



With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength...

Psalm 62: 8-9

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 26, 2017

February 26, 2017 – God’s loving care

Today’s Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount’s three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

The Aramaic word *mammon* does not have a negative connotation. It means “property” or “money.” What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don’t need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God’s kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day’s problems as they come, confident that we are in God’s loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

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

Monday 2/27/2017

- 7:00 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
- 8:30 AM (I) Jim Lynch by Monica & Bill Beyer

Tuesday 2/28/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

- *7:00 AM (R) Rizalina Tabios by Julie Bello
- *7:00 AM (R) James Hilley by Nick & Antonia Cammarota
- *8:30 AM (R) Special Intention

Wednesday 3/1/2017

- 7:00 AM (R) Mary Friedrich by Pat Scott
- 8:30 AM (I) Breda Flynn by Monica & Bill Beyer
- 7:00 PM (R) Mary Friedrich by Knights of Columbus

Thursday 3/2/2017

- 7:00 AM (I) Frances Wetch by Kelly Wetch
- 8:30 AM (R) Dennis Myers by Susan Myers

Friday 3/3/2017

- 7:00 AM (I) Denise Easter-Kramer
by Amber & Sara Donnelly
- 8:30 AM (I) Jack Flynn by Monica & Bill Beyer

Saturday 3/4/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Delores Bousliman by Pat Scott
- 4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 3/5/2017

- 8:00 AM (I) Tom & Kathy Metzler by Kathy & Bill Baxter
- 10:00 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
- 4:30 PM (I) Don & Mary Pat Jones by Ramos Family

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers March 4th & 5th

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30 PM	Sweeney / Roland Janelle, Josephine & Jason	Men’s Choir
SUN 8:00 AM	Welsh / Morrison Andrew, John Paul & Aaron	Music Leader
SUN 10:00 AM	Kreamer / Abi Nader John, Wyatt & Abbie	Traditional Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Allison / Ricaforte Kate, Grace & Augustine	Youth Choir

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

There will be a second collection NEXT weekend March 4th & 5th for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facility. Thank you for your generous support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 4TH & 5TH.

ST. MEL SCHOOL DINING OUT FUNDRAISER

You Dine, They Donate! St. Mel School is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 8th, at Rubio’s in Gold River. Dine In or Take Out between 2pm -9pm 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!

MEN’S DAY OF FAITH

All men are invited to attend the 5th Annual Men’s Day of Faith on Saturday, April 29th. This one day retreat features Joe McClane, General Manager and show host of the Houston, TX Catholic Radio Station. Joe’s topics include: Call to Heroic Leadership, Leave No Man Behind and Be a Man after God’s Own Heart. The registration fee is \$40 and you can register online at smpevents.org, by telephone at 635-7791 or by visiting the Parish Office.

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-stmelfairoaks@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.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF classes are in session this week, Monday, February 27th and Tuesday, February 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.

ST. MEL SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM 2017

St. Mel School is pleased to offer a top-quality summer program for students who will be entering grades TK-6 in August 2017. The goal of the program is to provide an exciting, stimulating, and enriching environment for students. The morning Reading and Math Enrichment Classes will be Common Core based, and the afternoon camp will include creative, fun activities and field trips! St. Mel Summer Adventure will run for seven consecutive weeks beginning on Monday, June 5th and ending on Friday, July 21st. Contact St. Mel School for a registration packet. 967-2814.

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Deacon Dave Lehman will be holding a Baptism Preparation class on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00AM in the St. John Paul II Room. If you are interested in attending, you must call the Parish office to register. 967-1229.

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

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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

ADORATION CHAPEL SECURITY

A new keypad has been installed on the outside door leading into the Adoration Chapel building. The code on this keypad is the same as the Adoration Chapel door. For safety reasons, please do not open the door for anyone that does not know the code. The code can be obtained from the Parish Office, 967-1229.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is our annual tradition that connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day. Our generous gifts to the Appeal help children find safety and hope, help families break through desperate situations, marginalized individuals find the strength to rebuild lives of dignity, students in economically challenged communities remain in Catholic school, and seminarians prepare for priestly service in our parishes. We may not be social workers or teachers ourselves, but we can put resources into the hands of those Catholic social service programs and parish outreach ministries that help lift people out of poverty by giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a difference.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

March meeting dates for the St. Mel Youth Group are Sunday, March 12th and March 26th. We meet in the Convent at 5:30PM, right after the 4:30PM Mass. Hope to see you there!

REMINDER

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

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.

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.



He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children...
-Mal 3:24

Reflection: Though men cannot *have* abortions, they can *choose* abortions. A sin is committed when somebody willingly and knowingly chooses a moral wrong.

If, then, a man suggests or pressures his partner to have an abortion, he has committed the sin of abortion.

Prayer: Lord, You are the source of all fatherhood. Bless all men with the wisdom to protect their children born and unborn.

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Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love...Every life is worth living.

~ 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