



I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:14

Fifth Sunday of Lent



April 2, 2017

April 2, 2017 – Jesus is the resurrection and the life

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial. His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back. When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb.

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today. Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God". And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe.

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

"I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday: 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am,
5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm, 7 - 8pm
Monday: 5 - 6pm
Wednesday: 3 - 4am, 4 - 5pm
Friday: 10 - 11am, 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".

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".

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

Sunday 4/2/2017

8:00 AM (I) Mike & Grace Cao & Family by Ramos Family
8:00 AM (I) Michael Yanez by Mom & Dad
10:00 AM (R) Marcaria Cruz by Cynthia Gagnon
4:30 PM (I) Rosemary Easter by Amber & Sara Donnelly

Monday 4/3/2017

7:00 AM (R) Ray Stone by Bill & Kathy Baxter
8:30 AM (R) Jan Hain by Condon Family

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

*7:00 AM (I) Tai Nguyen by Tai Nguyen
*8:30 AM (I) In Thanksgiving - Bernardo
by Susan Gerardo

Wednesday 4/5/2017

7:00 AM (I) Janet Juten by Karen Juten
8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
By Gene Moody

Thursday 4/6/2017

7:00 AM (R) Lee West by Rita Lukens
8:30 AM (I) Cathie Sant by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Friday 4/7/2017

7:00 AM (R) Angela Doheny by St. Mel School
8:30 AM (I) John Covert by Bill & Kathy Baxter

Saturday 4/8/2017

8:30 AM (R) Joseph Ngai Hoang by Tai Nguyen
4:30 PM (I) Evan Gray by Joe & Rosemary Carnaroli

Sunday 4/9/2017

8:00 AM (R) Mary Friedrich by Verne Bowers
10:00 AM (R) Carlos Cruz by Cynthia Gagnon
4:30 PM (I) Brasfeild Family by Ramos Family

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers April 8th & 9th

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Faber Ezrah, Michael & Sean	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Ward / Wagner Do Grace, Isaac & Gabrielle	Music Leader
SUN 10:00AM	Cantrall / Juten C Sophia, John Paul & Fred	Traditional Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Wagner M / Karelius Augustine, Carson & Grace	Youth Choir

5th 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 29th from 8:00AM to 3:30PM in the St. Mel Parish Center. This year's featured guest speaker is 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 or Call Chuck at 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.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

Happy Birthday to Clayton Baumgartner on April 5th. He is studying at St. Patrick Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The Vocations Committee appreciates your prayers and encouragement for the 22 Sacramento Diocesan seminarians.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

A new study program will be starting on Wednesday, April 19th at 7PM 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.

MORNING ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join the Daily Rosary Morning Prayer Group. There are two groups that meet in the Baptism Room after each of the weekday morning Masses. For more information contact Karen Juten, 712-3706.

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.

ST. MEL SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM 2017 REGISTRATION PACKETS DUE APRIL 3RD!!

St. Mel School is once again very excited to offer a top-quality summer program for students who will be entering grades TK-6th grade in August 2017. St. Mel Summer Adventure will run for seven consecutive weeks beginning on Monday, June 5th and ending on Friday, July 21st. Contact the school office for a registration packet. 967-2814.

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

Jean Bollinger

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 Monday, April 3rd and Tuesday, April 4th because of Confirmation on April 4th. CFF classes are on Easter break on April 10th and 11th and April 17th and 18th. Classes will resume for all grades on April 24th and 25th. Have a blessed Easter.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP AND STATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul's "Soup and Stations" on Friday, April 7th will begin at 5:00PM. Bring a crockpot of meatless soup and a ladle to the Small Hall. Bowls, utensils and ice water will be provided. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30PM followed by the Lenten Penance Service at 7:00PM Questions? Call Kathy, 704-1938.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHRED DAY

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Shred Day will be on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30AM to 12noon in the lower parking lot. Start cleaning out all those old bills, receipts and tax returns to shred and help support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

RCIA PRESENTS A PARISH SEDER

You are cordially invited to attend "A Seder" evening on April 9th (Palm Sunday) at our Parish Center. The evening begins at 5:30pm celebrating the tradition of the Passover and the Last Supper. **Tickets are by reservation only after the weekend Masses on March 25th & 26th and April 1st & 2nd.** Tickets are \$12 per person. Children under 4 are free. You may purchase individual tickets or a complete table for 9.



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 2017	Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY
April 8 - 9 April 15 -16 April 22 - 23 April 29 - 30	March 31 April 7 April 14 April 21

**ST. MEL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There will be a second collection THIS weekend, April 1st & 2nd, for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facility. Thank you for your generous support.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On Sunday, April 9th, the St. Mel Youth Group will host a guest speaker; Actor, Producer and National Speaker, Ed Vizenor. Ed will be speaking about Divine Mercy. Keep an eye out for information about future youth group meetings that will include bowling and hot topic apologetics. Stay in the loop by emailing ymstmel@gmail.com"

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 13th. It will reopen Easter Sunday, April 16th after the 10AM Mass.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

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		



Do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty. –Ex 23:7

Reflection: The shedding of innocent blood was strictly forbidden to the people of the Covenant.

The giving of the law and the establishment of the way of life they were to live in the Promised Land set them apart from other nations who did not know the true God, and as a result, did not have the same respect for human life.

Prayer: Lord, we are blessed to know You, the God of Life. Keep us faithful to Your covenant and immersed in the awareness of how sacred every life is.

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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.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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 Dunton
	Katie Henson	Rodney Wise

ST. MEL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

The St. Mel Lenten Penance Service will be on Friday, April 7th at 7:00PM.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

April 3rd 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Assumption

April 4th 6:30PM
Presentation Parish

April 4th 7:00PM
Our Lady of Lourdes

April 5th 10 - 11AM and 7 - 8PM
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

April 7th 7:00PM
St. Mel Church

April 11th 7:00PM
St. John the Evangelist



Palm Sunday, April 9th
4:30PM Vigil, 8:00 & 10:00AM, 4:30PM

Monday, April 10th thru Wednesday, April 12th
9:00AM Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 13th
7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14th
12:30PM Communion & Veneration of the Cross
2:00PM Stations of the Cross
by St. Mel School 7th Grade Students
7:00PM Communion, Veneration of the Cross
and Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15th
Easter Vigil Mass 8:15PM

Easter Sunday, April 16th
8:00 & 10:00AM Masses

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 7th 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-smelfairoaks@gmail.com for more information.

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables in your cars when you are at Mass. There have been several break-ins in the parking lot.



Charles Parker Knippschild
son of
Charles & Amanda Knippschild
March 25th

Laila Sanatkar
daughter of
Eman & Anna Sanatkar
March 25th

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, April 2nd, following the 8AM and 10AM Masses in the Small Hall. All proceeds from this event go to support the American Wheelchair Mission who, with the Knights of Columbus since 2003, have funded the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs to our veterans and others in need. The cost for breakfast is only \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Children. Any additional donations you wish to make will be gladly accepted and are fully tax deductible. Please join us for breakfast and to support a very worthy cause.

**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. 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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL		
Do you have any special request: _____				