



Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what
day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42-44

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017

November 12, 2017 – Ready to meet the Lord

In the First Reading we see the influence of Greek culture on Judaism. Wisdom was no longer impersonal, but portrayed in the image of a woman, pure, loving and eager to teach all who desire to learn from her instruction. So are we advised to seek her, for we shall not be disappointed; she is waiting for us. The Responsorial echoes the desire for the Lord, for His wisdom. The psalmist speaks of the insatiable thirst for the Lord, which far outweighs the physical suffering that results from great thirst for water. He knows we are incomplete without God in our life, as parched earth is without water. He speaks of the consolation the Lord provides in darkness and the security he feels of always being protected by Him as an eaglet under the shadow of the eagle's wings. In the Second Reading, we find the story of the "rapture". The people were distraught over the death of someone in the community for they thought this person had missed out on the opportunity to meet Jesus on the last day. They had not yet been taught all the basics of the Faith, so here St. Paul reassures them with the teaching of the resurrection on the last day or when Jesus returns at some unknown day in the future, "the rapture". He consoles them with the truth of the Faith. In today's Gospel, we find the story of the five wise and five foolish virgins. The wise virgins symbolize the prudence of those who live in a way that is always anticipating the Lord's return, whenever that will be. Our life; and being always ready for the Lord, is not something to be cavalier about. If we are sincere in our love and desire to live forever happy with Our Lord and all the blessed, then we must keep Him always in our field of vision, living in a way that is consonant with His life and teachings.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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



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".

Please remember to call if you can't make your assigned hour out of respect to those who are in the Adoration Chapel waiting for you to arrive.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 11/12/2017

8:00 AM (I) Vivian Cao by Mike & Grace Cao
8:00 AM (I) Lydia Noland by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
10:00 AM (R) Matthew Lopez by Dale Carter
4:30 PM (R) Babies that have been aborted

Monday 11/13/2017

8:30 AM (R) Wilfredo Matias by Arceli Liceralde
12:00PM (R) Lucy Terrazas by Pat Scott

Tuesday 11/14/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (I) Peter Kowalski
by Christine & Tiffany Kowalski
12:00PM (R) Lilia Escuadro
by Nick & Antonia Cammarota

Wednesday 11/15/2017

8:30 AM (R) Noah Ryder Wessel by Greg Wessel
12:00 PM (R) Sue Kozlowski by Maxine Gaines

Thursday 11/16/2017

8:30 AM (I) Dominic & Nicole Cammarota
by Matt & Sara Donnelly
12:00 PM (I) Ellen Sikora by Chris & Karen Juten

Friday 11/17/2017

8:30 AM (I) Matthew Covert by Bill & Kathy Baxter
12:00PM (I) Denise Kramer & James Douglas
by 7:30AM Rosary Group

Saturday 11/18/2017

8:30 AM (R) Francis Anthony Denning by Susan Myers
4:30 PM (R) Clara Le May by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 11/19/2017

8:00 AM (R) Greg Phelps by Richard Phelps
10:00 AM (R) Janet Grabendike by Ron & Mary Hankins
4:30 PM (I) Amber Donnelly by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Commentators & Altar Servers November 18th & 19th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Faber	Max, Jack & Alexandra
SUN 8:00AM	Ward / Styer	Andrew, Michael & Jenna
SUN 10:00AM	Cantrall / Abi Nader	David, Katriel & Sophia
SUN 4:30 PM	Wagner Da / Karelius	Grace, Michael & CJ

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA

At the request of Bishop Soto and Bishop Robert Vasa from the Diocese of Santa Rosa, our second collection this weekend, November 11th & 12th, will be for the areas that have been devastated by the recent wildfires. The funds will be used to assist the rebuilding efforts already under way in the Diocese of Santa Rosa to aid families, schools, and other special recovery needs of the local Church. Your generosity is appreciated.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend, November 18th & 19th, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly food drive this weekend, November 11th & 12th. This is two weeks early to allow time to prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy.

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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

There will be no CFF classes on Sunday, November 12th. Classes will resume next Sunday, November 19th.

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.

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

The "Tidings of Joy" will come alive at this year's Christmas Tree Lane! The 2017 Jesuit High School celebration, taking place on November 26th and 27th, will feature a fashion show, delicious dining and specialty boutique shopping. Thousands of dollars in scholarships have been provided through this event so gather your friends for fun holiday shopping and entertainment! Go to jesuithighschool.org/ctj to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor. Questions, call Gina Garcia, 501-3069.

SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TAMALE FUNDRAISER

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be accepting tamale orders in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend. 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.

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.

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 18 - 19 November 25 - 26 December 2 - 3 December 9 - 10	November 10 November 17 November 24 December 1

ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

All high schoolers are invited to join the St. Mel Youth Group for fun, food and fellowship. The next meeting will be November 12th 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be no Noon Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The only Mass will be at 8:30AM.

ST. MEL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Last year, a new Thanksgiving Day tradition began at St. Mel. Families offered to prepare a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for our senior parishioners. The dinner was a huge success and offered a time of food and fellowship for both the guests and volunteers alike. The tradition continues this year. Volunteers are needed to help organize, prepare and serve the dinner at 3:00PM on Thanksgiving Day. We also welcome guests to come and enjoy the dinner and time of thanksgiving for our many blessings. If you are interested in volunteering or attending as a guest, please call the Parish Office, 967-1229.



ADORATION CHAPEL REMINDER

It is important that an adorer is always present in the Adoration Chapel. If you are unable to keep your adoration hour, please be sure to call Marge, 967-0641 or Chris, 966-3266.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for November. Please place special emphasis this month on... *Christians in Asia*
That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness. - Isa 5:20

Reflection: The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, shows us the truth about our sins (Jn 16:8). In Him we come to understand the difference between good and evil. This works directly against the dynamics of the abortion movement, which identifies a moral evil as a "right."

Devotion to the Holy Spirit is a key element in a Culture of Life.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, convert the minds and hearts of all those who defend abortion.

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SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

Three Diocese of Sacramento Seminarians are celebrating birthdays in November!

Benjamin Condon, November 11th, Mt. Angel Seminary, 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR, 97373.

Manuel Rodriguez, November 12th, and Ryan Francisco, November 30th, both at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. The Vocations Committee thanks you for supporting our seminarians.

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	Gene Fischer	Joyce Savage
Bob Ahern, Sr.	Helen S. Worthington	Martinez Family
Dawna Jones	Helen Chilcott	Rudy Worthington
Diana Fischer	Jim Alexander	Victoria Hummer
Frank & Renee Weiss	Joe Hoffmann	Zaida Ackerson

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	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 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
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:	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		
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		
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