



The earth is full of  
the goodness of  
the Lord.

Psalm 33:5

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 22, 2018

**April 22, 2018 – Truly, our Good Shepherd**

Today's First Reading comes from St Peter's speech to the Sanhedrin regarding the healing of the cripple. He tells the Jewish leaders that they rejected the Source of salvation that Yahweh had sent them. The implied message is, if they do not change their ways and stop obstructing the preaching of God's Word, then they too will be rejected, much as they rejected Jesus by their own actions. The Responsorial to Psalm 118, treats of the stone rejected by the builders. When Jesus was crucified, the cross was placed into the cleft of a particular stone left behind by the builders because it was flawed. The One the world rejected became the very Source of salvation. As Jesus did, we are encouraged to trust God above man, for in the end, Jesus was vindicated. Every human judgment declared His defeat, but His love on the cross conquered hate and sin. And finally, in this Psalm, we express true gratitude for all God has done for us. The Second Reading, highlights the present honor we now share in being called God's children; reminding us that when we pass into the next world, we will share an even greater honor, when we share in God's glory. In today's Gospel, Jesus equates Himself to the Good Shepherd, the fulfillment of that prophecy. Israel had other shepherds, kings and priests that misled God's people, but Israel was promised that God Himself would be her Shepherd. As such, Jesus speaks very affectionately of His care and concern for His flock. He knows them like no one else: knowing each by name, and He will give His life for their protection from all danger, especially the most lethal, namely, sin and alienation from God. He truly is our Good Shepherd. May we always recognize and follow His voice.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**Monday 4/23/2018**  
8:30 AM (R) Victims of the Las Vegas Tragedy  
By Peter, Christine & Tiffany Kowalski

**Tuesday 4/24/2018 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**  
\*8:30 AM (R) Michelle Jaudes by Susan & Tim Baker

**Wednesday 4/25/2018**  
8:30 AM (I) Thanksgiving for prayer requests  
By Peter, Christine & Tiffany Kowalski

**Thursday 4/26/2018**  
8:30AM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

**Friday 4/27/2018**  
8:30 AM (I) Johnson Family by Ramos Family

**Saturday 4/28/2018**  
8:30 AM (I) Nicole Bannister by St. Mel Faculty & Staff  
4:30 PM (I) Mass for Parishioners

**Sunday 4/29/2018**  
8:00 AM (R) John Baker by Tom Baker  
10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee  
4:30 PM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Pick up your order at the Parish Center on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 – 6:00PM. The cost is \$15 per pie.



**PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME**

You won't want to miss the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Priests vs. Seminarians basketball game at Christian Brothers High School on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.scd.org/basketball). For more information, contact the Office or Priestly & Religious Vocations, 916-733-0258 or [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

**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 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 4<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 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>

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

CFF classes are in session this weekend, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- ~ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ~ Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- ~ Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- ~ Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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 FRIDAY
April 21 - 22	April 13
April 28 - 29	April 20
May 5 - 6	April 27
May 12 - 13	May 4

**CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



**Perpetual Adoration  
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**  
Sunday: 1-2pm, 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, 6-7pm

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".

Pope John Paul II - On the mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist - Sacrament of Love, April 1980, "*The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet "HIM" in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.*"

It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction.

~ St. Edmund

**Commentators & Altar Servers  
April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Wagner G / Wagner J	John Paul, Ella & Michael
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner Do / Morrison	Andrew, Lucas & Sebastian
SUN 10:00AM	Juten K / Allison	David, Matthew & Sarah
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Wagner Da	Augustine, Vincent & Abbie

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly food drive NEXT weekend, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity is appreciated.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Bereavement Support Group meetings, for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, are held at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, from 6:00 – 7:30PM. Meetings are held in the hospital in the main level conference room across from the Russell elevators. Sessions are facilitated by staff chaplains. No registration is required, and meetings are free to the public. For more information, please contact the Spiritual Care Services department at [Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org](mailto:Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org) or (916) 537-5098.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SHRED DAY

St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual SHRED DAY on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*



And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. –Gen 4:8

**Reflection:** The first murder in history was within the immediate family, brother killing brother. One of the reasons abortion and euthanasia are preeminent issues today is that those forms of killing likewise take place by one family member upon another.

The family is the sanctuary of life. It should be the safest place.

**Prayer:** Lord, have mercy on the families of our world. Fill them with the spirit of welcome and love, of nurture and protection.

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### ST. VINCENT de PAUL RAFFLE TICKETS

After all Masses this weekend, St. Vincent de Paul will be selling raffle tickets for a trip to the beautiful Island of Maui. The trip is for 6 days and 5 nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa, and includes airfare for two (\$1,000--max) Hertz Rental Car, \$400.00 voucher, and \$500.00 American Express gift card. Drawing will be held at the St. Vincent de Paul Dinner for the Poor on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The winner does not need to be present to win. This fundraiser helps SVdP help many who are in need throughout the year. Tickets are \$10.00 each or book of 10 for \$100.00.

### 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.)

Aiden Hulse	Diana Fischer	Jeannette Barron
Albert Souza	Diane Castonguay	Joe Hoffmann
Allene Blessing	Elaine Ervin	John English
Amanda Barron	Frank & Renee Weiss	Jonathan Hayes
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	Helen Chilcott	

**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 Bellocchi	Call Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocchi	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
Catholics Return Home:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study:	Cheryl Hoffmann / Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
Parish Library open after weekend Masses:	Joanne Wagner	967-0190
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
Legion of Mary (Day):	Joyce Savage	342-6179
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe:	Dolores Leon	337-1800
Prayer Chain:	Dolores Moniz	962-0571
Fraternity of Fatherhood:	Mike Allison	834-6226
Men's Cursillo Group:	Chuck Friedrich	635-7791
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