



You are the temple of God
and the Spirit of God
dwells in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 19, 2017

February 19, 2017 – Our Challenge:

Love One Another

In today's First Reading from Leviticus, we are given a challenge: if we truly believe in God's holiness, then we too will reflect that holiness in our lives; seeking no revenge, holding no grudge, loving others as God loves us; this is our Christian challenge. The Responsorial, from Psalm 103 reminds us that God's greatness is most expressed in His mercy. Though He has every right to our fidelity; He nonetheless is always willing to forgive our sins, especially since that is what brings us misery. Our sin is self-destructive and God's forgiveness, specially offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, rescues us from that and what we truly deserve. In this Sacrament, God's mercy is a free and loving gift, God does not forgive us because He has to, but because He wants to. God is a loving parent who wants to heal and love us. Throughout today's readings we are challenged to be merciful to others as God is with us. In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts, and in a special way via the Eucharist. So we should treat others and ourselves with sacred dignity, as we strive to follow Christ wholeheartedly, for all belong to Christ and all that belong to Christ, belong in turn to God. In Matthew's gospel today, Jesus turns the old Law on its head calling us to go beyond the pagan/tax collectors' kind of love of just being nice to those who are so to us; and challenging us to be perfect (pure) in our love of others. The Old Testament tried to limit revenge to an eye for an eye, but Jesus wants us to go beyond that level of responsibility and respond to hurt and injustice with even greater generosity and goodness. It is only Love, after all, that can break the cycle of hurt and revenge.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday: 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm
Monday: 1 - 2pm
Wednesday: 3 - 4am
Thursday: 5 - 6pm
Saturday: 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am, 1 - 2pm,
3 - 4pm, 7 - 8pm

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 at 967-0641 or Chris at 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.

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

Sunday 2/19/2017

8:00 AM (I) Loretta Jacobs by Joe Dobrowolski
10:00 AM (I) Frank & Judy Spinelli by Carol McNelly
4:30 PM (I) Kelly Mantsch by Kathy Baxter

Monday 2/20/2017

7:00 AM (R) All Souls and Mary & Joseph by Thuy Nguyen
8:30 AM (I) Gordon Scott by Joe Dobrowolski

Tuesday 2/21/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*7:00 AM (R) Victorio Bello by Julie Bello
*8:30 AM (R) Luz Alva by Your Loving Family

Wednesday 2/22/2017

7:00 AM (R) Special Intention
8:30 AM (I) Auntie T, Martina and All Friends
by Thuy Nguyen

Thursday 2/23/2017

7:00 AM (I) Jim Orsburn by Mary Ann Henrikson
8:30 AM (R) Aziz Salem Zarou by Mary Ann Henrikson

Friday 2/24/2017

7:00 AM (R) Florence Garcia by Pat Scott
8:30 AM (R) Florence Garcia by Jim & Yolanda Carlson

Saturday 2/25/2017

8:30 AM (I) Nora Flynn by Monica & Bill Beyer
4:30 PM (R) Daniel Thorne

Sunday 2/26/2017

8:00 AM (I) In Thanksgiving by Thuy Nguyen
10:00 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family
4:30 PM (R) Stanley Sigl by Dave & Michelle Lehman

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers for February 25 & 26, 2017

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30 PM	Nagel / DeHam Max, Jack & Alexandra	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00 AM	Wagner P Nick, Vincent & Ezra	Music Leader
SUN 10:00 AM	Welsh / Styer Sophia, Amaya & Ralph	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular Carson, Michael & Grace	Youth Choir

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Monthly Food Collection for the needy NEXT weekend, February 25th & 26th.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The St. Mel youth group invites all teens to a "Hang Out" session every Wednesday from 4-8PM in the Convent. Teens are welcome to do homework, read, or just hang out. Snacks will be provided. Join us every Wednesday until the end of February.

Upcoming meeting dates are: February 19th is GAME night in Doheny Hall. Get ready for the Nerf War! Hope to see you there at 5:30PM!

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA MOVIE

The life of one of the greatest saints, St. Ignatius of Loyola, coming to the big screen! A modern and very human take on the story of the founder of the Jesuits, often called "the Saint of Second Chances." From a brash hot-headed soldier to one of the greatest saints in history. Don't miss this private showing, Sunday, February 26th at Century 16 Greenback Theatre at 1:30PM. Tickets online: www.theCatholicScene.com or at Easter's Bookstore. Questions? Call 807-0260.

REMINDER

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

JOURNEY INTO FAITH
RCIA is about to begin. Being part of the Church established through Jesus Christ, and entrusted to the leadership of the apostle Peter, is a gift. This gift might just be for you. Join us *any Sunday beginning May 7th in the St. Jude Room* (top of the back stairs) at **8:00AM** to discover how you might become Roman Catholic; and participate in the greatest adventure of your life. Please contact Michael Faber, at 686-7020 or rcia-stmelfairroaks@gmail.com for more information.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH RETREAT

You are invited to the 2017 Christ the King Parish Retreat! The theme is "Gathered in the Name of Jesus" and we invite all 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 March 10-12 and Men's retreat will be March 31- April 2. Reserve your spot by calling your Parish Coordinator, Martha Styer, 962-3307; Donna Greuel, 225-2456 or the retreat center, 725-472 Ext 301. You can also register online at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org. If you're unable to attend our parish date, visit the website for other dates. *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.

Richard Proaps

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

There will be no CFF classes on Monday, February 20th or Tuesday, February 21st due to the President's Day holiday. Classes resume on February 27th and 28th.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP AND STATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul will be coordinating "Soup and Stations" on all Fridays in Lent. Bring a crockpot of meatless soup and a ladle to the Small Hall at 5:30PM. Bowls, utensils and ice water will be provided. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00PM. Questions? Call Kathy, 704-1938.

SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC FORUM PRESENTS:

Wynette Sills, Director, Californians for Life, will speak on 'A Strategic Plan to End Abortion: Our Catholic Responsibility' on Wednesday, February 22nd at Christ the King Retreat Center. The day begins with Mass at 6:30AM followed by networking, breakfast and the presentation. The retreat center is located at 6520 Van Maren Ln., Citrus Heights, CA. The cost is \$20 for pre-register or \$25 at the door. Further information and reservations: www.saccatholicforum.org.

MATTHEW KELLY PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE

Author of "Resisting Happiness" and "Rediscovering Catholicism", Matthew Kelly will be delivering Passion & Purpose Live, with musical guest Eliot Morris. This event will empower you to learn more about our Catholic story, begin your personal journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, and inspire you to get involved in the positive changes that are occurring in the Catholic Community. For more information or to register go to www.dynamiccatholic.com, look under 'Events' and click on 'Passion and Purpose'. March 3rd: Holy Trinity in El Dorado Hills. March 4th: St. John's in Folsom.

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
February 25 - 26 March 4 - 5 March 11 - 12 March 18 - 19	February 17 February 24 March 3 March 10

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next weekend, February 25th and 26th, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others through works of mercy. How do we help a family in need? How do we best help the man or woman along the roadside with a request for money? Do we pass them by? Do we feel guilty? Do we wonder how the money we give might be spent? 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 and provide real assistance. Last year 405 of our parishioners contributed \$123,689 to the Appeal. St. Mel Parish received 25% to serve our local needs, people who came to our doors looking for a bit of help or a hand up. 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 gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are Mercy in Motion.

ST. MEL SCHOOL DINING OUT FUNDRAISER

You Dine, They Donate! St. Mel School is having a fundraiser on Tuesday, February 21st at Moe's Southwest Grill, located at 5406 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights. Dine In or Take Out and St. Mel School will receive a portion of the sales. A flyer is needed and these are available in our school or parish offices. Thank you for your support!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER CELEBRATION

It's almost time for the wearing o' the green! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 18th after the 4:30PM Mass. Come for the delicious corned beef and cabbage, live Celtic Music, Irish Dancers, raffle prizes, and help support this annual fund raiser of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets on sale after each Mass this weekend or in the Parish Office. Watch for more details in next week's bulletin.

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...*comforting the afflicted.*

Let us pray...that all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and the marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities. Amen.



Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. –Deut 1:17

Reflection: Some say an embryo is too small to have human rights. But rights do not depend on size.

Do men have more rights than women because they are generally larger? Are shorter people to enjoy fewer protections than tall people? The size of a person has nothing to do with his or her value.

Prayer: O God, You have dominion over all things great and small, and have created a vast variety of life. May we reverence the very smallest of our brothers and sisters.

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Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering.

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Program flyer

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Al Volmer	Garvin Arnett	Katie Henson
Alan Cheuse	George Kim	Katie Spain
Alex Quiroz	Gianna Atilano	Keith Sprenkle
Amanda Barron	Grace Barrios	King David Chico
Anthony Caillou	Gregory David	Latasha Rodriguez
Arthur Morton	James A. Martinez	Linda Ramsey
Audrey Holden	Jean Crupi	Lydia Melendez
Bob Ahern, Sr.	Jeanette Barron	Margaret Anderson
Candy Barrios	Jerry Esparza	Margaret Valley
Charles Joseph Ortner	Jerry Smith	Mary Alyce Gisla
Cheryl Richardson	Jim Maher	Mary Spain
Chris Stabile	Joanne Kim	Michael English
Christian Dimitri	Jody & Ron Martinez	Michael J. Martinez
Daniel Schwartz, III	Johanna Ross	Michelle Atwood
Dave Kangas	John & Judy English	Mollie Dear
Deana Landingham	John Forrest	Nellie Henson
Delfina Rodriguez	John Langland	Nick Tenaglia
Diane Castonguay	John Wise, Jr.	P. J. Spain
Donald Wise	Jose Mascoro	Patty Arcenequex- Conti
Dora V. Marczak	Joseph Dimitri	Pilo DeLeon
Dora Palpallatoc	Joseph Jacin	Ray Willey
Eduardo Murallon	Joseph McCormick	Rendtor Ramirez
Elizabeth McMahon	Judy Spinelli	Richard Robinson
Evelyn Dimitri	Karen Petersen	Robert Atkinson
Fred H. Salter	Katie Grant	Robin Dunton
		Rodney Wise

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. January 10, 2016)

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 Ministry:	Dominick Romano	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Brenda McCollum	722-1965
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
Marian Movement of Priests:		
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		
Commentators:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Anthony Pescetti	704-0057
Ushers	Walt Schaff	961-4698
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
Charismatic Prayer Group	Karen Juten / Chris Juten	712-3706 / 715-1162
Fiat Rosary Group	Peggy Grass (Wed)/Marge Young (Tues)	962-9244 / 967-2540
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / or Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
"D. J. M." Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Mike Allison	834-6226
Divine Mercy:	Amy Lasat	342-2088
Legion of Mary (Day):	Joyce Savage	342-6179
SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE		
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:	Jim Carlson	801-9373
St. Mel "Sip & Sup" Fellowship Dinner Program	Roelof & Claire Van Ark	802-1089
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	Craig Shaw	967-1229
Sacramento Life Center: Pro-Life Pregnancy Support:	Joanne Hammett	451-4357
St. Mel Pro-Life Group:		
Gabriel Project (crisis pregnancy assistance):	Kathy Knutson	967-1229
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		
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
Parish Center Coordinators:	Yolanda & Jim Carlson	966-3803
For Any Changes to Ministry List	Parish Office	967-1229