



The Lord is truly  
risen, alleluia.

Luke 24:34

**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

April 16, 2017

**April 16, 2017 – We are now His witnesses too**

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him.

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," which today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

**Daily Masses and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 4/16/2017 Easter Sunday**

8:00 AM (I) Intercession of St. Jude  
10:00 AM (R) Adriana Kurniawan by Anthony

**Monday 4/17/2017**

8:30 AM (R) Genevive & Christopher Lopez  
By Teresita Lopez  
8:30 AM (R) Rizalina Mendoza by Carlson Family

**Tuesday 4/18/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**

\*8:30 AM (R) Mary McCardle by Sean Dibble  
\*8:30 AM (R) George Chiala by Tim & Susan Baker

**Wednesday 4/19/2017**

8:30 AM (I) John Lukens by Rita Lukens  
8:30 AM (I) Hunter Seifert by Nye Family

**Thursday 4/20/2017**

8:30 AM (I) Sarah Updyke by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

**Friday 4/21/2017**

8:30 AM (I) Alice Orr by Chris & Karen Juten

**Saturday 4/22/2017**

8:30 AM (I) Women's Day of Faith Intentions  
4:30 PM (I) Anthony DiNapoli by Vic & Carol Warmerdam  
4:30 PM (I) Mike & Kathleen DiSantis by Rosemary Easter

**Sunday 4/23/2017**

8:00 AM (R) Bruce Pringle by Claire & Roelof Van Ark  
8:00 AM (R) Judith Perez by Teresita Lopez  
10:00 AM (R) Sheila Hamblin by William Kellerman  
4:30 PM (R) Terry & Joie Collins by Prayer Family

*Have a blessed Easter!*

**Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers  
April 22nd & 23rd**

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Roland / TBD Dominic, Dominic & David	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison Jack, Alexandra & Max	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Abi Nader / Juten K Claire, Gabriella & Isabella	TBA
SUN 4:30 PM	Estipular / Karelius Kate, Kyle & Michael	Youth Choir

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S DAY OF FAITH RENEWAL**



For the Glory of God! The 5th Annual Men's Day of Faith Renewal will be Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM to 3:30PM in the St. Mel Parish Center. This year's featured guest speaker, Joe McClane, affectionately known as the Catholic Hack, (www.catholichack.com) will speak on:

1. **Call to Heroic Leadership**, as illustrated through the life of St. Maximillian Kolbe
2. **Leave no Man Behind**, and how Christ frees from the slavery of pornography
3. **Be a Man After God's Own Heart**, or how to take up your cross and follow Him.

The day includes the recitation of the Holy Rosary, celebration of the Holy Mass, breakfast, three talks by Joe, opportunities for Confession, a catered BBQ lunch and great take-away ideas on how to live closer to Christ as a Catholic man. Register today at [www.SMPCEvents.org](http://www.SMPCEvents.org) or call Chuck, 635-7791. Don't miss this great spiritual faith building day with men seeking to better love and serve God. Cost is \$40, but no man will be turned away for financial reasons.

**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.

**TWO NEW SCRIPTURE STUDIES**

An eight-part Bible Study, *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus In the Gospel of John*, featuring Dr. Edward Sri, begins Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the St. John Paul II room. Following Christ takes more than believing in him or doing what he asks of us. This study is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. Join us. Call Frank, 337-9171, or Cheryl, 966-1830, or Karen, 966-0184 to register.

A new study program will be starting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the St. Jude Room. Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: Pivotal Players* will be presented in two parts. The first 5 weeks will be presented in April and the final 8 weeks will be completed in the Fall. New participants are welcome. Please call Chuck, 662-4507 or Cheryl, 966-1830 or Karen, 966-0184, to register.

**ST. MEL SCHOOL FALL APPLICATIONS**

St. Mel School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic school year for TK, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8. Please stop by or contact the school office at 967-2814 for admission information and a school tour. In addition, please visit us at our website at [www.stmelschool.org](http://www.stmelschool.org).

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE**

The Catholic Tour Company is offering a 10-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Three different tour dates are available in October 2017. The tour includes stops in Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem, Portugal, Lourdes, France and Barcelona, Spain. For more information contact James Adair, 855-564-1008 or [jlmaidair@thecatholicstour.com](mailto:jlmaidair@thecatholicstour.com)

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

There will be no CFF classes this week, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Have a blessed Easter.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Please place donations *inside* the donation box located in the parking lot by the Adoration Chapel. Any items placed outside the box will not be picked up by the driver. Larger items can be taken directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 2275 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

Legion of Mary members are given an assignment each week to visit parishioners in their homes and bring Communion to residents in care facilities. Members lead the Rosary and Divine Mercy weekly at Eskaton. Statistics for 2016 are as follows:

\*House calls 206\* \*Sick call visits 906\* \*Communion 651\*  
\*Rosary 588\* \*Divine Mercy 576\*

The Legion of Mary meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00AM in the Baptismal room. Stop in if you feel Mary's call. New members always welcome. Questions? Call Joyce, 342-6179.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE**

St. Clare's Divine Mercy Ministry invites you to attend their Divine Mercy Conference, featuring Dr. Robert Stackpole, Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, and author of voluminous articles and books on Divine Mercy. The conference will be held at St. Clare Catholic Church, 1950 Junction Blvd., Roseville, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30AM to 4:00PM. For \$20 tickets in advance, or for more information call Mellie, 541-5142; Jen, 468-2225; Fiona, 521-8144; or Daisy, 605-6867. Tickets are also available at Easter's Books & Gifts in Citrus Heights or at the door for \$25.

**CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



Perpetual Adoration  
**GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**  
Sunday: 4 - 5am, 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am,  
5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm, 7 - 8pm  
Monday: 5 - 6pm  
Wednesday: 3 - 4am  
Friday: 4 - 5pm, 5 - 6pm  
Saturday: 3 - 4am, 9 - 10am, 1 - 2pm,  
3 - 4pm, 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 at 967-0641 or Chris at 966-3266. God is "thirsting" for you to satiate "His thirst".

**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>
April 22 - 23 April 29 - 30 May 6 - 7 May 13 - 14	April 14 April 21 April 28 May 5

**NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Beginning Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> our weekday Mass will be at 8:30AM. The 7:00AM Mass will no longer be offered. This modification was recommended to Father Basarte by the Liturgy Committee and the Pastoral Council as we thoughtfully respond to life with one priest at our parish. Pray for religious life vocations. Our 8:30AM weekday Mass continues to grow in attendance and following the Wednesday Mass, we offer a midweek fellowship opportunity, "Cup of Joe" coffee, baked goods and conversation. Please join us.

**YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS**

Young adults are invited to attend a monthly "hangout" in the St. Mel Parish Center on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM. Young adults have expressed interest in having an opportunity for fellowship, discussion of current events, Catholic topics, biblical accuracies and more. There is no set discussion topic, just an open forum with a similar age group. Non-Catholics are welcome as discussions could range from apologetics to ZZ Top. More details at [catholicveritas.com](http://catholicveritas.com) or [stmelya@gmail.com](mailto:stmelya@gmail.com).

**MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to join the Daily Rosary Morning Prayer Group. The group meets in the Baptism Room after 8:30AM Mass. For more information contact Karen Juten, 712-3706.

**ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS**


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.

**LOST & FOUND**

Did you happen to leave a pair of glasses in the Adoration Chapel? What about a Prayer Book or a Rosary? Car keys? Gloves? There are many items in the Parish Office that have been left in the Adoration Chapel. Stop by and take a look to see if your missing item is there.

**CHAPEL CLOSURE**

The Chapel of the Holy Eucharist will be CLOSED at 7PM on Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM Mass.



Do you reject Satan? And all his empty promises? –Sacramentary, Renewal of Baptismal Promises

**Reflection:** Lent is a time to pray for the catechumens of the Church who are preparing to be baptized at Easter Vigil. The rest of us will renew our Baptismal Promises. In these vows, we reject the empty promises of the devil.

One of those empty promises is abortion.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Lord, for the power of baptism in my life by which I am able to affirm life each day against the power of death!

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**ATTENTION PARENTS AND GODPARENTS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend, you must call the Parish Office to register, 967-1229.

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

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Al Volmer             | George Kim          | Keith Sprengle         |
| Alan Cheuse           | Gianna Atilano      | King David Chico       |
| Alex Quiroz           | Grace Barrios       | Latasha Rodriguez      |
| Amanda Barron         | Gregory David       | Linda Ramsey           |
| Anthony Caillou       | James A. Martinez   | Lydia Melendez         |
| Arthur Morton         | Jean Crupi          | Margaret Anderson      |
| Audrey Holden         | Jeanette Barron     | Margaret Valley        |
| Bob Ahern, Sr.        | Jerry Esparza       | Mary Alyce Gisla       |
| Candy Barrios         | Jerry Smith         | Mary Spain             |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Jim Maher           | Michael Elorduy        |
| Cheryl Richardson     | Joanne Kim          | Michael English        |
| Chris Stabile         | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michael J. Martinez    |
| Christian Dimitri     | Johanna Ross        | Michelle Atwood        |
| Daniel Schwartz, III  | John & Judy English | Mollie Dear            |
| Dave Kangas           | John Forrest        | Nellie Henson          |
| Deana Lanningham      | John Langland       | Nick Tenaglia          |
| Delfina Rodriguez     | John Wise, Jr.      | Owen Bricker           |
| Diane Castonguay      | Jose Mascoro        | P. J. Spain            |
| Donald Wise           | Joseph Dimitri      | Patty Arcenequx- Conti |
| Dora V. Marczak       | Joseph Jacin        | Pilo DeLeon            |
| Dora Palpallatoc      | Joseph McCormick    | Ray Willey             |
| Eduardo Murallon      | Judy Spinelli       | Rendtor Ramirez        |
| Elizabeth McMahan     | Karen Petersen      | Richard Robinson       |
| Evelyn Dimitri        | Katie Grant         | Robert Atkinson        |
| Garvin Arnett         | Katie Henson        | Robin Duntun           |
|                       | Katie Spain         | Rodney Wise            |

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE POOR**

Mark your calendars for the St. Vincent de Paul 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit for the Poor, Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30PM at the Double Tree at Arden. Banquet tickets and Maui trip raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses on April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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...*young people*.

*Let us pray...that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life. Amen.*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**



**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, 686-7020 or [rcia-stmelfairoaks@gmail.com](mailto:rcia-stmelfairoaks@gmail.com) for more information.

**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.

**CAMP PENDOLA IS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2017**

Applications for summer 2017 positions at Camp Pendola are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages 6 to 17 in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week of August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff, and program staff. For more information and apply go to [www.pendola.org/employment](http://www.pendola.org/employment).

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

You are invited to the St. Mel 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.

**BLOOD DONORS FOR CHARITY**

Attention all Blood Donors! Please remember to credit organization #7390 when you make your regular donation of plasma, source plasma, or platelets. Each time you give credit to #7390 for your donation, the Knights of Columbus receives a point towards a charitable donation from Blood Source. Last year we were issued a \$500 check for charity!

**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 vestibule. Come see the wonderful selection of Rosaries, books, medals and much more!

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.

**ST. MEL VOCATIONS MINISTRY MOVIE NIGHT**

The St. Mel Vocations Ministry is sponsoring a movie night on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. The movie *The Thirteenth Day* will be shown in preparation for the Hundredth Anniversary of the beginning of the Church approved apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. This movie will also help the St. Mel Community prepare for the Consecration of St. Mel Parish to Mary, Queen and Mother on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The movie is free and popcorn, lemonade and water will be provided. Questions? Call Jeanne Condon, 988-3027.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6066 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Knights of Columbus Council #6066 has established two scholarships for graduating eighth grade students who will attend a Catholic high school. The first provides \$4,500 over four years and the second is \$1,000 for one year. The scholarships are available to eighth grade students whose families are registered members of St. Mel Parish or whose father is a member in-good-standing of Council #6066. Interested students and families may pick up application forms, including more detailed information, from either the school or the Parish Office. Completed applications must be returned no later than May 1, 2017.

**FAIR OAKS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6066 & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD FOR UNITY PROJECT**

The Fair Oaks Knights of Columbus Council is assisting with the Habitat for Humanity, Build for Unity project and are seeking interested parishioners from St. Mel who would like to join our council volunteers to help. Our council needs 5 crew members to assist in building homes for two disadvantaged families, one Christian and one Muslim, to live peacefully as neighbors. Parishioners, Knights, and any family member over 16 years old can volunteer. If interested please contact Warden Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or email, [mkochoa@pacbell.net](mailto:mkochoa@pacbell.net). To stay up to date on more Build for Unity project news, consider signing up for the Build for Unity Newsletter or visit the website [www.HabitatGreaterSac.org/BuildforUnity](http://www.HabitatGreaterSac.org/BuildforUnity) and check out updates on Twitter at #BuildforUnity!

*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:  PHONE  EMAIL

Do you have any special request: \_\_\_\_\_