



But give glory to your name
and deal with us according
to the bounty of your mercy.

Daniel 3:42

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

October 1, 2017 – God helps the humble

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the *conversion* theme persists and grows. The First Reading is again about justice and mercy, but from a different perspective. We cannot presume upon God's mercy, doing whatever we want. Our actions have consequences. If we choose sin, then we must live with the effects of sin. It is our choice: life or death, good or evil. God wants us to choose the good and live. If we don't, then we'll have to live with that decision. The Responsorial Psalm is a plea for mercy, but this time with a twist. The psalmist humbly recognizes the effects of his sins, especially those of his youth, so he asks the Lord to change his heart. In his humility, he knows that *God guides the humble* to justice, and teaches them His way. If one admits the need for guidance and instruction, God will certainly help. The arrogant do not seek God's help and so are condemned to frustration. The Second Reading, is a beautiful Christological hymn about the eternity of Jesus. It is borrowed from an early Christian source. It expresses the great *humility* of Jesus. The Greek word "*kenosis*" means *surrender* or emptying out. Not only was Jesus born a man, but He was also willing to die on the cross, in obedience to the Father's will. Because of this great love and humility, God exalted Jesus above all creation in the universe. Jesus, being given the title *Lord*, used for Yahweh in the Old Testament, is being proclaimed as *God*. Today's Gospel presents a parable contrasting those who do God's will and those who don't. The vineyard owner has two sons, one promises to obey, but doesn't; the other says no, but then does. Religious people say they will do the Father's will, but do not. Tax collectors, prostitutes, sinners say they will not, but then change their minds, and end up doing God's will. In this way, sinners enter heaven before the so-called religious do. Jesus often warned religious people to be careful, for their judgment would be more severe, since they received a great gift from God in being able to practice their religion. From those to whom much has been given, much will be expected. So, may we always have the grace to seek God's help in living up to what is expected of us.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 10/1/2017

8:00 AM (R) Rita Samcoff by Ed & Family
10:00 AM (R) Cecily Terra by John Budd Terra & Family
4:30 PM (I) Ramos Family

Monday 10/2/2017

8:30 AM (I) Pena Family
12:00PM (R) Hartaty by Cell St. Joseph

Tuesday 10/3/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Rachael Ferris
12:00PM (I) Immaculate Heart of Mary by A Parishioner

Wednesday 10/4/2017

8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody and All Family Members
by Gene Moody
12:00 PM (R) Arlette Crane by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Thursday 10/5/2017

8:30 AM (R) Norm Ross by Marie Ross & Family
12:00PM (I) Immaculate Heart of Mary by A Parishioner

Friday 10/6/2017

8:30 AM (R) Rose Hager by Tom & Ann Marie Moore
12:00PM (R) Tony Keilhopher
by Michael & Nancy Elorduy

Saturday 10/7/2017

8:30 AM (R) Shirley Jones by Diane Swedenson
4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 10/8/2017

8:00 AM (I) Chuck Hagar by Friedrich Family
10:00 AM (I) Luke Goveas by Goveas Family
4:30 PM (R) Clara Harling by Mike & Mary Schaefer

Commentators & Altar Servers October 7th & 8th

| Mass Times | Commentator | Altar Servers |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| SAT 4:30PM | Sweeney / Faber | Michael, Ella & Ralph |
| SUN 8:00AM | Styer / Wagner Da | Trinity, Matthew & Sean |
| SUN 10:00AM | Juten K / Wagner J | Fred, Matthew & Sarah |
| SUN 4:30 PM | Ward / Karelius | CJ, Augustine & David |

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection next weekend, October 7th & 8th will be for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facilities. Thank you for your generous support.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding anniversaries for the month of October will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, October 7th & 8th.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. The next Baptism Preparation class will be October 17th at 6:00PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend this class, please call the church office to register. 967-1229.



September 22nd

Jackson Paul Reed
Son of Justin & Julia Reed

September 23rd

Hailey Alexis Kapandritis
Daughter of Gus & Ana Kapandritis
Mira Jane & Isabella Elizabeth
Daughters of Francis & Angelina Horton

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Francis Catholic High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, October 8th from 12-3:00PM. Come meet teachers and coaches, take a campus tour, enjoy a wonderful performing arts showcase, and discover the St. Francis advantage! A hot dog lunch will be provided and welcome presentations will take place at 12:15PM and 1:30PM. For more information and to pre-register, please go to stfrancis.org/openhouse.

HOLY FAMILY ALUMNI REUNION

Holy Family Catholic School is hosting an Alumni Reunion on Saturday, October 14th from 4:00 – 6:00PM. All former students, parents, grandparents, faculty and staff are invited to join other alumni to reminisce and reunite. Visit Holyfamilyca.org for more information.

CARMELITE MONASTERY LUNCHEON AND RAFFLE

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Auxiliary and the Auburn Chapter of Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Luncheon and Silent Auction to benefit the Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown on Saturday, October 7th from 12-3:00PM. The luncheon will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Auburn. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at carmeliteauxiliary.org or by check to Brenda McCollum, 8233 Foxfire Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF classes are now in session. It is not too late to register your children. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9-10AM. Registration fee is \$25 per child. \$65 maximum per family. Please go to stmelchurch.org to print out your registration form.

SISTER GERTRUDE MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass for Sister Gertrude Ryan on October 6th at 10:00AM. Her family will be attending and also the students of St. Mel School. A reception with light refreshments will follow in Doheny Hall.

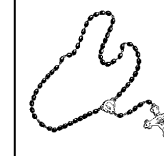
ST. MEL YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults ages 18-39 there is a ministry for you at St.Mel! Partnering with many other groups in the diocese, the St. Mel young adults meet frequently at pubs, hillsides, and churches. St. Mel hosts an event on the third Saturday of the month in the St. Mel convent immediately following the 4:30PM Mass. More details at catholicveritas.com or email stmelsya@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 7th, Divine Mercy Parish, 2231 Club Center Drive, Sacramento, will be hosting a Divine Mercy Conference from 9:30AM to 4:30PM. Speakers include Jeff Cavins of the Great Adventure Bible series; Sister M. Confida Gilara from St. Faustina's convent in Boston; and Conor Maher, Youth Minister at Divine Savior Church in Orangevale. All are invited to attend the parish morning Mass at 8:30AM and the Vigil Mass at 5:00PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information call 530-667-2858 or DivineMercySacramento.org.

ST. MEL GIFTS



St. Mel Gifts is open after all weekend Masses. Stop in and browse our selection of rosaries, books, statues and much more.

Our store is a ministry for our Parish. Help is always needed. If you are interested in giving 15-20 minutes of your time after Mass to assist parishioners with their purchases, contact Brenda, 722-1965.

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 |
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| October 7 - 8 October 14 - 15 October 21 - 22 October 28 - 29 | September 29 October 6 October 13 October 20 |

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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

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".

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR



All parishioners are invited to the St. Mel Parish Ministry Fair next weekend, October 7th & 8th in the Parish Center after all Masses. Light refreshments will be served but the main focus will be to help parishioners learn about the different ministries at St. Mel. Perhaps you will find that special group that you would like to be a part of.

ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join the St. Mel Youth Group which offers events and programs specifically for teens. The group meets in the St.Mel convent on Sunday evenings immediately following the 4:30PM Mass. There is free food and fellowship so bring your friends! Hope to see you on October 1st and 15th, November 5th and 12th, and December 3rd.


The Youth Group Core Team is looking for volunteers to provide dinner at the youth group meetings. If you would like to volunteer please call GiGi, 936-2793.

JOIN THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Membership to the Knights of Columbus has only two requirements:
 The man must be 18 years of age
 Then he must also be a practical Catholic


If you are interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Patrick Wagner, 961-9652.

ALTAR SOCIETY



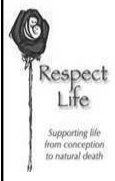
The Altar Society needs your help cleaning and preparing the Church for weekend Masses. Time commitment is only one to two hours after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday morning. Please call Linda, 213-2491, with questions or to volunteer.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for October. Please place special emphasis this month on... *Workers and the Unemployed.*

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



I hold the keys to death. –Rev 1:18

Reflection: The alternative to accepting death is to try to control it by giving ourselves the authority to take life. Hence, we have abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Just take control. Eliminate suffering by eliminating the person.

“Euthanasia” is killing. As such, it contradicts the fact that God is God.

Prayer: Lord, you are in control of my life, my suffering, and my death. May I never forget that.

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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

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

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.

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| 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)

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| 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 Group | Giovanna Bellocci | Call the Parish Office |
| St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39) | Giovanna Bellocci | Call Parish Office |
| RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | | |
| R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): | Michael Faber | 719-5565 |
| CATHOLIC FORMATION | | |
| 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 |
| LITURGICAL SERVICES | | |
| Altar Servers: | Dave Murray | 338-5011 |
| Music Ministry Director | Aaron Thompson | stmelmusic@outlook.com |
| Commentators: | Patrick Wagner | 961-8652 |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Deacon Anthony Pescetti | 704-0057 |
| Ushers | Patrick Wagner | 961-8652 |
| 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 |
| LEGION OF MARY | | |
| 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 | 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 |
| FR. RICHARD DOHENY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND | | |
| 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 |
| Children's Liturgy | Sara Lebeck / Serena Carleton | 967-1229 |
| Clara's House | Martha Ruskak | 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 |