



**ST. MEL  
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

The second collection next weekend, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 January will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**MASS CHANGE**

Until further notice, the 12:00PM Mass will not be offered.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

January 1, 2018 is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. This is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30AM.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Office hours Wednesday through Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, will be 8:00AM to 12noon.

**USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Have you ever considered helping usher at Mass? The Parish Usher Ministry could use your help. We are calling men, women, and young adults to consider joining this weekly service. To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Wagner at patrick.wagner@iecc.org or 961-8652.

**Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish**

(Names of those with long-term illnesses will appear on this list and be printed in the Church bulletin on the first Sunday of each month.)

Albert Gonzales	Garrett Heisinger	Louis Patterson
Auroa Deese	George Snyder, Sr.	Lynn Warner
Betty Cerato	Gerrie & Paul Parker	Manuel Ybarra
Bill 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



When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then indeed will you be blessed because they have no way to repay you. -Lk 14:13-14

**Reflection:** Jesus calls us to the purest form of love, that is, love of those who cannot repay us. The unborn children, whose lives we seek to protect, cannot repay us and do not even know we are fighting for them.

Pro-life work is motivated by pure love.

**Prayer:** Lord, increase my love for the children in the womb who cannot acknowledge or repay me. May You be my only reward

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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.**

**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.

**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**

(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove the name.)

Aiden Hulse	Emma Moss	Joe Hoffmann
Amanda Barron	Frank & Renee Weiss	John English
Bob Ahern, Sr.	Gene Fischer	Joyce Savage
Dawna Jones	Gerald A. Hoffarth	Jude Hoffmann
Delores Bousliman	Helen S. Worthington	Martinez Family
Diana Fischer	Helen Chilcott	Rudy Worthington
Diane Castonguay	Jeannette Barron	Victoria Hummer
Elaine Ervin	Jim Alexander	Zaida Ackerson

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

<b>PARISH COUNCILS</b>		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
<b>PARISH SCHOOL</b>		
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
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
<b>CATHOLICS RETURN HOME:</b>		
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Scripture & Religious Study:	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Parish Library open after weekend Masses:	Cheryl Hoffmann / or Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
	Joanne Wagner	967-0190
<b>LITURGICAL SERVICES</b>		
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
<b>PRAYER ADVOCACY</b>		
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
<b>LEGION OF MARY (DAY):</b>		
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
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>		
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
Bereavement	Rita Ecdao	408-903-6344
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
<b>PARISH ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Rupert	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:  PHONE  EMAIL

Do you have any special request: \_\_\_\_\_