

# SAINT MEL

## Catholic Church

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### 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 12:00 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.



### 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.*

### 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 September:** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

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

**Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

**Tuesday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian**

6:45 AM Mass.....Ruth & Lloyd Zimmer

**Wednesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine;****St. Hildegard of Bingen**

No Mass

**Thursday, September 18 -**

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

**Friday, September 19 - St. Januarius**

6:45 AM Mass

**Saturday, September 20 - Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,****Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions**

3:00 PM Confessions @ *St. Mark*

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4:00 PM Mass @ *St. Mark*

4:30 PM Mass.....Anniversary of Tom &  
Marianne Monahan

**Sunday, September 21 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM Mass.....Margaret Bir

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

10:00 AM Mass.....Fred Berila

11:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

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|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Offertory                               | \$2832 |
| Monthly                                 | \$230  |
| Food Collection                         | \$87   |
| Repairs/Maintenance<br>(Extra Ordinary) | \$300  |

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection this weekend to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

Parishioners of St. Mel are invited to sign up for Faith Sharing Groups where they can reflect on the Gospels. Groups will meet for a six week session in the group leader's home. If you are interested in participating as a leader or joining a group, please sign up next weekend after all masses. For more information, please contact Renee Brickman at 440-725-7373 or [renee4thpoor@gmail.com](mailto:renee4thpoor@gmail.com).

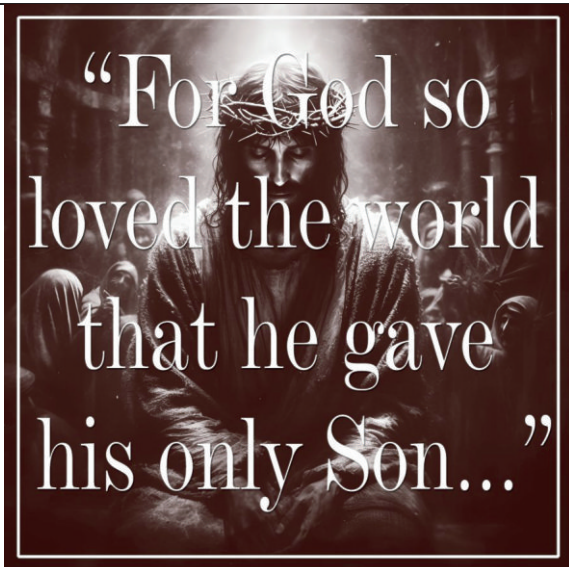
**DONUT SUNDAY**

All are welcome after both Sunday Masses for free coffee and donuts. If you are interested in helping keep Donut Sundays continuing please contact Natale Badillo 440-897-0682.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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|---------------------|------------------|
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| 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. Sept, 17      Rosary 10:00 AM  
 Sat. Sept, 20      Confession 3:00-4:00 PM

### ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is hosting its 3rd Annual Fall Fundraiser, "Help Us Help Others" on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at St. Sava Event Center in Broadview Heights. The Community Cupboard and Closet is a food pantry and clothing ministry that serves an average of 1000 families per month. A third of our families are displaced from other parts of the country and world. We serve 40% in the Cleveland Metro area and 60% in the surrounding County areas. We average 918 volunteer hours per month. Our annual event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and provides much needed funds to serve those in need. Please use the QR code to access tickets for a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship!



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## Growing in FAITH

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### HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN THE EVERYDAY

Discernment isn't limited to religious vocations—it's a way of seeking God's will in all areas of life. Whether you're considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God's loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

**Learn to recognize His voice:** It's difficult to discern God's will if we don't know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias.

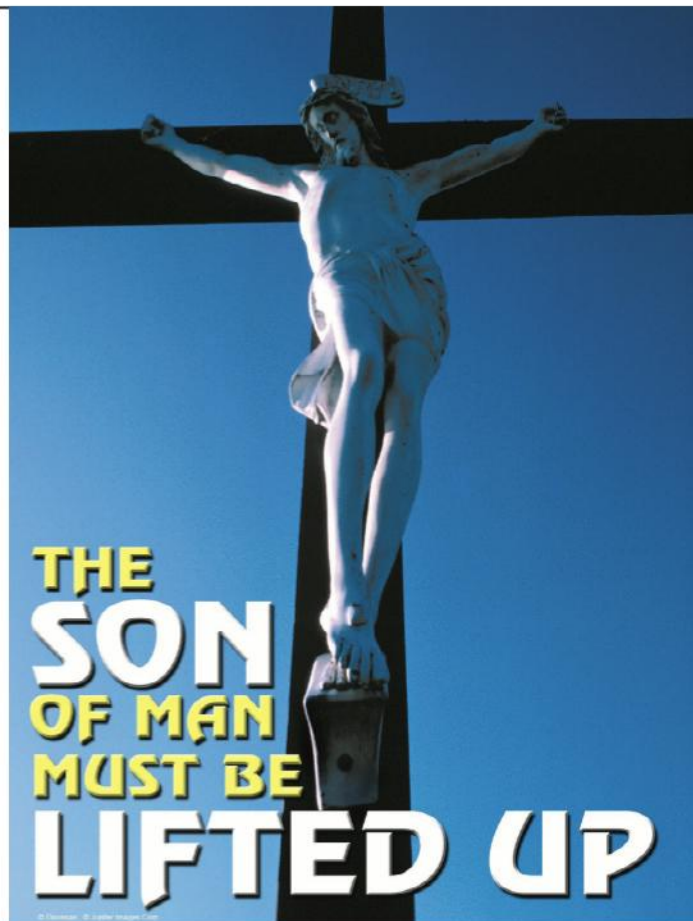
**Take a practical step:** Discernment requires action. You can't always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don't commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

**Narrow your focus:** Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don't fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God's guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.

### WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN ANGELS

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10—referencing angels who "*behold the face of [His] Father*"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

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