



And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

January 1, 2017 – Mary's faithfulness

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm
Wednesday 3 - 4am, 4 - 5am
Thursday 5 - 6pm
Friday 4 - 5pm
Saturday 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am,
11am - 12 Noon, 1 - 2pm, 3 - 4pm

If you would like to be in the Real Presence of Jesus and visit with Him for the above time, or any Hour, or be a substitute, please call Marge at 967-0641, or Chris at 966-3266. God is "thirsting" for you to satiate "His thirst"

Talk given why Perpetual Adoration is so important to the world - Pope Benedict XVI, Feb. 22, 2007. "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for *silent Adoration*, of Jesus concealed in the "Host".

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

Sunday 1/1/2017

8:00 AM (I) Barb & Cy
8:00 AM (I) Elmarie Hoffmann by Cheryl Hoffmann
10:00 AM (R) Luz Alva by Your Loving Family
4:30 PM (R) Mary Friedrich by Denny & Barb Shunta

Monday 1/2/2017

7:00 AM (I) Matt & Sara Donnelly and Vince & Nancy
Mammano - 24th Wedding Anniversary
8:30 AM (R) Clara Anne Moody by Gene Moody

Tuesday 1/3/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*7:00 AM (I) Kurt Hoffmann by Cheryl Hoffmann
*7:00 AM (I) Gwen Gaulke by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
*8:30 AM (R) Edward Santos by Amelia Santos

Wednesday 1/4/2017

7:00 AM (I) Michael Hoffmann by Cheryl Hoffmann
7:00 AM (I) Michael Jones by Nick & Antonia Cammarota
8:30 AM (R) John Baker by Tom Baker

Thursday 1/5/2017

7:00 AM (R) Kathy Farr by Michele Grenet
8:30 AM (I) Bob Ahern

Friday 1/6/2017

7:00 AM (I) Delano Kirkish by Mammano Family
8:30 AM (I) Rita Lukens

Saturday 1/7/2017

8:30 AM (R) Souls in Purgatory by Cheryl Hoffmann
8:30 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 1/8/2017

8:00 AM (R) Leroy Pierce by Sylvia Pierce Thompson
& Judy Pierce MacKenzie
8:00 AM (R) Matthew Lopez by Dale Carter
10:00 AM (I) Melter Lasat by Rene & Amy Lasat
4:30 PM (I) Mike Brennan by Chuck & Mary Hagar

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers for January 7 & 8, 2017

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30 PM	Wagner G / Roland Fred, Marcus & Matthew	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00 AM	Morrison Andrew, Jenna & Jeffrey	Music Leader
SUN 10:00 AM	Philips L / Philips J John, Ezra & Sophia	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Karelius Andrew, Michael & Kyle	Youth Choir

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE 2017

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21, 2017 for the 12th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco. Join upwards of 50,000 pro-lifers as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women. Join the Knights of Columbus and fellow St. Mel parishioners on two buses leaving from the St. Mel parking lot at 8:30AM that morning. We will celebrate Mass at 7:45AM before we get on the buses. Reserve your bus seat now for \$28 per person or \$110 max for large families. Please make your check payable to the Knights of Columbus 6066. For more information, please contact Doug Crumley Jr. or Pauline Cole, 638-4600.

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables in your cars when you are at Mass. We have had several break-ins in the parking lot this December.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to St. Mel's Charismatic Prayer Group. We meet Tuesdays in the baptismal room at 6:30PM for prayer, praise and worship, and healing prayer. Enter the church through the west door on the upper parking lot side. Contact Chris, 715-1162, or Karen Juten, 712-3706.



PLEASE JOIN US...

Women's Day of Faith Renewal
for
all women 14 to 104!!!

Saturday, February 11th, 2017
\$40

St. Mel Catholic Church

A perfect pre-Valentine's or pre-Lenten gift for your wife, daughter, Mom or any of the women in your life!

Poster, flyers and bookmarks available in narthex or Church Office.

ST. MEL VOCATION COMMITTEE

The St. Mel Vocation Committee is looking for volunteers to help encourage our priests, spiritually support our seminarians and promote vocations. For more information call Dave & Jenni Murray, 338-5011 or Brian & Jeanne Condon, 988-3027.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have you ever wanted to take a fresh look at your Marriage? With Christmas just two weeks away, consider this: making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing your Sacrament of Matrimony. Weekends for 2017 are as follows: February 10-12, 2017 in Sacramento; March 31-April 2, 2017 in Reno, NV.; August 25-27, 2017 in Sacramento; October 6-8, 2017 in Reno, NV., and November 3-5, 2017 in Sacramento. It is not too early to register for a weekend that you will never forget. For more information visit our website, www.sacramentowwme.org or email Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or 489-3464.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

There will be no CFF classes on the following dates:

Monday, January 2nd & Tuesday, January 3rd

Classes resume:

Monday, January 9th & Tuesday, January 10th

Wishing you and your families a very Blessed Christmas and may 2017 be filled with an abundance of blessings and His grace.

Sacramento Catholic Forum presents: Mass, Breakfast, and Talk with Bishop Soto on Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love.

Join Bishop Soto on Thursday, January 26th at Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, for a presentation on Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love. Bishop Soto will celebrate Mass at 6:30AM, followed by networking, a continental breakfast and the presentation. Cost is \$20.00 for pre-register or \$25.00 at the door. For more information and reservations visit www.saccatholicforum.org.

2017 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

2017 Religious calendars are now available in the vestibule.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD FOR UNITY PROJECT

The Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus Council 6066 is assisting with the Habitat for Humanity Build for Unity project and are seeking interested parishioners from St. Mel who would like to join our council volunteers to help. Our council needs 6 or more to serve as a crew to assist in building homes for two disadvantaged families, one Christian and one Muslim, to live peacefully as neighbors. The project site is about 30 minutes from Fair Oaks in the northern edge of Sacramento County.

Parishioners, Knights, and any family member over 16 years old can volunteer. Volunteer days range from Tuesday to Saturday and are a full day commitment. Our Council participation will vary depending on availability and organizer needs. If interested please contact Warden Michael Ochoa at 730-3178 or mkochoa@pacbell.net.

PLEASE NOTE!

*** SCHEDULE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES ***

Please send your typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to stmeloffice@yahoo.com, no later than **NOON ON FRIDAY** to be included in the next bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulletin Weekend Dates 2017	Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY
January 7 - 8 January 14 - 15 January 21 - 22 January 28 - 29	December 29 January 6 January 13 January 20

**ST. MEL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There will be a second collection NEXT weekend January 7th & 8th for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facility. Thank you for your generous support.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 7TH & 8TH.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus Council 6066 is having a membership drive the weekend of January 7th & 8th and an Admissions degree ceremony on January 10th.

If you have ever thought about becoming a Knight, membership has only two requirements.

- The man must be 18 years of age
- Then he must also be a practical Catholic

Our council also congratulates Brother Knights James Carroll, Tom Sweeney and Carlos Lopez for completing their Formation and Knighthood exemplification degrees in November and December of last year! We also welcome Brother Knights Joshua Beigel and Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Howard Tank and his two sons, Triston and Trevor into our council.

If interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Membership Director Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Knight Jim Carlson, 801-9373.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Altar Society needs your help cleaning and preparing the Church for weekend Masses. Time commitment is only one and a half hours after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday morning. Please call Linda, 213-2491, with questions or to volunteer.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

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| Albert Gonzales | George Snyder, Sr. | Louis Patterson |
| Auroa Deese | Gerrie & Paul Parker | Lynn Warner |
| Betty Cerato | Helen Bumpus | Manuel Ybarra |
| Bill & Shirley Jones | Howie Hoel | Maria Erickson |
| Bruce King | James English | Marie Lofgren |
| Cecelia Beviacqua | Jody Martinez | Mary Hoel |
| Charles J. Ortner | Lee West | Ralph Virgen |
| Connie McKie | Lynda Cook | Veronica Saenz |
| Garrett Heisinger | | |



He did not spare His own Son... How then can He fail also to give us everything else...?
—Rom 8:32

Reflection: The song “Grown-up Christmas List” speaks of a list for a world in need. This list includes, “no more lives torn apart, that wars may never start... that right would always win.”

Christmas is a time for wishing boldly for good things. Let us write our Christmas list with confidence.

Prayer: Father, increase our longing that every life may be safe from the violence of abortion and euthanasia, and from the ravages of poverty, crime, and war.

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MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join the Daily Rosary Morning Prayer Group that meets after Mass. One group meets after the 7:00AM Mass and another group meets after the 8:30AM Mass in the Baptismal room. For more information contact Karen Juten, 712-3706.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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| Al Volmer | Garvin Arnett | Katie Henson |
| Alan Cheuse | George Kim | Katie Spain |
| Alex Quiroz | Gianna Atilano | Keith Sprengle |
| Amanda Barron | Grace Barrios | King David Chico |
| Anthony Caillou | Gregory David | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Arthur Morton | Howard McCormack, Jr. | Linda Ramsey |
| Audrey Holden | James A. Martinez | Lydia Melendez |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jean Crupi | Margaret Anderson |
| Candy Barrios | Jeanette Barron | Margaret Valley |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Jerry Esparza | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Cheryl Richardson | Jerry Smith | Michael J. Martinez |
| Chris Stabile | Jim Maher | Michelle Atwood |
| Christian Dimitri | Joanne Kim | Mollie Dear |
| Daniel Schwartz, III | Jody & Ron Martinez | Nellie Henson |
| Dave Kangas | Johanna Ross | Nick Tenaglia |
| Deana Landingham | John Forrest | P. J. Spain |
| Diane Castonguay | John Langland | Patty Arcenequex- Conti |
| Donald Wise | John Wise, Jr. | Pilo DeLeon |
| Dora V. Marczak | Jose Mascoro | Ray Willey |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Joseph Dimitri | Rendtor Ramirez |
| Eduardo Murallon | Joseph Jacin | Richard Robinson |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Joseph McCormick | Robert Atkinson |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Judy Spinelli | Robin Dunton |
| Fred H. Salter | Karen Petersen | Rodney Wise |
| | Katie Grant | |

St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. January 10, 2016)

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
PARISH SCHOOL		
St. Mel School:	Janet Nagel (Principal)	967-2814
St. Mel School Parents Club:	Contact the School Office	967-2814
St. Mel Youth Ministry:	Dominick Romano	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Brenda McCollum	722-1965
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
Marian Movement of Priests:	Claude Rashid	728-5739
Catholics Return Home:	Claude Rashid / Karen Fitts	728-5739 / 966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study:	Cheryl Hoffmann / or Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
Parish Library open after weekend Masses:	Joanne Wagner	967-0190
LITURGICAL SERVICES		
Altar Servers:	Dave Murray	338-5011
Music Ministry Director		
Commentators:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Anthony Pescetti	704-0057
Ushers	Walt Schaff	961-4698
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
Charismatic Prayer Group	Karen Juten / Chris Juten	712-3706 / 715-1162
Fiat Rosary Group	Peggy Grass (Wed)/Marge Young (Tues)	962-9244 / 967-2540
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / or Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
“D. J. M.” Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Mike Allison	834-6226
Divine Mercy:	Amy Lasat	342-2088
Legion of Mary (Day):	Joyce Savage	342-6179
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe:	Dolores Leon	337-1800
Prayer Chain:	Dolores Moniz	962-0571
Fraternity of Fatherhood:	Mike Allison	834-6226
Men's Cursillo Group:	Chuck Friedrich	635-7791
SOCIAL CONCERNS		
Annettes (St. Mel's funeral luncheon providers):	Parish Office	967-1229
Loaves and Fishes Volunteers:	Kathy Yanez	967-1229
Knights of Columbus #6066:	Jim Carlson	801-9373
St. Mel “Sip & Sup” Fellowship Dinner Program	Janet Donahue	663-7653
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	Craig Shaw	967-1229
Sacramento Life Center: Pro-Life Pregnancy Support:	Joanne Hammett	451-4357
St. Mel Pro-Life Group:		
Gabriel Project (crisis pregnancy assistance):	Kathy Knutson	967-1229
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Ruport	987-5616
Boy Scouts #217:	Chris Herne / Bob Mayer	798-8493 / 342-2139
Cub Scouts	Chuck Brasfield	214-5730
Girl Scouts:	Jill Dutra	217-3990
KKIS:	Laura Lumenta	718-2718
OPUS DEI:	Deidra Chapman	944-1356 or 425-4904
M.O.M.	Jeanne Condon	349-6936
Children's Liturgy	Sara Lebeck / Serena Carleton	967-1229
Clara's House	Martha Rusnak	448-3976
Religious Articles:	Brenda McCollum / Dorothy Wagner	967-1229
Vocations Committee:	Ana DeHam	967-1229
Wedding Coordinator:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Parish Center Coordinators:	Yolanda & Jim Carlson	966-3803
For Any Changes to Ministry List	Parish Office	967-1229

We welcome all new parishioners and ask that you complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket at Mass, or return it to the Parish Office.

Quick Registration St. Mel Catholic Church		Envelopes?	Yes	No
Last Name _____		First Name(s) _____		
Mailing Name (i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John Doe) _____				
Address: _____				
Street	City	Zip Code		
Phone # _____				
E-mail _____ CONTACT ME BY: <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL				
Do you have any special request: _____				