



A clean heart create for me,  
O God, and a steadfast  
spirit renew within me.

Psalms 51: 12

### First Sunday of Lent



March 5, 2017

#### March 5, 2017 – Resisting temptation

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

#### 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  
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".

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 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

##### Monday 3/6/2017

7:00 AM (R) Mary Friedrich by Mary Ann Henrikson  
8:30 AM (R) Lita Reid by Zaida Ackerson

##### Tuesday 3/7/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

\*7:00 AM (I) Sandy Easter-Graham  
by Amber & Sara Donnelly  
\*8:30 AM (R) Luz Alva by Your Loving Family

##### Wednesday 3/8/2017

7:00 AM (R) Mary Friedrich by Jim & Barbara Joyce  
8:30 AM (R) William G. Ackerson by Zaida Ackerson

##### Thursday 3/9/2017

7:00 AM (I) Bertha Gardner by Marcy Leach  
8:30 AM (R) Florence Garcia by Zaida Ackerson

##### Friday 3/10/2017

7:00 AM (I) Joe DiSessa by Knights of Columbus  
8:30 AM (I) Dena Brand by Amber & Sara Donnelly

##### Saturday 3/11/2017

8:30 AM (I) Bill & Kathy Baxter by Rosemary Easter  
4:30 PM (R) Natalina Toscano by Mary Ann Povey

##### 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

#### Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Faber / Laywell Andrew, Marcus & Matthew	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner P Ryan, Jenna & Jeffrey	Music Leader
SUN 10:00AM	School Mass School Mass	Children's Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular / Ward Michael, Fred & Ella	Youth Choir

#### ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

#### 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.

#### ST. MEL SCHOOL DINING OUT FUNDRAISER

You Dine, They Donate! St. Mel School is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 the school or parish offices. Thank you for your support!

#### 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 [smpcevents.org](http://smpcevents.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 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 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](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 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 7<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.

#### 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.*

#### PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Deacon Dave Lehman will be holding a Baptism Preparation class on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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.

#### VOCATION AWARENESS DAY

In collaboration with the Diocese of Sacramento, a Vocation Awareness Day is being held on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 at St. Basil Church, 1200 Tuolumne Street, in Vallejo. This will be an opportunity for high school youth and young adults to share in Morning Prayer and Mass, hear talks from a diocesan priest and men and women religious from different orders, discover how to discern a vocation, and have time to reflect and talk with vocation representatives and one another. Cost is free. For more information or to register, please email Sue Schuttinger at [sschuttinger@gmail.com](mailto:sschuttinger@gmail.com) or call 335-9888.

#### 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 <b>FRIDAY</b>
March 11 - 12 March 18 - 19 March 25 - 26 April 1 - 2	March 3 March 10 March 17 March 24

**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. MEL'S YOUNG ADULTS**

What does it mean to be made in the image of God? As you prepare for Easter this Lent, join us, along with adults of all ages, on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Parish in Sacramento. We will explore what it means to be created as male and female, the true definition of true love, and the innermost longings of our human hearts. We'll dive into the transformational take on Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body by means of renowned speaker, Christopher West. RSVP at [www.facebook.com/events/1723161707995995](http://www.facebook.com/events/1723161707995995). For more information, call Mike at 831-212-5816 or check [catholicveritas.com](http://catholicveritas.com).

**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.*

**Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish**

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| Albert Gonzales      | George Snyder, Sr.   | Louis Patterson |
| Auroa Deese          | Gerrie & Paul Parker | Lynn Warner     |
| Betty Cerato         | Helen Bumpus         | Manuel Ybarra   |
| Bill & Shirley Jones | Howie Hoel           | Maria Erickson  |
| Bruce King           | James English        | Marie Lofgren   |
| Cecelia Beviacqua    | Jody Martinez        | Mary Hoel       |
| Charles J. Ortner    | Lee West             | Ralph Virgen    |
| Connie McKie         | Lynda Cook           | Veronica Saenz  |
| Garrett Heisinger    |                      |                 |



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. —Mt 5:4

**Reflection:** We are blessed, indeed, if we mourn over our sins and over the evils in the world, like the daily killing of children by abortion.

When is the last time we shed tears over the shedding of blood, and wept for the lives of these babies killed and moms and dads wounded? Let us pray for the gift of those tears!

**Prayer:** Lord, give me a broken heart over abortion. Give me the grace to do my part in ending this evil, and give me comfort, as You bring justice to the earth.

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**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.

**Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish**

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| Al Volmer             | Garvin Arnett       | Katie Spain            |
| Alan Cheuse           | George Kim          | Keith Sprenkle         |
| 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 Arcenequx- 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 Duntton          |
|                       | 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.



Leilani Ava Gonzalez  
daughter of  
Carlos and Shirlyn Gonzalez  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

Isaac Hieu Phan  
son of  
Tien & Thu Phan  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

Austin Joseph Bissing  
son of  
Sean and Vanessa Bissing  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

**MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to join the Daily Rosary Morning Prayer Group that meets after Mass. One group meets after the 7:00AM Mass and another group meets after the 8:30AM Mass in the Baptismal room. For more information contact Karen Juten, 712-3706.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

Join Bishop Myron J. Cotta and the Diocese of Sacramento September 15-24, 2017 for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage for the Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima! Pray in the Capelinha marking the spot where Our Lady appeared, see a Eucharistic miracle, visit the medieval town of Batalha, and take part in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Stops include Coimbra, where Sr. Lucia spent most of her life. Nazare on the Atlantic coast, Aljustrel, Obidos and explore the port city of Lisbon. To make a reservation, contact Canterbury Pilgrimages, 800-653-0017 or [reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com](mailto:reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com).

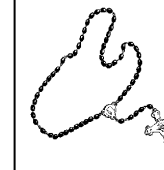
**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

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.

**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.

**IMMACULATE HEART RADIO NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Come join the fun and meet the Immaculate Heart Radio staff! Attend Mass in our chapel, enjoy fabulous food and fellowship with other volunteers, plus answer calls from our generous donors. Volunteers are needed March 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> anytime that fits your schedule between the hours of 6:00AM to 6:00PM. Immaculate Heart Radio Network Headquarters is located at 3256 Penryn Road, Suite 100, in Loomis. To volunteer contact Nicole Cardin, 888-887-7120 ext. 247 or email [volunteers@ihradio.org](mailto:volunteers@ihradio.org).

**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.

**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.*

<b>Quick Registration St. Mel Catholic Church</b>		<b>Envelopes?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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: _____				