

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

Email: church@stmel.net

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Website 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 October: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Tuesday, October 21 -

6:45 AM Mass.....Ernest Petti

Wednesday, October 22 - St. John Paul II

No Mass

Thursday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Friday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

6:45 AM Mass

Saturday, October 25 -

3:00 PM Confessions @ *St. Mark*

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4:00 PM Mass @ *St. Mark*

4:30 PM Mass.....Tom Overall

Sunday, October 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary**Time**

7:00 AM Mass.....St. Mel Parishioners &
St. Mark Parishioners

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

10:00 AM Mass.....Katherine Breslin

11:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*



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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$2775
Monthly	\$155
Food Collection	\$209
Repairs/Maintenance (Extra Ordinary)	\$100

BEREAVEMENT GROUP ST. MARK

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program. Please call the parish office to register 216-226-7577.
 October 21
 October 28
 November 4
 November 11
 November 18
 November 25

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the HNS Sock and Underwear Drive with product and monetary donations. All of you are truly amazing! Myself and all the members of HNS are always grateful of the generosity for the St. Mark and St. Mel parishioners.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Rosemary Ristagno	Aimee Roscoe
Anthony Prosowski	Sue Sollenne
Mark Struhar	Matthew Struhar
Andrew Valek	Cindy Walker

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. Oct, 22 Rosary 10:00 AM
 Sat. Oct, 25 Confession 3:00-4:00 PM



FAITH & SCIENCE
HUMAN EVOLUTION

November 8 | 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM
 Sari Feldman Auditorium
 (Parma-Snow Branch Library)
 2121 Snow Rd, Parma, OH, 44134

The ITE Project and The Diocese of Cleveland's
 Young Adult Ministry Office
 proudly co-sponsor the third annual
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 lunch, and discussion tables.

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 in delving deeper into Human Evolution
 and wish to participate in healthy discussions about it.

Please find speaker profiles & other info on the website!

RSVPs required by October 25th
<https://www.theiteproject.com/events/fas2025>

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HOLY HOSPITALITY - LET LOVE LEAD DURING THE HOLIDAYS

We may not have to host the Messiah and twelve hungry disciples on short notice, but the stress St. Martha felt is all too familiar during the holiday season. The good news? Grace can do what we cannot. To find peace amid pressure, Pope Leo XIII said to begin with silence. Even a few moments of quiet prayer each day can create the space needed for God to work in your heart. Then, he offered two essential practices:

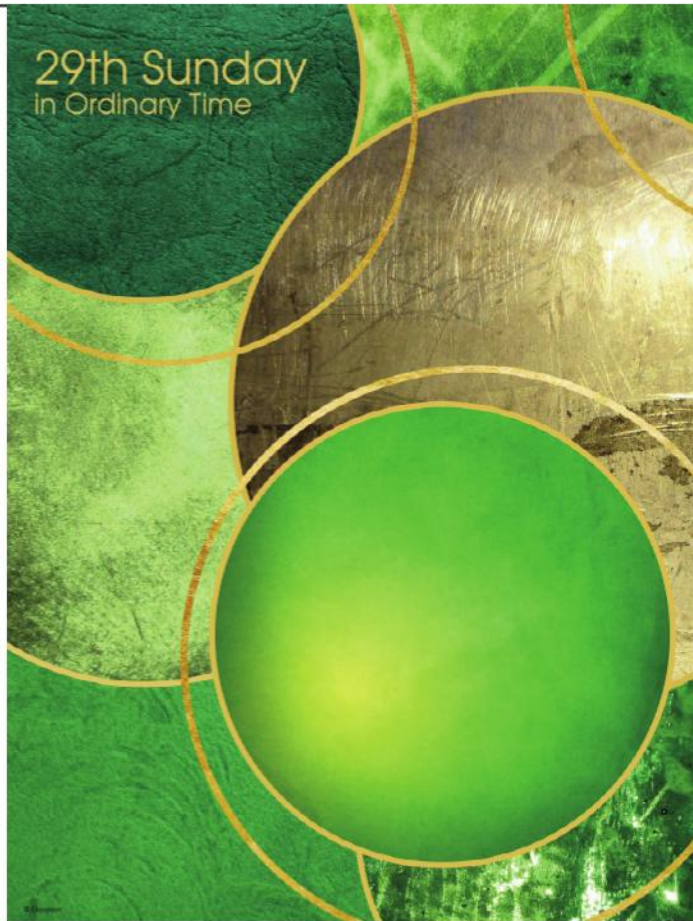
Focus on what matters most. Jesus' friend, Martha, was "*anxious and troubled about many things*," but Jesus reminded her of the "*one thing... necessary*" (Luke 10:41-42). Hospitality isn't about perfection—it's about presence. Pope Leo encourages us to make space for real human connection: to care, to listen, and to truly see those around us. Resist the urge to multitask. And yes—put the phone away.

Choose understanding over offense. The holidays can magnify tensions, but they also offer a sacred opportunity for growth. "It takes effort," Pope Leo admitted, "to understand one another in disagreements, and to forgive when mistakes are made." Approach family gatherings with humility and grace. Assume the best. Be patient, flexible, and quick to forgive. Small acts of mercy often go unseen—but "*your Father who sees in secret will reward you*" (Matthew 6:18). This season, let love—not logistics—lead. That's the heart of holy hospitality.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Born in seventeenth-century Ovada, Italy, to a noble Catholic family, Paul Francis Danei had a great devotion to the Cross of Christ since he was young. He turned down a respectable marriage to devote his life to prayer, penance, preaching, and works of charity. In 1720, he was called to found an order honoring Jesus' Passion. The Passionist Order received papal approval. The order elected St. Paul as their superior general until his death in 1775.

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