



Hosanna in the highest!

Matthew 21:9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

March 25, 2018 – Jesus, the Suffering Servant

Today's First Reading is from the third song of the Suffering Servant. The Suffering Servant brings consolation to others while enduring great suffering himself. Jesus considered Himself to be the fulfillment of this Suffering Servant prophecy. Despite his anguish the Servant remains obedient to God's will, trusting in His deliverance... the Resurrection on Easter. The Responsorial, Psalm 22, is a lamentation describing sufferings hauntingly similar to those Jesus would endure. Its last verse professes trust that God will deliver him. This is the psalm Jesus quoted from the cross. Typical of all lamentations, it begins with an appeal, lists sufferings being endured and ends with praise, declaring faith in eventual deliverance. It is awe-inspiring to see how this psalmist was so powerfully inspired by the Holy Spirit, hundreds of years before Christ. The Second Reading, is an example of Jesus' profound humility. It is also a teaching on emptying oneself, in the sense of spiritual surrender and humility. The ultimate degree of humility is obedience, even to death on a cross. This might seem too humiliating, but Jesus saw it as the fullest expression of His love and trust in the Father. Today's Gospel is the annual Palm Sunday account of the Lord's Passion; His journey to, and death on, the cross. Since the Jews had no authority to put people to death, the Jewish leaders wanted Pilate to do their dirty work. Pilate really didn't want to put Jesus to death but succumbed to crowd pressure. As a preliminary to crucifixion, Jesus was scourged and further tortured by the guards. They took Jesus to *Golgotha, the place of the Skull* (since the outcrop of rock in that quarry resembled the shape of a skull). The stone in which the cross was placed had been left behind because it contained a flaw. So, the stone rejected by the builders had become the corner-stone. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, having come to bring us redemption from sin, prays aloud the 22nd Psalm while dying for us on the cross. He expires, and darkness covers the earth for three hours (noon 'til three). The Roman centurion proclaims Him as not just a hero, but the only-begotten Son of God, *the* Son of God.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday: 5 - 6pm, 6-7pm, 10 - 11pm
Tuesday: 4 - 5pm
Thursday: 11am - 12pm, 12 - 1pm
Friday: 2 - 3am, 10 - 11am, 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".

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 3/25/2018
 8:00 AM (I) The Slagle by Susan Scott
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (I) Sharon Ford by Susan Scott

Monday 3/26/2018
 8:30 AM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

Tuesday 3/27/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA*
 *8:30 AM (R) Patricia Horst by Susan & Tim Baker

Wednesday 3/28/2018
 8:30 AM (R) Leon Szalkiewicz by Dave & Jenni Murray
 8:30 AM (R) Charles H. Erwin by Aggie Erwin

Thursday 3/29/2018 HOLY THURSDAY
 7:00 PM (I) Brasfeild Family by Ramos Family
 7:00 PM (I) Pat & Diane Castonguay

Friday 3/30/2018 GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday 3/31/2018 HOLY SATURDAY
 8:00 PM (I) Don & Mary Pat Jones by Ramos Family

Sunday 4/1/2018 Easter Sunday
 8:00 AM (I) Allen Hunt by Men's Day of Faith Team
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (I) 7 soldiers from the NY Air National Guard who died and their families
 by Chris & Karen Juten

Commentators & Altar Servers March 29th, March 30th, March 31st & April 1st

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
Holy Thursday 7:00PM	Fisher / Mammano	As assigned
Good Friday 12:00PM	Morrison / Abi Nader	TBD
Good Friday 7:00PM	Faber / Ricafort	TBD
SAT 8:00PM	Laywell / Sweeney	As assigned
SUN 8:00AM	Mammano N / Mammano F	John Paul C., Will & Robbie
SUN 10:00AM	Cantrall / Estipular	Fred, Max, Alexandra & Jack
SUN 4:30 PM	Ward / Sweetland	TBD

ST. MEL YOUTH MINISTRY

The next St. Mel Youth Group meeting is Sunday, March 25th. All high schoolers are invited to come enjoy food, fun and fellowship in the Convent after the Sunday 4:30PM Mass. Any questions, contact Gigi at ymstmel@gmail.com or 916- 36-2793.

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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

An 8-week study of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body will be offered at St. Mel beginning Tuesday, March 13th. All those 18 years old and older are invited as we delve into the mysteries of what it means to be made as man and woman. Classes will meet in the Small Hall at 7:00PM on Tuesdays, March 13th through May 8th. Optional study materials will be available for order at the first session. The course we will be using is "Into the Heart" by Christopher West. For more information, call Gigi, 916-936-2793.

ST. MEL SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM 2018

St. Mel School is once again very excited to offer a top-quality summer program for students who will be entering grades TK-6 in August 2018. This program will run for seven consecutive weeks beginning on **Monday, June 4th and ending on Friday, July 20th**. Daily and weekly rates are available.

It is our goal 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! Registration packets are in the school office and also can be downloaded from the school website. Contact Mary White at mwhite@stmelschool.org for more information.

THE MODERN CATHOLIC

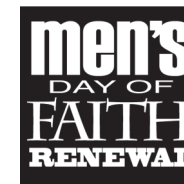
Everyone is invited to attend a series of six short talks on Sundays between the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses. The sessions will take place in the St. Jude Room from 9:10AM to 9:55AM. These talks will help you:

- ~ To take the "boredom" out of Mass and discover the Eucharist and unity with Jesus: April 8th
- ~ To uncover St John Paul II's Theology of the Body: April 15th
- ~ To explore what are you being "sent" to do: April 22nd
- ~ To learn about marriage and family and to find out if annulments are just "Catholic divorces": April 29th
- ~ To live faithfully in this crazy world: May 6th
- ~ Happiness: May 13th

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

There will be no CFF classes March 25th or April 1st. Have a Blessed Easter.

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 smpevents.org. For more information call, 916-635-7791.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

St. Mel's own Dean Jeffrey Marshall will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, April 7th. Please keep him in your prayers.

MASS CHANGE

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

ST. FRANCIS MODEL UNITED NATIONS

St. Francis Catholic High School invites 7th and 8th grade students to participate in an exciting half-day Model United Nations conference led by the SFHS Model United Nations team. Practice your speaking and negotiation skills by taking on an assigned character and debating as that character. Maybe you'll be Ron Weasley discussing Muggle rights or the main suspect in a puzzling Murder Mystery. This year's topics are: Rights of the Youth, Harry Potter, Murder Mystery, and Greek Gods. The conference will be held at St. Francis High School on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to register is April 9th. Call 916-452-3461 x274 or visit www.stfrancishs.org/troubiemun for more information.

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
March 24 - 25 March 31 - April 1 April 7 - 8 April 14 - 15	March 16 March 23 March 30 April 6

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly food drive THIS weekend, March 24th & 25th. Your generosity is appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, March 30th, there will be a Special Collection for the Holy Land at the 12:00PM and 7:00PM services.

AREA PENANCES SERVICES

St. John the Evangelist will have their Penance Service on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00PM.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Confessions

Monday, March 26th, Tuesday, March 27th & Wednesday, March 28th

Following the 8:30AM Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29th

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30th

12:00PM Communion & Veneration of the Cross

2:00PM Live Stations of the Cross

7:00PM Communion & Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st

8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Masses 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 4:30PM

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...*formation in Spiritual Discernment.*

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Let it be done to me according to Your word. –Lk 1:38

Reflection: The *truth* of God's Word exists before Mary's own choosing. She submits to a word, a truth she did not create.

At the heart of the "pro-choice" mentality is the idea that we *create our own truth*. This mentality holds that the value of the unborn child, and that child's right to exist, *depend upon* the choice of the mother.

Prayer: Lord, let it be done to me also according to Your word, now and always!

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NEW ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

The new Adult Scripture Study, "Priest, Prophet and King", will begin Tuesday, April 3rd. Presented by Bishop Robert Barron, this is the perfect study the Easter season as we discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king as foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. The study will be held in the John Paul II Room beginning at 6:30PM. We hope you will join us for this short 6-week presentation. To register call Karen, 916-202-0606 or Cheryl, 916-342-1336.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEWING GROUP

The St. Vincent de Paul sewing group is expanding and inviting you to join us to sew clothes for children, knit/crochet prayer shawls and lap blankets and to share your creative talents to assist those in need. Beginning March 20th, the group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 10:15AM to 12:30PM. If you would like to see us stitching, or to learn more about the group, please join us in the St. Jude Room. Questions? Call Jackie, 916-601-4475.

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	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	

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

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Denny Shunta	952-4502
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 Group	Giovanna Bellocci	Call the Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocci	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
CATHOLIC SERVICES		
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	Aaron Thompson	stmelmusic@outlook.com
Commentators:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Anthony Pescetti	704-0057
Ushers	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
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
LEGION OF MARY		
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
SOCIAL CONCERNS		
Hospitality	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/Grief Share	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
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Ruport	987-5616
Boy Scouts:	Chris Herne / Don Jones	798-8493 / 606-1659
Cub Scouts	Chris Jones	390-4678
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:	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL
Do you have any special request: _____		