

# 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 April:** For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

<b>2025</b>	Offertory	\$4675
	Monthly	\$190
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$435
	(Extra Ordinary)	

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 14 - Monday of Holy Week**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**Tuesday, April 15 - Tuesday of Holy Week**

6:45 AM Mass.....Joseph & Elizabeth Petrusz

**Wednesday, April 16 - Wednesday of Holy Week**

No Masses

**Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer @ St. Mark

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 PM Night Prayer

**Friday, April 18 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer @ St. Mark

3:00 PM The Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer @ St. Mark

1:00 PM Food Blessing

9:00 PM Easter Vigil @ St. Mark

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:00 AM Mass.....Sean Conway

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Henry & Michael Hout

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to Cousa Mamas and all of our volunteers who made our delicious fish fries possible this year. And an extra thanks to Carol Kerrigan and Teresa Pureniciu-Winans for all of their hard work organizing these events.

**MARKERS/MELS50+**

It's time for the Derby!!! Celebrate this Southern tradition with us on Saturday, May 3rd, after the 4:00 pm Mass, in the Social Hall. Enjoy pulled pork sliders and beverages! Sides and desserts to share are very much appreciated. We will have a 50/50 raffle, games (and prizes!), enjoy watching the race and have great fun and fellowship! Ladies don't forget your hats and gents grab your bow ties! To RSVP, please call or text Mary Kay at 216-402-8570.

**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.	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.

Join us in prayer and worship during

# The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday

April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Morning Prayer ..... @ St. Mark

**7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** .....@ St. Mel

10:00pm Night Prayer .....@ St. Mel

Good Friday

April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Morning Prayer ..... @ St. Mark

**3:00pm The Passion of the Lord** .....@ St. Mel

Holy Saturday

April 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Morning Prayer ..... @ St. Mark

1:00pm Food Blessing .....@ St. Mel

**9:00pm The Easter Vigil**..... @ St. Mark

Easter Sunday

April 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00am Mass .....@ St. Mel

8:30am Mass ..... @ St. Mark

10:00am Mass .....@ St. Mel

11:30am Mass ..... @ St. Mark

“Holy Week is a time of grace, let us not forget; it is a time of grace that the Lord gives us so that we can open the doors of our hearts, our parishes, our confraternities. To ‘open’ and to ‘go out’ is what we are asked to do in Holy Week, to open the heart and go towards Jesus and others, and also to bring the light and joy of our faith. Always go out! And do so with the love and tenderness of God, with respect and patience, knowing that we give our hands, our feet, our heart, but it is God who guides us and shows us the way.”

Pope Francis, Message of the Holy Father for the Mérida Holy Week, 16 March 2024

PARISH CALENDAR

**Wed. 16** Rosary 10:00 AM  
**Thur. 17** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM  
 Evening Prayer 10:00 PM  
**Fri. 18** Passion of the Lord 3:00 PM  
**Sat. 19** Food Blessing 1:00 PM

**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Youth of St. Mark, St. Christopher and Our Lady of Angels Join the youth of these parishes and witness this powerful prayer and performance as we journey through Holy Week this year.

Sunday, April 13th, 7:30pm at St. Christopher Parish  
 Friday, April 18th, 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Angels Parish

**EASTER EGG HUNT & EASTER BUNNY**

Calling All 0-8 Year Olds! Join us at St. Mark on Saturday, April 19th for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children ages 0-8 years old. We will meet in the gym at 9:30am. The egg hunt will start promptly at 10:00am. The hunt is over in about three minutes, so don't be late. The Easter Bunny will be in the gym at 9:30am and after the hunt for pictures! Don't forget your basket (or bag) to put your collected eggs in. See you then!!

**GRIEF & HEALING PROGRAM: SUPPORT FOR YOUR JOURNEY**

Holy Family Hospice invites you to be part of our 8-week **Grief & Healing Program**, designed to support individuals navigating the challenges of loss. This supportive group offers a space to meet others who are grieving, explore your unique grief experience, and discover helpful strategies and insights to guide your healing process. Two group options are available:

- **Thursdays Afternoons, May 1 – June 19, 2025 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**
- **Thursdays Evenings, May 1 – June 19, 2025 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Sessions will be held at Holy Family Home in Parma. **Registration is required by Thursday April 24th.** To register or learn more, contact Erin Hout at **440.545.7032** or **ehout@holyfamilyhome.com**.



**Growing in FAITH**

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**A HOLY THURSDAY INVITATION**

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray. In His anguish, He turned to His disciples and asked, *“And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?”* (Matthew 26:40). Yet, they slept. That same night, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, ensuring His presence would remain with us always. This Holy Thursday, set aside an hour to stay with Him.

**Enter the Garden: Meditate on Matthew 26:36-46 or Luke 22:39-46.** Listen to Jesus’ prayer of surrender: *“Thy will be done”* (Matthew 26:42). Make it your own, trusting that God will bring all things to fulfillment in His perfect way.

**Make a spiritual Communion:** St. Thomas Aquinas described this as a prayer of longing for the Eucharist when receiving it physically isn’t possible. Though it cannot replace the Mass, it is deeply pleasing to God and nourishes the soul.

**Simply be present:** Prayer is not about many words or devotions but about being with Him. This Holy Thursday, offer Jesus your silent presence—attentive, open, and watchful—for He is always present to you.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS VENERATE THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY**

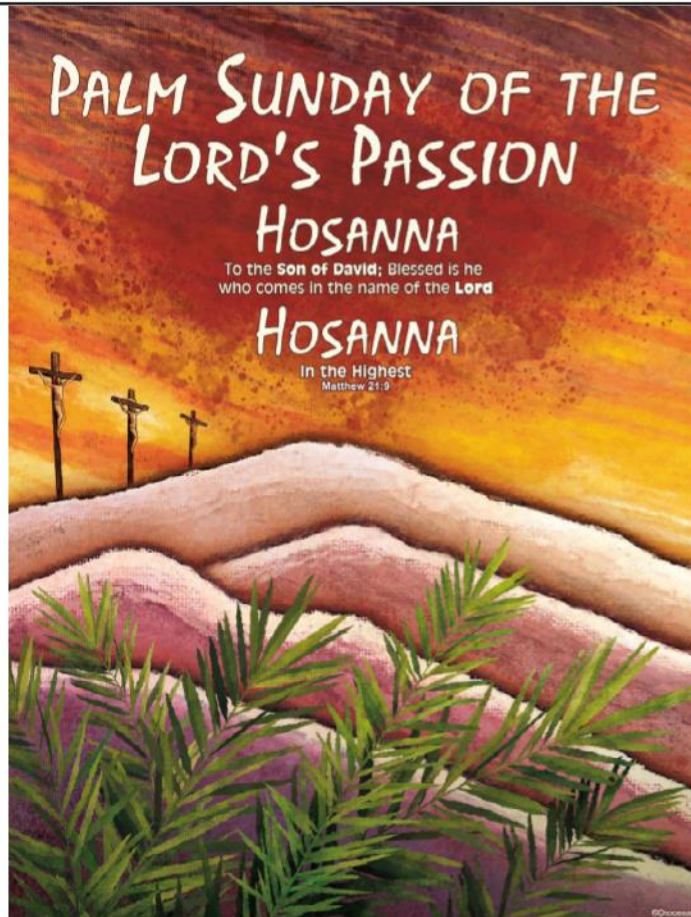
Veneration of the Cross is a devotion, traditionally observed during the Good Friday liturgy. The Church invites the faithful to bow, kneel, or in some other way venerate the image of the crucified Christ.

While physically kissing a statue may seem unusual, the act is not about the object itself but about honoring the One it represents. Much like observing a moment of silence before a war memorial, we pause to remember and revere the greatest act of love. In this gesture, we express sorrow for sin, love for Christ, and gratitude for His saving victory.

**“SILENT SATURDAY”**

On Holy Saturday, also called “Silent Saturday,” we recall Mary’s silent waiting for Jesus’ Resurrection. Waiting is part of God’s plan, and He uses that time to heal and prepare our hearts for the next stage. Thank God for the seasons of waiting, as you prepare your heart and home to celebrate the joy of Easter

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