

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

2025	Offertory	\$2608
	Monthly	\$265
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$185
	(Extra Ordinary)	
	Online - Offertory	\$740
	Online - Repairs	\$

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Tuesday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:45 AM Mass.....Joseph Verbiak

Wednesday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Masses

Thursday, March 20 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Friday, March 21 -

6:45 AM Mass
 12:00 PM Station of the Cross

Saturday, March 22 -

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark
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 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark
 4:30 PM Mass.....Deceased Members of the Bir Family

Sunday, March 23 - Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Mass.....St. Mel Parishioners & St. Mark Parishioners
 8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark
 10:00 AM Mass.....Elizabeth Conway
 11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

ST. MEL FISH FRY PRESENTED BY COUSA MAMAS

March 21, 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

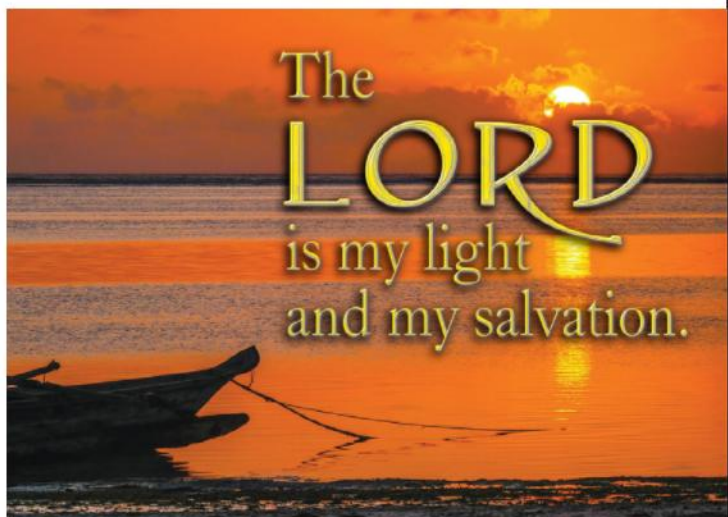
DIOCESEAN WIDE EVENING OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 19 5:00-8:00PM. All churches in the Diocese of Cleveland, including St. Mel and St. Mark will be open to all for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.



PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. 17 Rosary 10:00 AM
Fri. 21 Stations 12:00 PM
 Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 PM
Sat. 22 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

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.

ECHOING HYMNS

Here is a call to consider serving our community as a singer! Do you ever get snippets of a song echoing in your mind? Maybe a certain phrase comes back to you? How special! I encourage you to try and hold onto those ear worms. They are often quotes from scripture, and they may even be an invitation to lead! Recently, the scriptures have included a theme of the Church as a united community: many parts of one body; sharing of our gifts; calls to care for one another. If you are still looking for your way to serve, consider offering your voice to lead our music. It is a humbling and extremely rewarding experience. We have a small group of devoted cantors and choristers who you know & appreciate, a group of nearly 40 students who sing at school and weekend Masses, and we are ALWAYS welcoming more voices. In whatever capacity you're comfortable with: you are welcome and wanted.

Take a moment to thank one of our loyal volunteer cantors: Mike Antonelli (Marks, Sat), John Cooney (Mels), Lilly & Noel (Marks), Patty Joyce (Marks), Tim Mohr (Marks), Angela Salazar (viola), Bill Todia (Marks), Diane Virostko (Mels), and the children's choir.

Sincerely,
 Julia Wallace, Music Ministry
 Email: Jwallace@stmarkcleveland.com



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

THE VIRTUE THAT LEADS TO A BALANCED LIFE

Prudence is the virtue of wise decision-making, guiding us to apply moral principles in everyday life with clarity and integrity. It empowers us to navigate complex situations with fairness and sound judgment.

Act justly and fairly by treating others with justice, free from favoritism or prejudice. For example, when caring for children, prudence ensures we give equal attention to each child, fostering an atmosphere of respect and equality.

Balance courage and caution by finding the middle ground between fear and recklessness. Prudence empowers us to make bold yet responsible choices. For example, taking out a mortgage for a comfortable home is a prudent investment, whereas going into excessive debt to impress others is not.

Master desires and avoid greed to keep from becoming enslaved by life's pleasures. This virtue helps us avoid excessive consumption. Prudence allows us to appreciate good food, fine entertainment, or the latest technology without falling into excessive consumption.

Prudence brings us practical wisdom. When we practice prudence, we not only make better decisions but also move closer to living a balanced, fulfilling life.

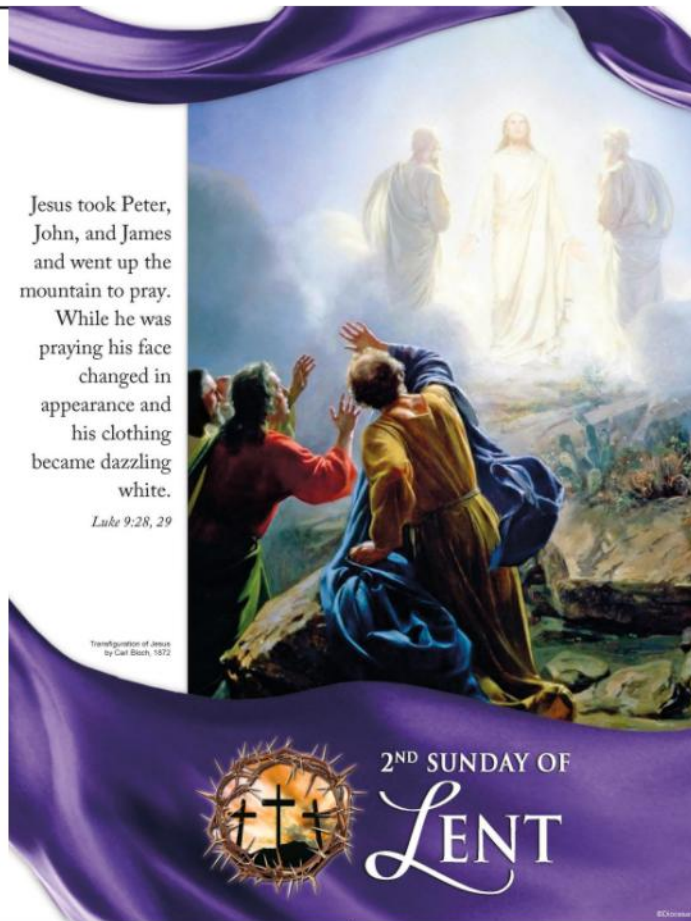
ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA

Imagine refusing marriage proposals from two kings and the Holy Roman Emperor. For Agnes, daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I, none but the King of Heaven could win her heart. In 1236, after financing the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague, she entered this monastery with seven other noblewomen. Elected abbess, she continued to perform the lowliest tasks in the community. She exchanged letters with St. Clare of Assisi, which survive today.

SCRIPTURE IS GOD'S LOVE LETTER

Sacred Scripture isn't just a record of events that happened long ago but is intended for us today. When we read the Bible through the lens of Church teaching, we see God revealing the ways of the love of His heart for each of us, "back then" and still today.

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
 WEST PARK DENTAL**



Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.
Luke 9:28, 29

Transfiguration of Jesus by Carl Bloch, 1872

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