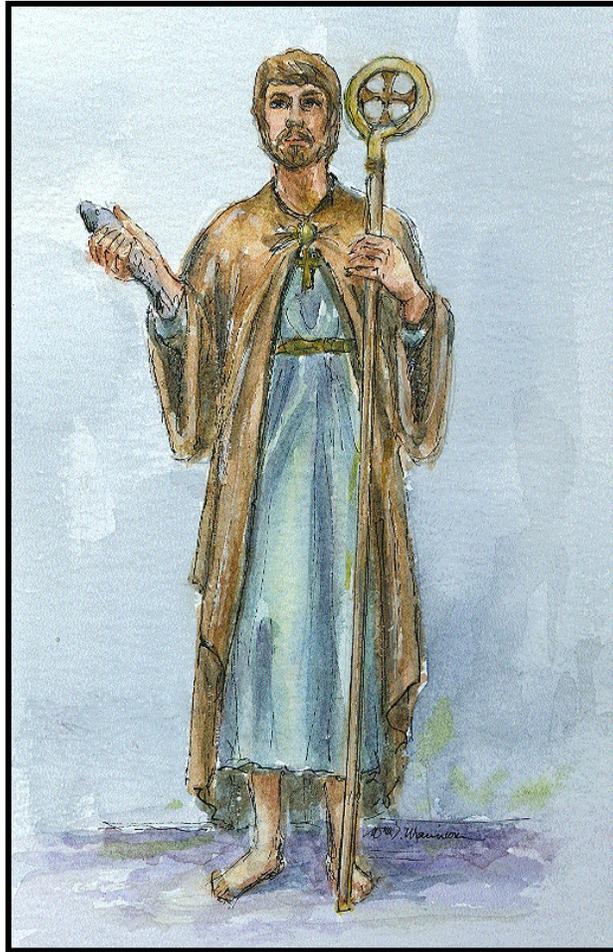


# SAINT MEL

## Catholic Church

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### SAINT MEL

*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  
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Website ..... <http://www.stmel.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 second Sundays of the month, following the 10:00 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

**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.

### MASSES

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM  
Sunday: ..... 7:00, 10:00 AM

#### Weekday Masses

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

**Confessions:** Saturdays ..... 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Pope's Intention for April:** For health care workers. We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**Monday April 4 - St. Isadore**

6:45 AM Martin Kearney - Bridget Conway

**Tuesday April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

**Wednesday April 6 -**

No Mass

**Thursday April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**Friday April 8 - Abstinence**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions  
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

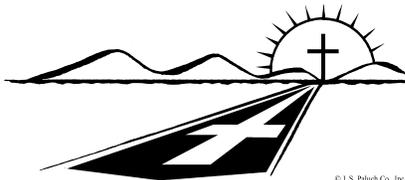
**Saturday April 9 -**

4:30 PM Henry & Michael Hout - Family

**Sunday April 10 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:00 AM St. Mel & St. Mark Parishioners  
10:00 AM Paul Roth - Family

*I consider everything as a loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing  
Christ Jesus my Lord.  
— Philippians 3:8*



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20  
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 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

|                                      |                  |                                      |                  |
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| <u>2022:</u>                         | Offertory \$3484 | <u>2021:</u>                         | Offertory \$3994 |
|                                      | Monthly \$250    |                                      | Monthly \$375    |
| Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary) | \$150            | Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary) | \$495            |

In February 574 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 80 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

**FROM FR. ADAM...**

Friends,

It was during Holy Week of last year when I first learned that I was going to be the pastor of two parishes. I vividly remember the excitement and the worries that I had running through my head during the Sacred Triduum and being unable to tell anyone what was on the horizon. One of those thoughts was, "How in the world am I going to schedule the Triduum?" As you know, my approach this whole time has been that we are two parishes but friendly neighbors, and so to have the sacred liturgies at only one parish and not the other seemed to harm the reality of being two parishes... but the thought of having them at both and the unavoidable result that I myself would be with one community and not the other was heartbreaking!

Several months ago I sat down with Fr. Gary and Fr. Mike to discuss what we thought would be best (and as always to thank them for their willingness to help at our parishes on the weekends!). They reminded me that the Sacred Triduum is truly meant to be the most sacred liturgies of the year, using all the resources we have to celebrate them well. Indeed, the Church does instruct that "the celebrations of the Sacred Triduum are to be carried out [...] only in those churches in which they can be performed with dignity, that is with a good attendance of the faithful, an appropriate number of ministers, and the means to sing at least some of the parts. Consequently, it is desirable that small communities [...] join together in these churches to carry out the sacred celebrations in a more noble manner." I would not say that either parish is a small community, depending on one's point of reference... but certainly we can have a more noble celebration if we join together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

For this reason, we decided that the parishes will join together for most of the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, alternating between which church building our two communities gather in. I've included an insert in the bulletin with the complete schedule and encourage you to come if you can. I pray as the season of Lent slowly comes to an end that many graces have been at work in your life, and that you have true paschal joy come Easter morning.

In Christ,

Fr. Adam

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Tues. 5** PSR 6:00-7:00 PM  
**Wed. 6** Rosary 10:00 AM  
**Fri. 8** Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM  
**Sat. 9** Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

## PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you all for participating in our election of new pastoral council members. All of the nominated candidates were excellent parishioners, and your votes reflected this. My congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected to the council, and whom I look forward to working with: Sally Armstrong, Natale Badillo, Rob Cahill, Pat Kerrigan, Susan Mitchell, and Tom Stamper.

Fr. Adam

## APPEAL FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For us Catholics, it is a great act of faith to receive the Holy Eucharist as often as possible, and more so, when we are ill – trusting and hoping that as we come face to face with our physical mortality, in **His REAL and FULL** presence, Jesus will restore us to health, or in case we die, he will lead us to eternal life.

The Spiritual Care and Volunteer departments here at **Fairview Hospital** are appealing for your help to become a **Volunteer-Eucharistic-Minister** to comfort, and support our sick Catholic brothers and sisters by bringing them Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

If you are already a Eucharistic Minister at your Parish, and are willing to help, please, call **Fr. Deogratis** at **216 476 4929** to learn more about this grace-filled compassionate ministry. Thank You.

## L.E.A.F.

Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families and loved ones of the incarcerated. All are welcome. Spanish/bilingual assistance is available, if pre-arranged. Meetings are held at St. Julie's Church in N. Ridgeville on the second Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next one is **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. For more information text or call Ted Laponi (440) 315-6527.



## Growing in FAITH

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## GIVE SUNDAYS TO GOD



God intended Sundays as days for worship, rest, and charity for His people. In today's world, however, it can be challenging to "keep holy the Lord's Day." Try these suggestions to recapture your Sundays for God:

**Worship:** Mass is a direct encounter with God. Make it the center and highlight of your day. Prepare yourself to receive Jesus in the Eucharist by going to Confession regularly and staying aware of your conscience so as to avoid sin. One of the best ways to honor Him is respond to His love with your own.

**Rest:** Make Sunday different from the rest of the week. Avoid unnecessary work. Finish errands and chores by sundown on Saturday. Serve leftovers or casseroles on paper plates to minimize washing up. Limit screen time, social media, online shopping.

**Joy:** God rested on the Seventh Day and delighted in His creation (Genesis 1:31-2:2). Find time today to do something that brings you joy. Spend time with loved ones, take a nature walk, indulge in a hobby, read a good book.

**Charity:** Traditionally, charitable works are performed on the Lord's Day. Consider putting money in the poor box at church, donating food or clothes to a shelter, or visiting a lonely neighbor. Don't forget, praying for others and treating them with kindness is a much-needed act of charity.

WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE JESUS  
"DESCENDED INTO HELL"?

In the Apostles Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell" – *Hades* in Greek or *Sheol* in Hebrew. Used here, it means "the realm of the dead," not necessarily the place of punishment. Human sin closed the gates of heaven even to righteous souls, until Christ's coming. After accomplishing our redemption on the Cross, Jesus descended to the underworld, bringing news of their salvation to the righteous souls who were waiting to enter heaven (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #633).

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