



From the shining cloud the  
Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Matthew 17:5

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

### March 12, 2017 – God's complete Word

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

### CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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

Pope John Paul II - On the mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist - Sacrament of Love, April 1980, "*The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet "HIM" in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.*"

### Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 3/12/2017

8:00 AM (R) James T. Lukens by Rita Lukens  
10:00 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members  
By Gene Moody  
4:30 PM (I) Charmaine Cooper by Amber & Sara Donnelly

#### Monday 3/13/2017

7:00 AM (I) Diane Castonguay by Dolores Moniz  
8:30 AM (I) Bertha Gardner by Marcy Leach

#### Tuesday 3/14/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

\*7:00 AM (I) Phong & Thuy Nguyen -  
25th Wedding Anniversary by Thuy Nguyen  
\*8:30 AM (I) Mark & Nicole Hoffmann by Cheryl Hoffmann  
\*8:30 AM (I) In Thanksgiving - Maximillan's birthday  
by Susan Gerardo

#### Wednesday 3/15/2017

7:00 AM (I) June, Louise & Family  
by 7:00AM Rosary Prayer Group  
8:30 AM (R) Calixto Yanguas by Family

#### Thursday 3/16/2017

7:00 AM (R) Betty Jane Henrikson by Mary Ann Henrikson  
8:30 AM (I) Jason Larue & Family by Sharon

#### Friday 3/17/2017

7:00 AM (R) Marty Boiland by Mary & Mike McHale  
8:30 AM (I) Jennie & Virginia Guzman by Amelia Santos

#### Saturday 3/18/2017

8:30 AM (R) Mary Friedrich by Pat, Bill & Frank -  
Chuck's Cursillo Brothers  
4:30 PM (I) D'Incecco Family by Ramos Family

#### Sunday 3/19/2017

8:00 AM (I) Chris & Sara Jones & Family by Ramos Family  
10:00 AM (R) Marcia Cruz by Cynthia Gagnon  
4:30 PM (I) Amador Family by Ramos Family

### Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Wagner G / Wagner D John Paul R. Ralph & Dominic	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner Do / Ward Greta, Sean & Vincent	Music Leader
SUN 10:00AM	Juten K / Juten C Dominic G. Katriel & Collin	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Karelius / Styer Max, Jack & Alexandra	Youth Choir

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING

Deacon Pescetti will be holding a meeting for ALL Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the *Parish Center*. He will be discussing a new role for Eucharistic Ministers. Training for NEW Eucharistic Ministers will follow the meeting.

### NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

*St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians* scripture study will begin March 21st at 6:30PM in the St. John Paul II room. This study is about the worldwide church, the head of which is Christ (Eph 4:15), the purpose of which is to be the instrument for making God's plan of salvation known throughout the universe (Eph 3:9-10). This is an excellent book for introduction to scripture study or to continue enhancing one's scripture knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church. Call Karen, 966-0184 or Cheryl, 966-1830 for more information.

### MEN'S DAY OF FAITH

All men are invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Day of Faith on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://smpevents.org), by telephone at 635-7791 or by visiting the Parish Office.

### MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join the Daily Rosary Morning Prayer Group. There are two groups that meet in the Baptism Room after each of the weekday morning Masses. For more information contact Karen Juten, 712-3706.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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. Register online at [www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://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, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. VINCENT DE PAUL SHRED DAY

St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a shred day on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for more information in future bulletins.

### WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND



The next Women's Cursillo Weekend is April 27<sup>th</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be an informational meeting here at St. Mel on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM in the St. Jude Room. *Come and find out about this weekend the Holy Spirit is preparing for you...to know Jesus Christ more intimately by knowing yourself more deeply.*

### SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

There are four seminarians celebrating birthdays in March:

**March 9:** Eric Pereira, St. Patrick Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

**March 10:** Arturo Dominguez-Carlos is studying in Mexico. Mail cards to the Diocese of Sacramento Vocations Office, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818.

**March 26:** Dean Marshall in his pastoral year at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 5057 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.

**March 28:** Steven Wood in his pastoral year at St. Isidore Parish, 222 Clark Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991

The Vocations Committee appreciates your prayers and encouragement for the 22 Sacramento Diocesan seminarians.

### 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](mailto: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 18 - 19 March 25 - 26 April 1 - 2 April 8 - 9	March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time or an ongoing donation to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Don't forget...25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our community who need help.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:dddmurray@comcast.net). Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for March. Please place special emphasis this month on...**support for persecuted Christians.**

*Let us pray...that all persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church. Amen.*



They mutilated their sons and daughters by fire... till the Lord, in His great anger against Israel, put them away out of His sight. -2 Kgs 17:17-18

**Reflection:** The people of God inherited the Holy Land according to God's promise but then offended Him. Therefore, the Assyrians swept through the land and brought them into exile.

The shedding of innocent blood by child-sacrifice was one of the major reasons that this occurred.

**Prayer:** Lord, You taught Your people that their destiny on the land depended upon their fidelity to Your covenant. Keep us faithful in our day and free of the guilt of child sacrifice.

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## ST. MEL SIP AND SUPPER CLUB

The St. Mel Sip and Supper Club meets in groups of 8 four times a year to share dinner and fellowship. All are welcome and it is a fun way to get to know others in our church family. If interested, send an email to [familyvanark@gmail.com](mailto:familyvanark@gmail.com) or call Claire and Roelof at 802-1089.

## Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Al Volmer	Garvin Arnett	Katie Spain
Alan Cheuse	George Kim	Keith Sprengle
Alex Quiroz	Gianna Atilano	King David Chico
Amanda Barron	Grace Barrios	Latasha Rodriguez
Anthony Caillou	Gregory David	Linda Ramsey
Arthur Morton	James A. Martinez	Lydia Melendez
Audrey Holden	Jean Crupi	Margaret Anderson
Bob Ahern, Sr.	Jeanette Barron	Margaret Valley
Candy Barrios	Jerry Esparza	Mary Alyce Gisla
Charles Joseph Ortner	Jerry Smith	Mary Spain
Cheryl Richardson	Jim Maher	Michael Elorduy
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 McMahan	Judy Spinelli	Richard Robinson
Evelyn Dimitri	Karen Petersen	Robert Atkinson
Fred H. Salter	Katie Grant	Robin Duntun
	Katie Henson	Rodney Wise

## 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 but you must press the # key at the end. 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.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have you ever wanted to take a fresh look at your Marriage? Have you considered attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing your Sacrament of Matrimony. Weekends for 2017 are as follows: March 31-April 2, in Reno, NV.; August 25-27, in Sacramento; October 6-8, in Reno, NV., and November 3-5, in Sacramento. It is not too early to register for a weekend that you will never forget. For more information visit our website, [www.sacramentowwme.org](http://www.sacramentowwme.org) or email Terry & Janet at [applications@sacramentowwme.org](mailto:applications@sacramentowwme.org) or 489-3464.

## WOMEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Day of Faith Renewal totally invigorated 167 women spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Do you want to continue growing as a dynamic and precious daughter of God the Father? Now is your chance as we study in depth one of the books of Kelly Wahlquist, guest speaker at Women's Day of Faith. We will be studying *Created to Relate, God's Design for Peace and Joy* and the accompanying Journal. The books can be purchased from [www.catholicvineyard.com](http://www.catholicvineyard.com) for \$20/set or from Amazon.com. Diane Grass will host the study at her home on Friday mornings beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, call Jeanne Condon, 988.3027.

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Altar Society needs your help cleaning and preparing the Church for weekend Masses. Time commitment is only one and a half hours after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday morning. Please call Linda, 213-2491, with questions or to volunteer.

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to St. Mel's Charismatic Prayer Group. We meet Tuesdays in the baptismal room at 6:30PM for prayer, praise and worship, and healing prayer. Enter the church through the west door on the upper parking lot side. Contact Chris, 715-1162, or Karen Juten, 712-3706.

## CALVARY CEMETERY & FUNERAL SERVICES

Did you know you can pre-plan your Funeral services with the Diocese of Sacramento? Do you have questions about cremation? Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center will be hosting a Fellowship Meet & Greet on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after both the 7:00AM and 8:30AM Masses. Please join us for donuts and coffee and allow us to answer your questions about funeral, cremation and cemetery services through the Diocese of Sacramento. We are here as your resource through one of life's most difficult times. For more information, please contact Melissa Kennerly, Director of Community Outreach, 452-4831.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

If you or someone you know is considering returning to the Catholic Church, St. Mel can provide assistance. Help is available throughout the year. Contact St. Mel Parish Office, 967-1229 or Karen, 966-0184.

## 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. MEL GIFTS



Please stop by St. Mel Gifts at their new expanded location in the narthex. Come check out the delightful surprises available for any occasion!

If you are interested in giving 15-20 minutes of your time after Mass to assist parishioners with their purchases, please Contact Brenda, 722-1965.

## CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY

Parishioner is looking for a ride to the Sunday 8:00AM Mass. She lives between Pennsylvania and New York Avenues. Call the Parish office if you can help. 967-1229.

## MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE

Please stop by **St. Mel Gifts**, at their new location in the narthex, to subscribe to the Magnificat by the month or the year. This is the most widely used book for daily devotion by Catholic men and women. The number of subscriptions available is limited, so don't wait! Subscription rate is \$3.75 per issue.

## ROSARY RALLY

There will be a Rosary Rally for the Family and Traditional Marriage on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon. The rally will be held on the southeast corner of Sunrise Blvd. and Greenback Lane. For more information, call Paul 967-0576 or Gary, 735-3986.

## CLARA'S HOUSE

Clara's House is seeking volunteers for non-profit Primary Care Clinic. Needed are NP, RN, LVN, marketer, grant writer, case manager, chart clerk, receptionist, data processor and loyal contributors. Visit [www.clarashouse.org](http://www.clarashouse.org) or call 448-3976.

## 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.

**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"/>
Do you have any special request: _____				