



I have risen!  
I am with you once more...  
Alleluia!

Psalm 138:18

## Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

### April 1, 2018 – New life in Christ

The First Reading, is St Peter's preaching in the house of Cornelius, the Roman centurion, God led to conversion. This speech of St Peter is often referred to as the "Kerygma" (Greek), preaching or proclaiming of the Gospel. First came the preaching, then the writing, then the teaching of the Gospel. In this kerygma, Gospel preaching, St Peter is fulfilling the mission outlined herein: *Jesus commissioned the Apostles to witness and preach the good news to all; to continue the prophets' work of proclaiming the Word.* The Responsorial, Psalm 118, is on power and mercy. It gives the important insight into what mercy really is. True mercy is *strong and courageous virtue.* True mercy does not avoid the truth, but embraces it, recognizing difficulties exist, and still forgiving. Mercy always ends up on the cross. It loves the other into healing, not because they deserve it, but because they *need* it. The Lord Jesus converted what the world considered defeat (the crucifixion) into a powerful victory (the Resurrection). So, of course we rejoice. In the Second Reading, St Paul wants us to see the benefit of clearing out the old, traces of death, in our behavior; to make ourselves anew, putting on the garment of life in Christ. It's a challenge to be truthful and sincere with ourselves, others, and the Lord. With the death and Resurrection of Christ, we have experienced a new Passover, passing over from death to life. In today's Gospel we find Mary Magdalene, representing the Church, *in search of* her Savior. Without fully understanding, she is the first witness to the Resurrection. At her news of an empty tomb, Peter and John (the Beloved) run to the tomb. John arrives first, running with his heart (so deeply did he love the Lord). He waits at the entrance for Peter, for love (John) always bows to authority (Peter). They enter and John's heart leads him to immediate belief. In his unnamed title (*the beloved*), John represents all of us, running to the tomb to witness the Resurrection. Today is the first time we proclaim the Alleluia, after the many weeks of Lent.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday 4/2/2018**  
8:30 AM (R) Teresa Baker by Tom Baker

**Tuesday 4/3/2018 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA\***  
\*8:30 AM (R) Robert X. Tansey by Susan & Tim Baker

**Wednesday 4/4/2018**  
8:30 AM (I) Peter Kowalski  
by Christine & Tiffany Kowalski

**Thursday 4/5/2018**  
8:30AM (I) Annie Clason by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

**Friday 4/6/2018**  
8:30 AM (R) Patricia Ponta by Ponta Family

**Saturday 4/7/2018**  
8:30 AM (I) Tiffany Kowalski  
by Peter & Christine Kowalski  
4:30 PM (R) Phil Schaefer by Don & Pat Schaefer

**Sunday 4/8/2018**  
8:00 AM (R) Baby lost to abortion  
10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee  
4:30 PM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

- St. Pope John Paul II

### 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".

### Commentators & Altar Servers April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Faber	Caden, Lucas & Aedan
SUN 8:00AM	Kreamer / Wagner P	Brady, Ryan & Abby
SUN 10:00AM	Grass / Fisher	Sophia, Wyatt & Katriel
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular / Ricaforte	Robbie, Will & Dylan

### CAMP PENDOLA REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for Summer 2018 at Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento. Camp Pendola offers a fun filled experience for children and youth under the supervision of trained college age counselors. For more information and to register, go to [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org) or call at 916-733-0123. Early Bird Discount ends on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CAMP PENDOLA IS HIRING

What are you doing this summer? How about making a difference in the lives of children? Camp Pendola is looking for energetic young people (18+ years) to work as counselors with children between the ages of 6 to 17. Paid positions begin June 10<sup>th</sup> and finish on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available now at [www.pendola.org/employment](http://www.pendola.org/employment).

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>
- ~ To uncover St John Paul II's Theology of the Body: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ~ To explore what are you being "sent" to do: April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ~ To learn about marriage and family and to find out if annulments are just "Catholic divorces": April 29<sup>th</sup>
- ~ To live faithfully in this crazy world: May 6<sup>th</sup>
- ~ Happiness: May 13<sup>th</sup>

Let us pray for all those in our community who have passed away.

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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 April 1st. Classes will resume April 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a Blessed Easter.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Day of Faith Renewal will be Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to register is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Call 916-452-3461 x274 or visit [www.stfrancis.org/troubiemun](http://www.stfrancis.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](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 2018	Articles DUE Prior To <b>FRIDAY</b>
March 31 - April 1 April 7 - 8 April 14 - 15 April 21 - 22	March 23 March 30 April 6 April 13

**ST. MEL  
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There will be a second collection next weekend, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facilities. Thank you for your generous support.

**RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wedding anniversaries for the month of April will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEW ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY**

The new Adult Scripture Study, "Priest, Prophet and King", will begin Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Presented by Bishop Robert Barron, this study is perfect for 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.

**RCIA INQUIRY MEETINGS**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, it is not too late! Please join us at our RCIA Inquiry meetings held Wednesday nights at the parish from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. Learn more about the Catholic faith and get your questions answered. Please contact Michael Faber at (916)719-5565 for more information and meeting locations.

**ST MEL DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**

There is still time to join this terrific faith enrichment group! We will begin our next book, *Beautiful Hope*, at our next meeting: Tuesday, May 22, 6:30PM in the former convent. Come join us ready to discuss Chapter 1. Future meeting dates are: June 26, July 31, August 28, September 18, October 23, November 27, and December 18. Any questions, call Martha Styer, 916-962-3307.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for April. Please place special emphasis this month on...*Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters*

*That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.*



"If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said, "Which ones?" And Jesus answered, "You shall not kill...." –Mt 19:17-18

**Reflection:** The prohibition of murder is mentioned first by Jesus when He refers to the commandments in answer to the rich young man's question about how to reach eternal life.

Taking one's neighbor's life is the most direct contradiction to the love of that neighbor and to the blessing God wants us to enjoy, the foundation of which is life.

**Prayer:** Lord, all the good You give us depends on life. Bring an end to all killing so that we may each walk the path to life eternal.

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**BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS**

Attention Parents and Godparents. The next Baptism Preparation class is on Saturday, April 21st at 10:00AM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend the class, please call the Parish office to register. 916-967-1229.

**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. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 10:15AM to 12:30PM in the St. Jude Room. All parishioners are welcome! 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.)

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 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 Leeever | 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)**

<b>PARISH COUNCILS</b>		
Parish Pastoral Council	Denny Shunta	952-4502
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
<b>PARISH SCHOOL</b>		
St. Mel School:	Janet Nagel (Principal)	967-2814
St. Mel School Parents Club:	Contact the School Office	967-2814
St. Mel Youth Group	Giovanna Bellocchi	Call the Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocchi	Call Parish Office
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
<b>LITURGICAL SERVICES</b>		
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
<b>PRAYER ADVOCACY</b>		
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
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>		
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
<b>PARISH ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
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.**

<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: _____				