

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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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 May: For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Monday May 9 -

6:45 AM Joseph & Pauline Verbiak - Family

Tuesday May 10 - St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

6:45 AM Gary Jasiunas - Rudolph Family

Wednesday May 11 -

No Mass

Thursday May 12 - Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

Friday May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

Saturday May 14 - St. Matthias

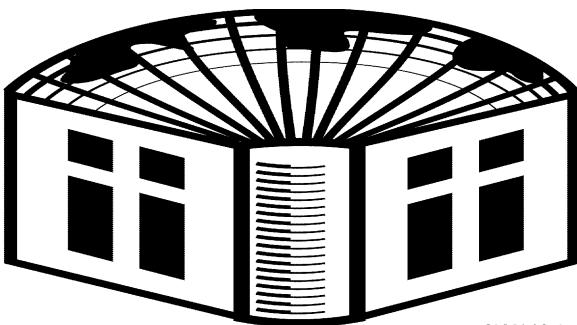
4:30 PM Henry & Michael Hout - Family

Sunday May May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

7:00 AM Seamus Cafferkey - Conway Family

10:00 AM Satoru Yamahiro - Family

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."*
— Acts 13:47b



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;
Jn 10:22-30 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 12:24 — 13:5a;
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thursday: | Acts 13:13-25;
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20 |
| Friday: | Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday: | Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17 |
| Sunday: | Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13;
Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 |

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

2022:	Offertory	\$	2021:	Offertory	\$
	Monthly	\$		Monthly	\$
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$		Repairs/Maintenance	\$
	(Extra Ordinary)			(Extra Ordinary)	

In April 574 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 86 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

FROM FR. ADAM

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Of course, you are more than welcome to continue using envelopes or making cash contributions if that's what you prefer.

To enroll in Faith Direct, use a web browser and go to stmel.net/faithdirect.

In Christ,

Fr. Adam



JESUS SAID, "MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;
I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

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PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. 11 Rosary 10:00 AM
Sat. 14 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

GRATITUDE FOR MY MOTHER

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

All are invited to join in praying the Rosary every Wednesday at 10 AM. Feel free to come and join in prayer and reflection as we honor the Blessed Virgin and celebrate the first year of our Rosary Group coming together.

**ST. EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to **Jack Stanovic** for making Honor Roll in the current grading period. Keep up the excellent work!

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, May 10th, 2022**. For more information text or call Ted Lapponi (440) 315-6527.

**Growing in FAITH**

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

"BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER" (JOHN 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus' love for her (Luke 2:51). To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her "Mom." When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (*CCC* #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.

Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, "*Do whatever he tells you*" (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary's prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

**WHAT IS THE FEAST OF
OUR LADY OF LORETO**

In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our Lady of Loreto. Loreto is the city in Italy where, it is believed, the house where Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from the Holy Land to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack.

Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not bound to belief in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies to us. We are reminded of Mary's motherhood – first of Jesus and then of us today (John 19:27). We're encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God's saving plan.

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