



You have but one Father
in heaven and one master,
the Christ.

Matthew 23:9

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

November 5, 2017 – True Faith serves humbly

In the First Reading, we find a severe condemnation of the priests of Israel. They had a special obligation to lead people to the truth, and were the mediators between the Lord and His people. They failed in their obligations, living immoral lifestyles and mistreating people. So God would condemn them. Much was expected of them, since much had been given them. This serves as a warning to all of us who have been gifted with the Faith. We should not look down on those who have not yet received it, nor should we think ourselves better than others because we have the Faith. Rather, we should be grateful and strive to share our faith with others. The Responsorial is a call to humble service of the Lord, which will give us true peace. If we can gratefully and willingly use our God-given talents and blessings to serve and help others, we will find true peace. In the Second Reading, we find St Paul to be a great model of evangelization. He sought to proclaim the Gospel in a way that would not impede acceptance of it. He did this by working for his own livelihood (as a tent-maker), so as not to be a burden on the community. Not only was he not a burden, but rather a transparent vessel of the truth. His gentle, unconditional love for them was the instrument of communicating the Gospel, and made it easy for them to accept. In today's Gospel, we find Jesus exhorting us to follow the laws of faith, while ignoring the bad example of the Pharisees. In their lack of humility, they allowed themselves to become arrogant, full of their own importance, and abusing their positions for their own advantage. They saw their studies as a means of power and authority over others. Jesus rejects this topsy-turvy view, calling us to see positions of authority as opportunities to serve others, not as opportunities to be served. Following Jesus' example, means serving even the most humble in the community.

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 11/5/2017

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

Monday 11/6/2017

8:30 AM (I) Kelvin Goveas & Family by Goveas Family
8:30 AM (I) Carly Nicholas by Cockerton Family
12:00PM (R) Sister Gertrude Ryan by Pat Scott

Tuesday 11/7/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Paulina Panattoni
by Christine, Peter & Tiffany Kowalski
12:00PM (I) Ariel Lasat by Lasat Family

Wednesday 11/8/2017

8:30 AM (R) Mark O'Brien by Matt & Sara Donnelly
12:00 PM (R) Sister Gertrude Ryan by Bill & Kathy Baxter

Thursday 11/9/2017

8:30 AM (I) Jacqueline Goveas by Goveas Family
12:00 PM (R) Margie Schuchts by Mammano Family

Friday 11/10/2017

8:30 AM (R) Clifford Klaisle by Bill & Kathy Baxter
12:00PM (R) Sister Gertrude Ryan by Zaida Ackerson

Saturday 11/11/2017

8:30 AM (R) Frank Dorado II by Sean Dibble
4:30 PM (R) Cecily Terra by Terra Family

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

Commentators & Altar Servers November 11th & 12th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Sweeney / Nagel	Josephine, Janelle & Jason
SUN 8:00AM	Phillips J / Phillips L	Matthew, Marcus & Sean
SUN 10:00AM	Grass / Welsh	Wyatt, Victor & Aaron
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Wagner M	Augustine, Kate & Andrew

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection this 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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 next 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.



October 18th

Emily Elizabeth Marie Swetland
Daughter of Nicholas & Kayleigh Swetland

October 28th

Kevin Christopher
Son of Rodell & Theresa Camet

Hartley Isabella
Daughter of Jacob & Justine Sells

October 29th

Paul Huntington
Son of Grant & Alison Wessel

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.

Martha Garcia
Margaret Valley
Lynda Cooke

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.

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.

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.

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 11 - 12 November 18 - 19 November 25 - 26 December 2 - 3	November 3 November 10 November 17 November 24

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.

VETERANS DAY MASS AND RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to honor all our military veterans at a special Mass on Saturday, November 11th at 8:30AM. The Mass will include a reading of the names of all St. Mel parish veterans, living and deceased. We would like to give special recognition to any of our veterans who have received the Medal of Honor. If you know of someone who has received the Medal of Honor or, to be sure a veteran's name is included on the list, please call the parish office, 967-1229. A special reception and program will be held in Doheny Hall following the Mass.

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

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

Albert Gonzales	Garrett Heisinger	Louis Patterson
Auroa Deese	George Snyder, Sr.	Lynn Warner
Betty Cerato	Gerrie & Paul Parker	Manuel Ybarra
Bill & Shirley Jones	Howie Hoel	Maria Erickson
Bruce King	James English	Marie Lofgren
Cecelia Beviacqua	Jody Martinez	Mary Hoel
Charles J. Ortner	Kathy Houser	Ralph Virgen
Connie McKie		Veronica Saenz



O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, both now and forevermore. –Ps 131:3

Reflection: The month of November is dedicated in a particular way to praying for the dead. This includes children who died before birth.

These children did not have the opportunity to be baptized; the Church teaches, however, that we can entrust them with confidence to the mercy of God.

Prayer: Lord, You love aborted children even more than we do. We entrust them to Your mercy.

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REMINDER

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

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

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 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
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: _____				