

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; 12:30 to 4:30 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.

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Friday 6:45 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

PAPAL INTENTION

Pope’s Intention for March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

Scripture readings can be found online at: bible.usccb.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Tuesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 AM Mass.....Russ Negray

Wednesday, March 26 -

No Masses

Thursday, March 27 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Friday, March 28 -

6:45 AM Mass.....Tim Costello

12:00 PM Station of the Cross

Saturday, March 29 -

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Tim Costello

Sunday, March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Alfred Blazek

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

2025	Offertory	\$3266
	Monthly	\$300
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$130
	(Extra Ordinary)	
	Online - Offertory	\$2020
	Online - Repairs	\$130

ST. MEL FISH FRY PRESENTED BY COUSA MAMAS

April 4 Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner, spend time with family or friends and support St. Mel and Cousa Mamas! You can find the full menu on the St. Mel website at stmel.net or at the doors of the church. Hope to see you at the Fish Fry!

ST. MARK FISH FRY

March 28 & April 11 - 5:00-7:00pm Please join us for the St. Mark Fish Fry in the Social Hall. Fish, Shrimp, Pierogi or Mac & Cheese dinners or Pizza and Grilled Cheese for the kids... Pick your favorite and enjoy! All dinners come with two sides, roll, cookie and beverage. Please see the link on the St. Mark website at stmarkcleveland.com

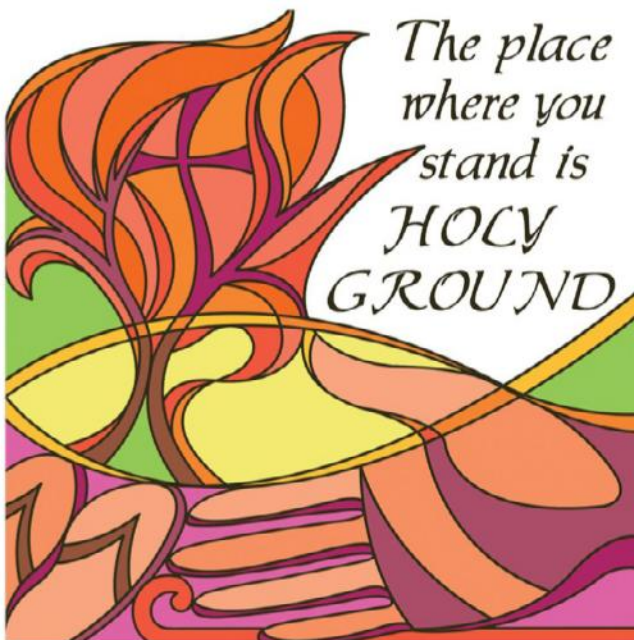
YOUNG FAMILY GATHERINGS

Connect with other young parents. Once a month after the 8:30am Mass at St. Mark, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall (or Pavilion) for bagels, coffee, and community. Dates vary each month. For questions contact Briana Dave at: bciancibello@gmail.com Upcoming Dates: April 13

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Laura Burgess	Roger Burgess
Judy Collins	Dave Corrigan
Olga Corrigan	Noreen Dlouhy
Emily Finazzo	Suzanne Gambol
Shiela Henson	Ann Jones
Ken K.	Gretchen Lane
Colleen Moore	Eileen Mangan-Stull
Madison Ramser	Jan Retzer
Aimee Roscoe	Anthony Prosowski
Sue Solenne	Mark Struhar
Matthew Struhar	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.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. 24 Rosary 10:00 AM
 Fri. 28 Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
 Sat. 29 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

March 28 at 7pm at St. Mark Taize style prayer focuses on quiet meditation, reflective melody, and light to create a unique encounter with God. Please join us for an evening of simple communal prayer.

HELP NEEDED

WEST PARK MEALS ON WHEELS

West Park Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of volunteers to drive and/or deliver meals to the homebound. On any day you are available, that is Monday to Friday (and NO Holidays) It requires only about 1 hour of your entire day. On any day of the week you are available. It is truly a rewarding effort for you, and the people you serve are humbly grateful. Please help by calling Georgann at: 216-251-6255 and leave a message. Your call will be happily returned.

PRISON PEN PAL MINISTRY

Pen Pals Needed! Being busy and exhausted is not new. St. Paul told the Galatians to not become weary in doing good. Do you have an hour a month for our "serve from home" ministry? Many inmates are lonely and abandoned by friends and family. As a pen pal you write anonymously using a pen name and the parish address as your return address. To learn more about this ministry and discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you, contact George Scherma at (440)465-8944 or gws263@yahoo.com

COME AND PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org> Friday, April 18, 10:00 - 11:00am. We invite you to come on Good Friday and pray the Stations with us. The Jesuit Retreat Center Stations are located at the rear of our property surrounding the Jesuit Cemetery, the final resting place for more than 100 members of the Society of Jesus. This is a free event. No registration is required.



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

WHY DON'T I FEEL BETTER AFTER CONFESSION

After Confession, many feel lighter, more peaceful, and even joyful. But sometimes, we may feel no change, or even sadness. Rest assured, you are still forgiven. Here's how to find peace.

Make amends: That lingering unease might be God's gentle nudge to make things right. Forgiveness is given in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but healing continues through restitution. If you confessed to stealing \$20, you're forgiven—but you still need to return it. Making amends completes the reconciliation process.

Reject false guilt: "Healthy" guilt alerts us to sin, like a burglar alarm. Once you've confessed, the alarm should turn off. If guilt lingers, recognize it as a temptation to doubt God's mercy. God doesn't hold grudges and neither should you. If you're struggling, seek help from a priest, counselor, or trusted Catholic friend.

Let Him love you: Confession isn't just about forgiveness; it's about reunion with God. When you leave the confessional, thank Him for His mercy. Then do what pleases Him most – Be still and let Him love you.

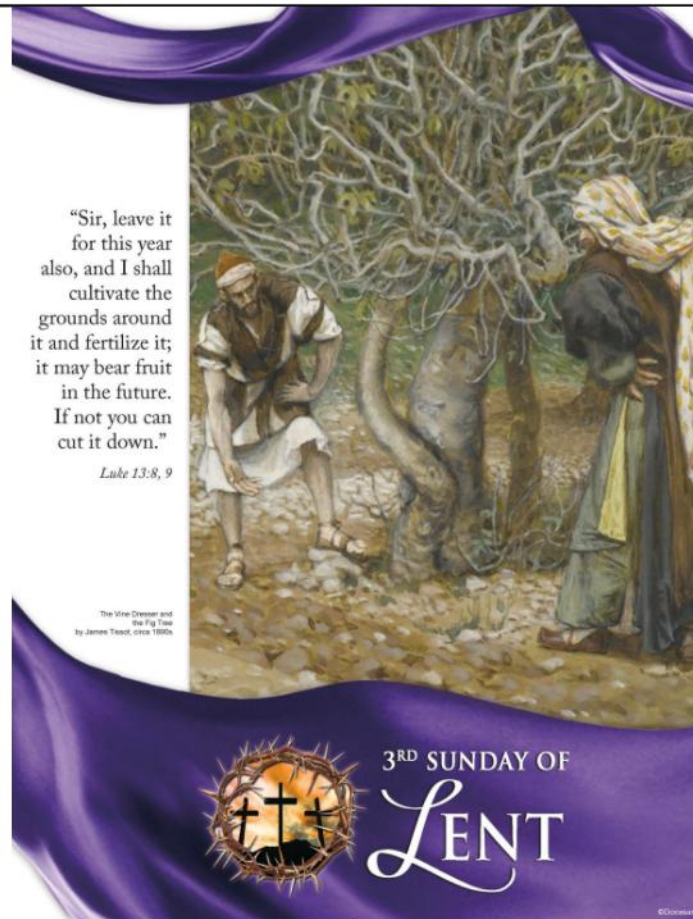
JOHN 9:1-41 FAITH GIVES US TRUE SIGHT

In this Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man on the Sabbath by making mud and smearing it on the man's eyes. This cure was two-fold; the man received both physical sight and the sight of faith. As he was being questioned by the Pharisees, his understanding of who Jesus was moved from knowing Him as simply a man, to acclaiming Him as a prophet, and finally, to worshipping Him as the Son of God.

While the faith of the cured man progresses, the spiritual sight of the Pharisees does the opposite. In their anger, they were blinded to the truth—that the curing of the blind man was God's work. Furious that Jesus failed to observe the Sabbath, they refused to believe that the man had been blind from birth and had been healed by Jesus.

In Baptism, we are given the gift of faith—the ability to "see" God and our life in relation to him. The longer we follow Jesus and learn from Him, the better we understand Him. However, through sin, we can become spiritually blind.

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
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“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the grounds around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

Luke 13:8, 9

The Vine-Dresser and the Fig Tree by James Tissot, circa 1890s

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