



I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Psalm 32:1-2

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

February 11, 2018 – Jesus wants to heal our hearts

The First Reading sets the stage for today's Gospel account of Jesus healing the leper. Here we find the law regarding leprosy. Any sort of skin disease, even severe acne or eczema was considered leprous. All such citizens were severely segregated from the rest of the community and lost any right to participate in society. The priests were involved in the official declaration of uncleanness and healing of such. The Responsorial Psalm 32, speaks of God as the sole healer of physical disease and of our hearts. However, God's healing can only take place if we ask, admit to our own sinfulness, and seek His pardon. Sin denies love of ourselves and others. When we sin, we are telling ourselves that we are worthless and may as well treat ourselves like trash. God does not so treat us. God treats us with more respect than we think we deserve. He always loves us even when we don't know enough to love ourselves. In the Second Reading, St Paul encourages us to imitate him because he already imitates Christ, having chosen to live for the Lord. All we do must be done to bring others to God. Today's Gospel is a miracle account of Jesus healing a leper. Jesus however, does not want to be known as a miracle worker, for His mission is much more profound. He wants to be *the healer of our hearts*. Today's healing, as is often the case with Jesus, is based on His compassion for the leper. The leper is told to tell no one except the priests who can certify his healing and allow him to re-enter society. The healed leper, however, did not follow Jesus' warning because he didn't understand. He told everyone about the matter, which made it impossible for Jesus to freely enter a town, forcing Him to stay in deserted places. May we have the grace to follow the Lord, even when we don't understand.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 2/11/2018

8:00 AM (R) Michael Webb by Kathleen Cook
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (R) Louise Schluttenhofer
 by Nick & Antonia Cammarota

Monday 2/12/2018

8:30 AM (I) Tian Family

Tuesday 2/13/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (I) Don & Mary Pat Jones - 40th Wedding Anniversary by Nick & Antonia Cammarota

Wednesday 2/14/2018

8:30 AM (I) Lydia Noland by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
 12:00PM (I) Allene Blessing by Mammano Family
 7:00PM (I) Mass for Parishioners

Thursday 2/15/2018

8:30 AM (I) Jody Tian

Friday 2/16/2018

8:30 AM (I) Johnny Vu by Mike & Grace Cao
 8:30 AM (I) Barbara Joyce by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Saturday 2/17/2018

8:30 AM (R) Aristotle Guillermo by Erlinda Salonga
 4:30 PM (R) Ismael Amador by Ramos Family

Sunday 2/18/2018

8:00 AM (R) Shirley Jones by Nathan & Betty Zanoni
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (R) Natividad Gimalay by Myrna Carillo

Do everything for the love of God and His glory without looking at the outcome of the undertaking. Work is judged, not by its result, but by its intention.

- Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Commentators & Altar Servers February 17th & 18th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Wagner G / Roland	Aedan, Augustine & Ella
SUN 8:00AM	Kreamer / Ward	Matthew, Marcus & Greta
SUN 10:00AM	Abi Nader / Grass	Sophia, Aaron & Collin
SUN 4:30 PM	Handy / Ricaforte	CJ, David & Kyle

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Sunday: 5 - 6pm, 10 - 11pm
 Thursday: 11am - 12pm, 12 - 1pm, 2 - 3pm
 Friday: 2 - 3am, 6 - 7pm
 Saturday: 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am,
 1 - 2pm, 2 - 3pm, 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".

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.

ST. MEL YOUTH MINISTRY

The St. Mel Youth Group meets twice a month after the Sunday 4:30PM Mass. All high schoolers are invited to come enjoy food, fun and fellowship. The next meeting is February 11th in the Convent and we hope to see you there! Future meeting dates are February 25th and March 11th & 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Gigi at ymstmel@gmail.com or 936-2793.

ST. MEL YOUNG ADULTS

St. Mel Young Adults will be meeting every Wednesday during Lent for fellowship and Bible Study. Join us any or all Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Convent. Bibles will be available. If you can't make Wednesday nights, please check the calendar for other dates at www.catholicveritas.com. For more information: stmelsya@gmail.com or 916-936-2793.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Masses will be 8:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM.

SOUP AND STATIONS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be sponsoring "Soup and Stations" on all Fridays in Lent except for Good Friday. Bring a crock pot of soup or some bread and join us in the Small Hall at 5:30PM for dinner and fellowship before the Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. St. Vincent de Paul will provide bowls and spoons. On Friday, March 23rd, dinner will begin at 5:00PM with Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by the Penance Service at 7:00PM.

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH MISSION

Well known Catholic apologist and author, Trent Horn, will be speaking at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Jackson on Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th. Registration begins at 5:30PM on Friday and at 9:30AM on Saturday. The total cost for both days is \$10. A light dinner will be served on Friday with lunch and snacks on Saturday. Childcare is available on both days. For registration or information call 209-223-2970 or go to www.stkatharinedrexel.com. The parish is located at 11361 Prospect Drive, Martell, CA

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Please join the Legion of Mary in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for February. Please place special emphasis this month on...*those with power*.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Classes are in session this weekend, Sunday, February 11th. Due to the President's Day holiday, there will be no CFF classes next Sunday, February 18th.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This Sunday, February 11th, is World Marriage Day. Each year Worldwide Marriage Encounter conducts a nation-wide search to find the couple who have been married the longest. This year, Francis and Genevieve Ferry, from Auburn, CA, married 74 years, will be honored. Francis celebrated his 98th birthday last week. Let us join together rejoicing in the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony, whether married one year or 75.

RELEVANT RADIO 1620AM

Relevant Radio needs your help during their pledge drive the week of February 19th - 23rd. A few hours of your time answering phones and accepting pledges would be greatly appreciated. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship, meet on-air personnel and even win some great books, movies and CD's. Contact Nicole at volunteers@relevantradio.com or 1-877-291-0123 or Frank Abinader, St. Mel Parish Ambassador for Relevant Radio, 916-337-9171. Program and station information is available on the media rack in the entrance of the church.

MASS CHANGE

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

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 2018	Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY
February 17 - 18 February 24 - 25 March 3 - 4 March 10 - 11	February 9 February 16 February 23 March 2

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal weekend has been postponed to February 17th & 18th. During that weekend, we will once again have the opportunity to be Christ to others. How do we help a family that suffered great loss? How do we help the homeless man or woman who is looking for a way out of poverty? How do we provide emotional support where it is needed most? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message to help our brothers and sisters. Last year 381 of our parishioners contributed \$140,387. Our parish received 25% to serve our local ministry to others. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish-based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gift is the Heart of Mercy in Northern California.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

On Friday, March 16th at 7:00PM, St. Rose of Lima in Roseville will host Dynamic Catholic speaker, Dr. Allen Hunt, who will discuss how four life-changing habits can point you towards incredible possibilities for your life. The presentation is based on Matthew Kelly's book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic", and you will leave with a personal plan to help you become the best version of yourself. Tickets are \$25 and available at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900.

ADORATION CHAPEL BOOKS

The books that are in the Adoration Chapel are for use in the Adoration Chapel only. Please leave them in the chapel so that everyone can use them. Thank you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



A unique part of RCIA is being a SPONSOR to a Candidate. Together, you journey through our Catholic faith sharing special moments and beautiful Rites. If you are interested in being part of this journey with a man or woman who desires to become

Catholic, please contact Michael Faber, 719-5565 or rcia-stmelfairoaks@gmail.com for further information. This is one of the most rewarding ways to say "Yes, Lord, use me to further your kingdom!"



You have come to Jesus... and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more powerfully than even the blood of Abel. -Heb 12:24

Reflection: In the culture of death, the blood of tens of millions of unborn children is shed together with that of Jesus. Scripture teaches that the blood of the innocent cries out to God.

Fortunately, it also teaches that the blood of Jesus cries out louder, calling for mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Prayer: Lord, in Communion we receive Your Body and Blood. May we weep for the blood of the babies; may we be consoled as we receive the Blood of Christ.

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BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. There will be a Baptism Preparation class on Saturday, February 17th 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEWING GROUP

St. Mel's St. Vincent de Paul Society started a sewing group 2 years ago. The purpose of this group is to make little girls dresses using pillow cases. The sewing group has been tremendously successful, sending over 2,000 dresses to those in need in the Philippines. The sewing group is looking for a new leader, as well as more members to help sew dresses. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please call 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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| Aiden Hulse | Diana Fischer | Jeannette Barron |
| Albert Souza | Diane Castonguay | Joe Hoffmann |
| Allene Blessing | Elaine Ervin | John English |
| Amanda Barron | Emma Moss | Jude Hoffmann |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Frank & Renee Weiss | Martinez Family |
| Carol Ellen Leever | Gene Fischer | Rudy Worthington |
| Danielle Hannon | Gerald A. Hoffarth | Victoria Hummer |
| Dawna Jones | Helen S. Worthington | Zaida Ackerson |
| Delores Bousliman | Helen Chilcott | |

6TH ANNUAL MEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL



The 6th Annual Men's Day of Faith Renewal will be Saturday, April 14th from 8:00AM to 3:15PM in the St. Mel Parish Center. Former mega church pastor, Allen Hunt, will share his journey into the Catholic Church, speaking on "The Eternal Treasures of the Catholic Faith: Have You Found Them?" Tickets are \$40 and includes a continental breakfast and a catered BBQ lunch. Register today at smpcevents.org. For more information call, 635-7791.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership to the Knights of Columbus has only two requirements:

- The man must be 18 years of age
- Then he must also be a practical Catholic

Please contact Membership Director Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Knight Patrick Wagner, 961-9652.

FAIR OAKS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6066 SMARTPHONE APP AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with Council 6066 events, pictures, news, prayer requests and more with our smartphone app and social media accounts! Download the free "Knights of Columbus California App" at your iOS or Android app store. Once the app is loaded on your phone search for, "6066" "Fair Oaks" or "St. Mel" in the search field to get to our app. To download use the QR Code or visit <https://connectumedia.com/knights-of-columbus-ads/>. You can also follow our council on Twitter (@KofCCouncil6066) or Facebook (@KofC6066).

BEST LENT EVER

The Dynamic Catholic Institute invites all parishioners to join a 40-day journey to a life-changing Lent. Best Lent Ever is a free email program that will give you daily short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. This program will provide a powerful opportunity and inspiration to live out your faith on a deeper level. Sign up at BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp and be prepared to have your best Lent ever.

ST. MEL VOCATION MINISTRY

The St. Mel Vocation Ministry invites all parishioners to become a part of the vibrant vocations ministry here at St. Mel. Meetings are the first Sunday of the month from 11:30AM - 12:30PM in the St. John Paul II room. Your enthusiasm for vocations, time, talents and treasures can help our ministry. Be one of the promoters of Holy Vocations at St. Mel! No experience necessary. Just a willingness to commit to helping us help others discern their God given vocation and encourage them in their spiritual growth. For more information, please contact Jeanne Condon, 988-3027 or Jenni Murray, 600-6808.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY-RENEWAL OF VOWS

On Saturday, February 24th Bishop Myron Cotta will preside at a special 11:00AM Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples may renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow the Mass. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.SacWMD.com. For more information call the Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis, 733-0123.

NOTICE FROM THE BISHOP

Because of the prevalence of flu and flu-like illnesses, Bishop Soto has made the following directives regarding receiving Holy Communion during Masses. The use of the Communion cup is suspended temporarily, and parishioners are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand. The Bishop also recommends not shaking hands during the sign of Peace and instead acknowledging those around you with a simple nod, saying "peace be with you". Do not hold hands during the Our Father. We hope that these measures will ensure the health and well-being of the faithful.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

One Seminarian from the Diocese of Sacramento is celebrating a birthday in February. Victor Goronov will celebrate on February 28th. He is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR 97373. The Vocations Committee thanks you for supporting our seminarians.

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.

eGIVING WITH FAITH

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA731.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is never out of season. Orientation and training for new servers is available as needed after school and on weekends. *Refresher and update sessions are also available.* Interested students and parents may contact Dave Murray, 716-5187 or e-mail dddmurray@comcast.net. Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

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: _____				