



Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Ephesians 5:2

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 29, 2017

October 29, 2017 – True Love

The First Reading is a call to compassion. The Old Testament law was often viewed as a series of meticulous instructions, but in reality, it was a precious gift from God, for it communicated His will to us. It was designed to teach a spirit of compassion that would be shown to all, especially those unable to defend themselves. If those in power did not defend the defenseless, no one else would. Here God asks that widows, orphans, aliens, and the poor, be shown compassion. So too when lending money the stipulations should not be humiliating, the debtor should be respected; for we are all debtors to God. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that God is the source of our stability and security. Life is dynamic, things change, and sometimes, radically. When we are shaken by misfortune and confusion, God is there as our moral compass. This doesn't mean that things will always end well. Bad things happen, and there is much suffering in life, but if God is the foundation of our life and our faith, then we'll be able to get through whatever happens. In the Second Reading, St Paul continues his thanksgiving. He thanks God for the conversion of the Thessalonians. This conversion was a clear sign of God's power, for they understood that Paul's preaching was from God. He is also thankful for the ability to present the message in a way that the Thessalonians could accept. The people were able to respond to their sufferings and persecution with great joy – a clear sign that the Spirit was guiding them. The normal response to suffering is resentment and anger. In today's Gospel, once again we find the Jewish leaders trying to confound Jesus. Again, they are not at all interested in the truth, they only seek to gain the upper hand over Him. Jesus responds to their question about the greatest commandment by defining true and balanced love. Love, as we saw last week, has two dimensions, the vertical (love of God) and the horizontal (love of neighbor). One without the other is unbalanced and not true love. If we love God with all our heart, soul and mind, then we'll be able to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 10/29/2017

8:00 AM (I) Goveas Family by Family
10:00 AM (I) Wes & Meghan Covert by Rosemary Easter
4:30 PM (R) Milagros Legaspi by Myrna Carillo

Monday 10/30/2017

8:30 AM (I) Intentions of Peggy Grass
8:30 AM (I) Wes & Meghan Covert
by Bill & Kathy Baxter
12:00PM (R) Gert Schaefer by Mike & Mary Schaefer

Tuesday 10/31/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Maria Van Kasteren
12:00PM (I) Tammy Maher by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Wednesday 11/1/2017 All Saints' Day

8:30 AM (R) Joseph Astobiza by Family
12:00 PM (I) St. Mel Parishioners
7:00 PM (R) Bill Mullin by Joan DuPass

Thursday 11/2/2017 All Souls' Day

8:30 AM (R) Dennis Myers by Susan Myers
12:00 PM (I) The Maher Family by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Friday 11/3/2017

8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
By Gene Moody
12:00PM (R) Joseph Neal Young by Jesse & Judy Bravo

Saturday 11/4/2017

8:30 AM (I) Rosemary Easter by Bill & Kathy Baxter
4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 11/5/2017

8:00 AM (R) Eleanor Hallissy by Hallissy Family
10:00 AM (R) Joseph Damian Porter by Family
10:00 AM (R) Matthew Lopez by Dale Carter
4:30 PM (I) Ursula O'Brien - Gispén Family
By Matt & Sara Donnelly

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday: 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm
Tuesday: 10 - 11am
Friday: 6 - 7pm
Saturday: 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am 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"

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 November 4th & 5th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Mammano N / Mammano F	Sarah, Matthew & Ella
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison / Kreamer	Matthew, Trinity & John Paul
SUN 10:00AM	Allison / Cantrall	Collin, Amaya & John Paul
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular / Handy	Fred, Robbie & Will

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection next weekend, November 4th & 5th is 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 November will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, November 4th & 5th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Monthly Food Collection for the needy THIS weekend, October 28th & 29th

FROM WHEELING & DEALING TO KNEELING A SISTER TELLS HER VOCATION STORY

Come hear Sister Maria's story of how she went from being Chief Financial Officer of three car dealerships in New York, to a Bride of Christ in Michigan. Sister Maria's vocation talk will be held at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00PM. A book signing will follow at 8:00PM. Books will be available for sale in the Church.

ST. MEL SCHOOL ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for the St. Mel School Great Gatsby Benefit Auction on Saturday, November 4th. The silent auction begins at 5:30pm with dinner, live auction and dancing to follow. Tickets are \$60/person and are available in the School or Parish Offices.

SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TAMALE FUNDRAISER

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be accepting tamale orders the weekend of November 11th & 12th after all Masses in the vestibule. Pick up date for the tamales is November 19th from 9:00AM to 12noon in the convent. All proceeds will go to Our Lady's Feast Day on December 12th. Thank you for your support.

DISCIPLES OF JESUS AND MARY (DJM) INFORMATION MEETING

You are invited to an information meeting for the Disciples of Jesus and Mary (DJM) on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM in the St. Jude Room. The purpose of DJM is to offer all people an on-going training program that enables all to grow spiritually and to work effectively in the world. It draws material from the Gospels, the teachings of the Church, and spiritual authors. The program, founded by Fr. Santan Pinto, S.O.L.T., teaches how to discover your plan of life: the plan of life, found in the Heart of the Father, who He created you to be. The plan of life process helps us to recognize the way the Lord has been forming us throughout our entire life. Please call Joanne Hammett, 765-4007 for more information.

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

Carl Schumacher
John Marczak

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

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.

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. There will be a Baptism Preparation class on **Saturday, November 4th** at 10:00AM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend the class, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

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 ritaecdad@gmail.com.

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
November 4 - 5	October 27
November 11 - 12	November 3
November 18 - 19	November 10
November 25 - 26	November 17

ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join the St. Mel Youth Group for fun, food and fellowship. The group will meet November 5th, November 12th and December 5th in the convent after the Sunday 4:30PM Mass. Look forward to seeing you and bring a friend!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 19th to those who are in need. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please call 967-1229 to request a basket.

CALVARY CEMETERY MASS AND PRAYER WALK

On Thursday, November 2nd, Calvary Cemetery will be honoring All Souls' Day. The Catholic Church commemorates the faithful departed and invites you to pray for their eternal rest. Please join us for Mass at 10:00AM celebrated by Bishop Myron Cotta followed by the prayer walk Confessions begin at 9:00AM. Located at Calvary Cemetery Chapel, 7101 Verner Ave. Citrus Heights, Ca 95621. For more information, call 726-1232.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Blood, Plasma, and Platelet Donors are needed. The Knights of Columbus usually recommend that you give credit to our organization, #7390, to raise money for charity. For the months of November and December we suggest you consider donating to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, #0878. There are still many survivors of the Las Vegas shooting that are hospitalized and in need of blood. By making your blood, plasma and platelet donations to the sheriff's department, these donations will help the victims in their recovery. Make sure you are well hydrated and eat before giving. Call Blood Source at 866-822-5663 to make an appointment. Thank you.

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.



We encourage all citizens... to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate *in building a culture of life.* – "Living the Gospel of Life," 34

Reflection: Voting is a moral obligation. In a representative form of government, the obligations Scripture places on kings and rulers belong to the voters.

The obligation to advance the culture of life by one's vote springs from one's obligation to the good of the nation and to the well-being of all the other citizens who live in it.

Prayer: Lord, give us a deep commitment to participate in the political process.

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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.

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables in your cars when you are at Mass. There have been several break-ins in the parking lot.

BULLETIN PRAYER LISTS

The prayer list in the bulletin is a wonderful way to learn about the people in our community who need our prayers and support. Names will be kept on the list for two months unless a request is made to the office to keep the name on longer. If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the Parish office. 967-1229.

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.)

Al Volmer	Frank & Renee Weiss	Margaret Valley
Bob Ahern, Sr.	Helen S. Worthington	Martinez Family
Dawna Jones	Helen Chilcott	Rudy Worthington
Diana Fischer	Jim Alexander	Victoria Hummer

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

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
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 (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:	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
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 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

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: _____				