



Let all the earth cry out to God with Joy!

Psalm 33:5

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

April 15, 2018 – Jesus takes us to a higher level

The First Reading, is an example of adapting one’s preaching to the audience, speaking their language, making it understandable. St Peter clearly states the guilt of the Jews and their leaders in Jesus’ death, but offers them conversion in order to be forgiven. God doesn’t want to punish us, rather He invites us to live anew in Him. The Responsorial Psalm strongly emphasizes trust in God, certain that He will deliver us from all adversity. The Psalmist is sure that as soon as the Lord hears his plea, He will intervene and rescue him. This peace and security is not one where God makes everything better, rather it comes from His promise to always be with us in good times and bad. This peace is the knowledge that God always accompanies us. The Second Reading is one of encouragement. While it is the weakness of our nature that inclines us to fall, we should strive to rise above that frailty. For when we sin, it negates our love for God. But we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus will always intercede for us. After all, His death is the expiation for sin. When we live the commandments, we live in truth. Today’s Gospel is the third resurrection narrative in Luke’s Gospel. After His Resurrection, Jesus is lifting us to a higher level of understanding and taking us to a more intimate relationship with Him. The first Resurrection narrative is the women hearing about His resurrection, the second: the disciples’ encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus, the third: the disciples seeing the Risen Jesus in the flesh, face to face. These three accounts outline the evolution of our Christian faith and life. First, we are introduced to Jesus by hearing about Him from our parents, teachers, etc. Then we come to know Him in reading the Scriptures. Thirdly, we encounter Him face to face in the Sacraments, especially in His real presence in the Eucharist. He allows us to see and touch Him. He ate real food in front of His disciples so that they would know He was alive in the flesh. In His real presence among them, He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. St Luke wants us to know that God has a plan for each of us and our true joy lies in fulfilling God’s plan for us.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sunday 4/15/2018**
 8:00 AM (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
 10:00 AM (R) Mary Vaccaro by Patty Wagner
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (I) Men’s Day of Faith Attendees
 By Men’s Day of Faith Team
- Monday 4/16/2018**
 8:30 AM (R) Claire Bourne by Audrey Swiderek
- Tuesday 4/17/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA***
 *8:30 AM (R) Thomas McMahon by Susan & Tim Baker
- Wednesday 4/18/2018**
 8:30 AM (R) Teresa Baker by Tom Baker
- Thursday 4/19/2018**
 8:30AM (I) Jessica Onderko by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
- Friday 4/20/2018**
 8:30 AM (I) D’Incecco Family by Ramos Family
- Saturday 4/21/2018**
 8:30 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family
 4:30 PM (I) Richard Kowalski by Kowalski Family
- Sunday 4/22/2018**
 8:00 AM (I) Mass for Parishioners
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 4:30 PM (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.

~ Pope Francis

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



**Perpetual Adoration
 GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
 Sunday: 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm, 7 - 8pm, 10 - 11pm
 Tuesday: 4 - 5pm
 Thursday: 11am - 12pm, 12 - 1pm, 1 - 2pm
 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 21st & 22nd

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Mammano N / Mammano F	Janelle, Josephine & Jason
SUN 8:00AM	Handy / Wagner P	Marcus, Matthew & John Paul
SUN 10:00AM	Cantrall / Lehman	Aaron, Amaya & Collin
SUN 4:30 PM	Swetland / Styer L	Alexandra, Max & Jack

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.

A TREAT FOR MOM

Treat Mom, Grandma or yourself to a Marie Callender’s pie on Mother’s Day! Your purchase will help support the ministry of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Society. Orders will be taken after every Mass the weekend of May 5th & 6th. Pick up your order at the Parish Center on Friday, May 11th between 2:00 – 6:00PM. The cost is \$15 per pie.



PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

You won’t want to miss the 4th Annual Priests vs. Seminarians basketball game at Christian Brothers High School on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students Kindergarten – college. A group of 6 adults is \$60. Buy your tickets at www.scd.org/basketball. For more information, contact the Office or Priestly & Religious Vocations, 916-733-0258 or msmith@scd.org.

ST. MEL SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM 2018

St. Mel School is excited to offer a top-quality summer program for students who will be entering grades TK-6 in August 2018. The program will run for seven consecutive weeks beginning **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. 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 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 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

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

*Leo Garcia
 Catherine Walter*

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

CFF classes are in session this weekend, April 15th.

ST MEL DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

There is still time to join this terrific faith enrichment group! We will begin our the 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.

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 or call 448-3976.

MASS CHANGE

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

MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to attend a Daily Rosary Group that meets in the Baptismal Room inside the church. One group meets at 7:30AM and the other group meets at 9AM, Monday through Saturday.

A TASTE FOR LIFE

Sacramento Catholics@Work presents A Taste for Life at the Sacramento Life Center on Friday, May 18th from 5:30 – 8:00PM. Join fellow pro-life advocates for an evening of hors d’oeuvres, wine, and fellowship. There will be live Irish music by Shovel’n Blarney and tours of the Sacramento Life Center will also be offered. Suggested donation per person is \$25 when you pre-register at www.sacatholicsatwork.org.

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
April 14 - 15	April 6
April 21 - 22	April 13
April 28 - 29	April 20
May 5 - 6	April 27

FATHER MATTHEW SPENCER WORKSHOP

On Saturday, May 19th from 9:30 – 11:30AM, the Auxiliary of the Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown is hosting a workshop by Father Matthew Spencer, O.S.J. from Mount St. Joseph. He will be speaking about the need for monastic prayer in the church today. The workshop will be held at the St. Joseph Marello Youth Retreat Center, 6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased online at: carmeliteauxiliary.org. If you'd rather pay by check, please call Brenda, 916-722-1965. Seating is limited so get your tickets as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

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.

AN EVENING OF TESTIMONY

The St. Mel RCIA invites all parishioners to An Evening of Testimony on Saturday, April 28th immediately following the 4:30PM Mass in the Parish Center. The event promises to be an evening of uplifting stories, songs and a delicious dinner. For more information, call Michael Faber, 916-719-5565.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SHRED DAY

St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual SHRED DAY on Saturday, April 28th from 9:00AM until 1:00PM. The Shred Truck will be in the Parish Center parking lot for this year's collection, so bring your old photo IDs, tax returns, bank statements, credit card offers, and cancelled checks and help support St. Vincent de Paul while cleaning out your file cabinets!

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.



God's love was revealed to us in this way: God sent His only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. –1 Jn 4:9

Reflection: The bible teaches us that God is love, and it likewise teaches us that this love leads to life.

Love always gives life; it never takes it. That's why Christians are pro-life.

Prayer: Father, thank You for revealing Your love in Christ, Who is life and gives life. May we be immersed in that love so that we too may always be defenders of life.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed next Sunday, April 22nd, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest: (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 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.

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 | Helen Chilcott |
| Albert Souza | Diane Castonguay | Jeannette Barron |
| Allene Blessing | Elaine Ervin | Joe Hoffmann |
| Amanda Barron | Frank & Renee Weiss | John English |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Gene Fischer | Jude Hoffmann |
| Carol Ellen Leever | George Stevens | Martinez Family |
| Danielle Hannon | Gerald A. Hoffarth | Rudy Worthington |
| Dawna Jones | Helen S. Worthington | Victoria Hummer |
| Delores Bousliman | | |

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. 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 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
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
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 / 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