



All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm 66

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

January 14, 2018 – Our Response to God’s Call

As of last Sunday, we are once again in Ordinary Time, which generally centers around one main Gospel, this year it’s Mark. This week is an exception, taking the Gospel from John. This Sunday’s Readings revolve around the theme of God’s call and our response. In the First Reading we find the call of Samuel, the last of Israel’s judges. A judge was a leader who served as prophet and priest. Samuel’s conception was a miracle and Hannah, his mother, dedicated him to God’s service while he was still a baby. It’s no surprise then, that Samuel responds to God’s call in the middle of the night and God in turn gives power and authority to Samuel’s every word. The Responsorial, Psalm 40, speaks of what God really asks of us; not external sin-offerings, but to follow Him with all our heart and will, announcing His justice to all we meet; by courageously living out our Christian calling, witnessing in public by word and deed. This is what brings us true joy, for hiding our Christian identity or responding half-heartedly brings us only frustration and emptiness. The Second Reading, is a reminder to live morally and modestly, for our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and should not be degraded or manipulated. Jesus died on the cross to give us this new chance and He asks us to use our bodies as instruments to proclaim His goodness. In today’s Gospel, we find the beautiful account of St Andrew bringing his brother, St Peter, to Christ. St Andrew was a follower of St John the Baptist, and when the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his disciples, *St Andrew being one of them*, they left St John, and followed Christ. Andrew told Peter that Jesus was *the Messiah*, “*the Christ*” in Greek. Peter also receives his new name which is translated from Aramaic (*Cephas*) into Greek “*Peter*”. Hence the new rock solid foundation of the Church is established in St Peter. And it all began with St Andrew’s response to God’s call.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 1/14/2018
 8:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by Jim & Yolanda Carlson
 10:00 AM (I) Frank & Cyndy Mason
 by Rosemarie & Barry Luther
 4:30 PM (I) Christine Stein by David Stein

Monday 1/15/2018
 8:30 AM (I) Catholic Teachers by Chris & Karen Juten

Tuesday 1/16/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
 *8:30 AM (R) Patricia Deanna

Wednesday 1/17/2018
 8:30 AM (R) Mary Vaccaro by Ken & Kay Daack

Thursday 1/18/2018
 8:30 AM (R) Elizabeth Payne by Hallissy Family

Friday 1/19/2018
 8:30 AM (I) Dick - 80th Birthday

Saturday 1/20/2018
 8:30 AM (I) Justin Smith by Judy & Jesse Bravo
 4:30 PM (I) Frank & Cyndy Mason by Marcy Leach

Sunday 1/21/2018
 8:00 AM (R) Mary Vaccaro by Ken & Kay Daack
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by Bob & Dottie Ahern
 4:30 PM (R) Mark O’Brien by Matt & Sara Donnelly

The Eucharist is the visible manifestation of the generosity of God.

~ Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa

ST. MEL YOUTH MINISTRY

The St. Mel Youth Group meets twice a month after the Sunday 4:30PM Mass. All high schoolers are invited to come enjoy food, fun and fellowship. The next meeting is January 21st in the Convent and we hope to see you there! Future meeting dates are February 11th & 25th and March 11th & 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Gigi at ymstmel@gmail.com or 936-2793.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE 2018

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27th, 2018 and join upwards of 50,000 pro-lifers for the 14th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco 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 8:30 AM. Before the buses load, please join us for Mass at 7:45AM. 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.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH MISSION

St. John the Baptist in Folsom will be hosting a Divine Mercy Parish Mission Wednesday, January 24th through Thursday, January 25th. Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, will lead the mission each evening beginning at 7:00PM. Admission is free. For more information contact the St. John the Baptist parish office, 985-2065 or visit www.thedivinemercy.org/events.

BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. There will be a Baptism Preparation class on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend the class, please call the Parish office to register. 967-1229.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is never out of season. Orientation and training for new servers is available as needed after school and on weekends. *Refresher and update sessions are also available.* Interested students and parents may contact Dave Murray, 716-5187 or e-mail dddrmurray@comcast.net. Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH RETREAT

The theme of the 2018 Christ the King Parish Retreat is “*May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts.*” All parishioners are invited to come and probe the depth of God’s Love for us in Christ as we gather in prayer, study, meditation, sacraments, and rest. The **WOMEN’S retreat** will be **JANUARY 26th - 28th** and the **MEN’S retreat** will be **April 13th - 15th**. Reserve your spot today by calling your Parish Coordinator, Martha Styer, 962-3307; or Donna Greuel, 225-2456 or the retreat center, 725-472 Ext 301. Or register online, www.christthekingretreatcenter.org. If you’re unable to attend our parish date, check the website for other retreat weekends. *Accept this invitation as a precious gift to yourself as you awaken and rejuvenate the spirit within you.* Please know, NO ONE is refused because of inability to pay full amount.

Let us pray for all those in our community who have passed away.

James Alexander

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Classes are in session this weekend,, Sunday, January 14th.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

Eighth graders interested in attending Christian Brothers High School in the 2018-19 school year are required to take the placement exam on Saturday, January 20th from 8:45AM to 12:30PM. Online applications are due by January 19th. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information at 733-3690 or visit the CB website at www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT

All are invited to a presentation by Dr. Hai Tran, “*LIFE as first envisioned*”, on Thursday, February 8th, 2018, 8:30AM – 3:00PM, at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. Cost is \$30 if registered by January 25th. The brochure is available at the Church entrance or sacatholic.com.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to the St. Mel 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.

GRIEF SHARE

There is a new Ministry beginning at St. Mel and it is called Grief Share. The leaders of this ministry are Diocesan Certified. Grief is a natural process when we lose someone we love. The deeper the love, the deeper the grief. Talking and sharing our feelings and where we are at inside can help us grow and heal. It lets us know we are not alone. If you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one and could use some help dealing with the grieving process please call Rita, (408) 903-6344 or email ritaecdao@gmail.com.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Perpetual Adoration

GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Sunday: 10 - 11am, 10 - 11pm

Monday: 5 - 6pm

Tuesday: 10 - 11am

Thursday: 11am - 12pm, 2 - 3pm

Friday: 2 - 3am, 6 - 7pm

Saturday: 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am 11 - 12noon, 1 - 2pm, 2 - 3pm



If you would like to be in the Real Presence of Jesus and visit with Him for one or more of the above hours, or any Hour, or be a substitute, please call Marge, 967-0641 or Chris, 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”.

Commentators & Altar Servers January 20th & 21st

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Faber / Wagner G	Jason, Josephine & Janelle
SUN 8:00AM	Abi Nader / Kreamer	Sebastian, Lucas & John Paul
SUN 10:00AM	Allison / Cantrall	Katriel, Wyatt & Sophia
SUN 4:30 PM	Karelius / Wagner Da	Alexandra, Jack & Max

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 2018	Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY
January 20 - 21 January 27 - 28 February 3 - 4 February 10 - 11	January 12 January 19 January 26 February 2

MASS CHANGE

Until further notice, the 12:00PM Mass will not be offered.

USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Have you ever considered helping usher at Mass? The Parish Usher Ministry could use your help. We are calling men, women, and young adults to consider joining this weekly service. To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Wagner at patrick.wagner@ieec.org or 961-8652.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

If you or someone you know is considering returning to the Catholic Church, St. Mel can provide assistance. Help is available throughout the year. Contact St. Mel Parish Office, 967-1229 or Karen, 966-0184.

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

Did you know that a variety of Catholic publications are available in the vestibule? The National Catholic Register, Liguorian Press and St. Anthony Messenger are just some of the publications to choose from. For a small donation you are welcome to take a copy to read at home.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

On Friday, March 16th at 7:00PM, St. Rose of Lima in Roseville will host Dynamic Catholic speaker, Dr. Allen Hunt, who will discuss how four life-changing habits can point you towards incredible possibilities for your life. The presentation is based on Matthew Kelly's book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic", and you will leave with a personal plan to help you become the best version of yourself. Tickets are \$25 and available at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900. Tickets are selling fast so be sure to get your tickets soon.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for January. Please place special emphasis this month on... **Religious Minorities in Asia.**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Two blind men... shouted, "Lord, Son of David, take pity on us." The crowd rebuked them and told them to be silent. ... Jesus stopped and called them, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you? –Mt 20:30-32

Reflection: Jesus always broke through the false levels of privilege that people around Him set up.

Somehow the crowd thought the blind men weren't worth Jesus' attention. And so the crowd told them to keep quiet. But Jesus gave them His attention and care.

Prayer: Lord, You teach us to see beyond appearances, prejudices, and false distinctions. Help us care for every life, born and unborn.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This is a diocesan holiday and the Parish Office will be closed. The office will open at 8:00AM Tuesday, January 16th.

ALTAR SOCIETY



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

MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to attend a Daily Rosary Group that meets in the Baptismal Room inside the church. One group meets at 7:30 AM and the other group meets at 9AM, Monday through Saturday.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove the name.)

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| Aiden Hulse | Emma Moss | Joe Hoffmann |
| Amanda Barron | Frank & Renee Weiss | John English |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Gene Fischer | Jude Hoffmann |
| Dawna Jones | Gerald A. Hoffarth | Martinez Family |
| Delores Bousliman | Helen S. Worthington | Rudy Worthington |
| Diana Fischer | Helen Chilcott | Victoria Hummer |
| Diane Castonguay | Jeannette Barron | Zaida Ackerson |
| Elaine Ervin | | |

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: _____				

St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. September 26, 2017)

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Denny Shunta	952-4502
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 Group	Giovanna Bellocchi	Call the Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocchi	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
LITURGICAL SERVICES		
Catholics Return Home:	Karen Fitts	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
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
Charismatic Prayer Group	Karen Juten / Chris Juten	712-3706 / 715-1162
Fiat Rosary Group	Peggy Grass	962-9244
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
"D. J. M." Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Joanne Hammett	765-4007
SOCIAL CONCERNS		
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		
Hospitality	Parish Office	967-1229
Loaves and Fishes Volunteers:	Kathy Yanez	967-1229
Knights of Columbus #6066:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
St. Mel "Sip & Sup" Fellowship Dinner Program	Roelof & Claire Van Ark	802-1089
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	Bill Savage	967-1229
Sacramento Life Center: Pro-Life Pregnancy Support:	Joanne Hammett	451-4357
Bereavement/Grief Share	Rita Ecdao	408-903-6344
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:	Chris Herne	798-8493
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
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 Ministry:	Jeanne Condon	349-6936
Wedding Coordinator:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
For Any Changes to Ministry List		
	Parish Office	967-1229