

# 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

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**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 12:30; 1:00 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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:45 AM

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Pope's Intention for December:** For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**Monday December 19 -**

6:45 AM Rose Brummer - Ralph & Kathy Nevel

**Tuesday December 20 -**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

**Wednesday December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**

No Mass

**Thursday December 22 -**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**Friday December 23 - St. John of Kanty**

6:45 AM Veronica Eyerma - Family

**Saturday December 24 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:30 PM Henry & Michael Hout - Family

7:00 PM Charles Rudolph - Rudolph Family

**Sunday December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

10:00 AM Rudolph Weber - Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34;  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5;  
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;  
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6;  
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12;  
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Due to our bulletin publisher's holiday schedule, last week's collection totals will be posted at a later date. Thank you.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED**

As we are coming ever closer to normalcy after COVID, we are sorely in need of Eucharistic Ministers. If you are a past Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who took a step back for any reason, or are interested in becoming a new Minister, please contact Bill at the Rectory Office or our Sacristan Carol Kerrigan. In addition to Eucharistic Ministers we are also in need of Lectors and altar servers at every Mass. Please, if you feel called to serve your parish community in any capacity we welcome your help, please contact Bill in the Rectory office or Carol after Mass.

**ST. MEL GIVING TREE**

Thank you to everyone who made such generous donations to our annual Giving Tree. As always your gifts are collected and donated to the West Side Catholic Center in time for Christmas. This year we collected over 20 boxes of new child and adult clothes and personal care items. A huge thanks to Carol and Pat Kerrigan, Tammy Harrington, and Susan Mitchell for sorting, labeling and packing everything and to Derrek Duplisea and John Houghtling for delivering our donations. Again, thank you to everyone in the parish who contributed to make Christmas a little bit brighter for those in need.



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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Coletta Bailey	Olga Corrigan
Amy Eyerma	Ted Korntheuer
Sophie Korntheuer	Gretchen Lane
Bob Henson	

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. 21 Rosary 10:00 AM  
 Fri. 23 Rectory Office Closed  
 Sat. 24 Mass 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM  
 Mon. 26 Rectory Office Closed

**ST. MEL & ST. MARK  
 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Masses:**

December 24: (St. Mel) 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM  
 (St. Mark) 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM  
 December 25: (St. Mel) 10:00 AM  
 (St. Mark) 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:**

December 31: (St. Mel) 4:30 PM  
 (St. Mark) 4:00 PM  
 January 1: (St. Mel) 7:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
 (St. Mark) 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM

**COMMUNAL PENANCE**

Join us on Thursday, December 22nd for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be multiple priests available starting at 7:00pm to celebrate this healing Sacrament. Come and let up prepare our hearts for the Birth of the Savior. The service will take place in the main church of Our Lady of Angels.

**SEASONAL JOURNALING**

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org> Tuesdays from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. December 20, December 27, January 3. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. This Journaling program will focus on "the season" of December and the New Year. We will practice a variety of writing activities using, among other themes, darkness, light, hope, endings and beginnings. Each session will have a specific focus for writing activities, along with suggestions for further journaling. Cost: \$45.

**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS  
OF GREAT JOY**

After the shepherds visited Jesus, they told others who didn't yet know about Him. Pope St. John Paul II urged us to do the same: "If we truly encounter Christ again and again, we cannot

keep him to ourselves." As disciples, we are required to make disciples.

**Practice urgency.** Those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ suffer the misery of our fallen world. Worse, they cannot enter eternal life. Our Catholic Faith holds the key to peace in this world and salvation in the next. Sharing our knowledge and love for Him is urgent.

**Spend time in the Word.** The world desperately needs to know the Truth contained in the Word. Those who spend time with Scripture grow deeper in their relationship with God and can share that knowledge.

**Actively listen.** It is through listening that we earn the right to be heard. Active listening helps us discern where our companion is in the faith journey. Then we learn how best to share the gospel message.

**GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US**

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER  
 SLIFE HEATING AND COOLING**

# Fourth Sunday

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23

