



As a shepherd tends
his flock, so will I
tend my sheep.

Ezekiel 34:12

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

November 26, 2017 – Our King, Our Shepherd

In the First Reading, we find the image of the shepherd and his sheep. This imagery is used to portray the love relationship Our Lord wants to have with us, His people, His flock. It was written at the time of the Babylonian exile when the people felt abandoned or condemned for their sinfulness. The loving shepherd image shows God's love and concern for His people. It is an image of consolation and protection, the good are separated from the bad, like sheep from goats, yielding security. The shepherd theme continues in the Responsorial Psalm, the ever-popular twenty-third psalm, a hymn of trust in the Lord's goodness and providence, especially in the face of danger (*as was prayed by the young heroes of Flight 93 on 9/11/2001*). In this Psalm we see God as the good shepherd who guides his flock through danger, leading us to restful waters, using His rod and staff to give us comfort and courage as we wander through darkness. By prodding us with His rod and staff, we feel His presence with us, as He gently touches us. His gracious presence is so powerful that we feel safe even when eating in the presence of our enemies. By His death and resurrection, Jesus defeated death and gave us life. His resurrection is the "first-fruits" of those who believe. In harvest, the first crops are usually the best tasting and a sign of better harvest to come. Jesus is that for us, the best and the promise that we too will rise from death. This is what we find in the Second Reading, this remembrance of Jesus, the new Adam, destroying the death brought into the world by Adam's first sin. Thanks to Jesus, death no longer controls us, for we will rise again with Him. His beloved children will share in His reign and glory forever, where all sin, alienation and fear are defeated. In today's Gospel, the solemnity of Christ the King, we find Him seated on His throne, separating the good from the bad, as the good shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. If we treat others with charity, we will be welcomed into God's kingdom, if not, we will be kept out. It is here that we find a listing of many of the *corporal works of mercy*, a reminder to help those in need. Real faith exhibits charity. If we love God, we also love His children, so we will love not just in word, but also in deed. In fact, we should always be grateful to those to whom we show charity, for they give us the opportunity to express our love.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Sunday: 10 - 11am
Tuesday: 10 - 11am

Friday: 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"

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 11/26/2017

8:00 AM (I) Jim & Diane Nye - 25th Wedding Anniversary
10:00 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family
4:30 PM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

Monday 11/27/2017

8:30 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
12:00PM (R) Sr. Gertrude Ryan by Stan & Delight Hart

Tuesday 11/28/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (I) Tiffany Kowalski by Mom & Dad
12:00PM (I) Janet Juten by Chris & Karen Juten

Wednesday 11/29/2017

8:30 AM (I) Charismatic Prayer Group
by Chris & Karen Juten
8:30 AM (I) Frank Mammano by Mom & Dad
12:00 PM (R) Sister Gertrude Ryan by James Joyce Family

Thursday 11/30/2017

8:30 AM (R) Steve Phelps by Richard Phelps
12:00 PM (I) Sheila Neer

Friday 12/1/2017

8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
by Gene Moody
12:00PM (I) Del Westacott

Saturday 12/2/2017

8:30 AM (R) Vincenzo & Sara Pellegrini
by Matt & Sara Donnelly
4:30 PM (R) Mary Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 12/3/2017

8:00 AM (I) Ursula O'Brien-Gispén Family
by Matt & Sara Donnelly
10:00 AM (R) Sharlene Phelps by Richard Phelps
4:30 PM (I) Matthew Freeman by Marge Della Villa

Commentators & Altar Servers December 2nd & 3rd

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Nagel / Wagner G	Ralph, Fred & Victor
SUN 8:00AM	Kreamer / Styer	Sarah, Matthew & Greta
SUN 10:00AM	Wagner J / Lehman	Katriel, Matthew & Trinity
SUN 4:30 PM	Wagner M / Allison	Grace, Andrew & Dylan

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection NEXT weekend, December 2nd & 3rd 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 December will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, December 2nd & 3rd.

FATHER DOHENY FUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TAX DEDUCTION

In December, letters of acknowledgment will be sent to those who contributed to The Father Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund during 2017. There is still time to help the Fund continue the legacy of Fr. Doheny and to take advantage of a tax-deductible contribution for the year. Please make checks payable to The Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund. Contact Walter Schaff, 961-4698 if you have any questions about the Fund.

SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe thanks the St. Mel parishioners for their generous support of the November tamale sale. All proceeds from the sale will go to Our Lady's Feast Day celebration on December 12th.

HOUR OF GRACE

Please join us after the 12:00PM Mass on Friday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as we recite Psalm 51 and pray the Rosary during an Hour of Grace. We will also pray for the intentions of Pope Francis and all priests.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

One Seminarian from the Diocese of Sacramento is celebrating a birthday in December. It is David Panduro on December 5th. He is studying at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. The Vocations Committee thanks you for supporting our seminarians.

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.

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

With an existing catalog of over 1,400 braille and audio titles, Xavier Society for the Blind provides inspirational, spiritual and religious reading materials in braille, audio and/or large print to the blind and visually impaired community of faithful free of charge. If you know a family member, friend or fellow parishioner who could benefit from our services, please visit xaviersocietyfortheblind.org, call 800-637-9193, or email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no CFF classes this Sunday, November 26th. Classes resume next Sunday, December 3rd.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Parish Christmas Celebration will take place after all Masses the weekend of December 9th & 10th. Several St. Mel ministries will be selling Christmas items including the St. Mel School See's candy fundraiser and St. Vincent de Paul sale of baked goods, crafts and gift baskets. We hope that everyone can join us as we celebrate as a Parish this joyous Christmas season.

St. Vincent de Paul is asking for donations of baked goods for their sale. Please drop your donations of homemade baked goods off at the Parish Center on Friday, December 8th between 9:30 and 10:30am.



Kids in grades TK-8 get your crayons and colored pencils ready for the Christmas Art Contest! The winning boy and girl from TK and Kindergarten could win a Razor scooter and the winning boy and girl from grades 1-8 could win a bike!

BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. There will be a Baptism Preparation class on Saturday, December 2nd 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 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
December 2 - 3 December 9 - 10 December 16 - 17 December 23 - 24	November 24 December 1 December 8 December 15

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs a used freezer to help with their ever-growing Monday food delivery for the homeless program. Do you or someone you know have one in your garage collecting dust that you might be able to donate? Please call Bill, 944-1374 or Craig, 826-6423.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS SPONSORS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is now accepting requests from anyone who would like to provide a needy family with gifts this Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a family, please call, 967-1229 and ask for the St. Vincent de Paul direct line. You can leave a message and we will call you back with more information.

RELEVANT RADIO 1620 AM

Immaculate Heart Radio 1620 AM has merged with and is now known as Relevant Radio 1620AM. Volunteers are needed December 4th - 8th to help answer phone calls during the station Pledge Drive. The office and studios are located in Loomis, CA at the Penryn Road exit off I-80. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship and even win some great books, movies and CD's. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nicole, 877-291-0123 or volunteers@relevantradio.com. Program and station information is available on the media rack in the vestibule.

MERCY SAN JUAN HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER GUILD


The Mercy San Juan Hospital Volunteer Guild is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are asked to work two 4-hour shifts per month. They help the hospital by working in the gift shop, escorting patients and visitors, facilitating registration, and assisting in the NICU. Bake sales are held to fund adult scholarships and special projects for the hospital. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Gallagher, 965-3479 or the Volunteer Office, 537-5298.

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.



Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. —"Living the Gospel of Life," 23

Reflection: Care for human life is multi-faceted.

Although we can't do everything, we have concern for all people, and we realize that progress in any area of human dignity facilitates progress in every other area.

Prayer: Lord, as progress is made for human rights, may all people, born and unborn, reap the benefit.

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ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING

On Sunday, December 3rd at the 10:00AM Mass, new Altar Servers that have been trained since last November will be commissioned. All current altar servers will renew their commitment to this ministry and be commissioned at the same time. Following Mass, please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Small Hall after Mass. St. John Berchman – Patron of Altar Servers, pray for us!

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.)

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

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: PHONE 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 RETURN HOME		
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)		
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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