

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.

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 October: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Tuesday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

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

Wednesday, October 25 -

10:00 AM Rosary

Thursday, October 26 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Friday, October 27 -

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

Saturday, October 28 - Ss. Simon & Jude

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Dan Pauley

Sunday, October 29 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass.....Fr. Mark Fedor

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Edwin Feliciano

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

To donate for Christmas flowers and other decorations in honor of or in remembrance of someone dear to you, please make your request by November 19, 2023. An insert will be placed in the bulletin on Christmas weekend naming all of those honored by the flowers used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. Your name will be listed unless you prefer to be anonymous. Please put the form in the collection basket with your donation (if donating by check, please make the check out to St. Mel Church and write in the memo "Church Decoration") For any questions please contact Susan Mitchell at 216-941-6743.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

<u>2023:</u>	Offertory \$2614	<u>2022:</u>	Offertory \$3423
	Monthly \$370		Monthly \$25
	Repairs/Maintenance \$100		Repairs/Maintenance \$365

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS	MASS @ OLA	9:00AM	ST MARK PARISH
3644 ROCKY RIVER DR CLEVELAND OH	EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION	9:30AM	15800 MONTROSE AVE CLEVELAND OH
	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	10:15 AM	
	LIGHT LUNCH - ST MARK	11:30AM	
PRESENTATION ON THE BYZANTINE ICON OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA			

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 2023
 ~ Times noted are approximate

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Coletta Bailey	Judy Collins
Dave Corrigan	Olga Corrigan
Bob Henson	Larry Jones
Rita Joyce	Gretchen Lane
Catherine McCafferty	Jan Retzer
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Matthew Struhar	Thomas Szoradi
Joel Tomkalski	Andrew Valek
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. 18 Rosary Group 10:00 AM
Sat. 21 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

CLAM BAKE

St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a joint Clam Bake on Saturday, October 28 at St. Patrick Church. Tickets are on sale following all weekend Masses at both St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick and are available by calling either rectory office. St. Patrick: 216-251-1200 St. Vincent de Paul: 216-252-2626 or call Dave Suitor: 216-802-9190.

Doors will open 5:30 PM and food will be served 6:30 PM. Any and all are welcome, there will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes as well as TVs for football.

PEN PALS A PRISON MINISTRY

Pen pals are needed for correspondence with residents of Ohio correctional institutions. Many of these men and women are estranged from their families, depressed, and lonely. We write letters of encouragement and share prayer requests using "pen names" and parish offices as your mailing address. For more information, contact George Scherma at (440) 465-8944 or email him at gws263@yahoo.com or Ted Laponi (440) 315-6527. Currently, we have thirteen residents waiting for pen pals. "For I was ... in prison and you visited me."

A JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN:
REFUGEE SIMULATION AND ACTION

What would you do if your family was forced to flee your home with little notice and only a backpack? This is the reality that many migrants face due to war, political upheaval, and climate change. The St. Luke Social Action Ministry has partnered with the Diocesan Social Action Office to bring you a unique program that will give you insight into the immigrant and refugee crises of today.

Date: Sunday, November 12

Time: 2:00- 3:30 PM (Check In opens at 1:30)

Location: St. Luke Parish, McBride Hall (1212 Bunts Rd. Lakewood) Look for a green awning over the door. (Elevator/ramp are available, but no handicap restrooms.)

All are welcome, bring a friend! Program is free. RSVPs requested. RSVP to: the Parish: 216-521-0184 or online: <https://shorturl.at/cpEV6>



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HE ALONE IS LORD

In the scriptures, being anointed usually meant you were a prophet or king of Israel. So why is Cyrus given that title? Cyrus was king of Persia when the Babylonians held the people of Israel captive. God used him to defeat the Babylonians and eventually bring the Israelites back to their homes.

One thing this tells us is that God can work through anyone, not just saints and religious. Any time someone does a good deed, God is behind it. Just as God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, God can use governments to protect the poor, to help rebuild after disasters, or to defend freedom.

In that sense, we can understand what Jesus says about payment to Caesar and to God. Since everything belongs to God, that should be our first allegiance. But when God works through governments, we can give some support to them, by such activities as voting or paying taxes. Let us ask God to work through us also, helping us to proclaim that God alone is LORD.

WHAT IS GOD'S

There is a Bible verse on my calendar for the current month that states, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be" (Matthew 6:21). The "treasures" of Earth eventually fade and pass away.

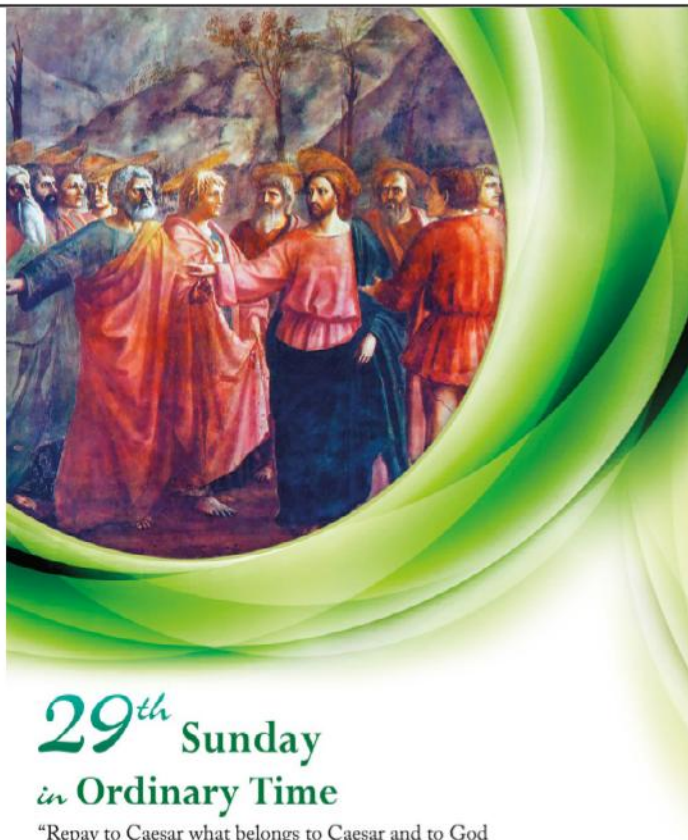
In today's Gospel, we encounter the Herodians and Pharisees joining together against Christ. The treasure in this case, a coin, had the image of Caesar on it. While notoriously at odds with one another, in this case, the Herodians and Pharisees do have something very much in common: a love of the things of this world. Their priorities are their law and traditions, and love for those outside their ways is set aside.

Many times I must admit I also mistakenly get distracted. I must ask myself over and over, am I of this world or of the Kingdom? Do we belong to our selfish pride, or dedicate every last breath to God alone? The penny that may have at one point seemed to have so much value quickly became worthless. So too with all the status and fame one derives from fortune and reputation.

Remarkably, Christ teaches us to give to Caesar what is Caesar's - the money, the worldly possessions - and to God, what is God's. Give to God what is God's. We ourselves are created in the image and likeness of God. Not much has changed in today's world where our priorities are often misled. As parents we concentrate on our reputation in the workplace, or financial status, rather than spending our time with those God has entrusted to us. Christ reminds us that true disciples do not find themselves belonging to the chains of money and possessions but to God alone.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
SLIFE HEATING AND COOLING



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

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