



I am the vine, you are the branches, whoever lives in Me will produce abundantly.

John 15:5

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

April 29, 2018 – Communion: Intimacy with Jesus

In the First Reading, we see how St Barnabas helps the people of Jerusalem to accept St Paul into the community of believers. The Holy Spirit was guiding the early Church, so even though St Paul encountered opposition, the message took hold and he went on to preach in Tarsus. The Responsorial, Psalm 22 is the psalm Jesus quoted from the cross. Like all lamentations this one ends with verses of praise and gratitude to God for His powerful intervention. It goes on to predict that one day all peoples, to the ends of the earth, will praise God for all He has done, and all who die will also praise Him. In the Second Reading, St John is encouraging us to practice the Faith not just in word, but also in deed. He also tells us to trust in God's goodness, by placing our hearts in His, making Him the center of our being. We should live the Faith vertically *and* horizontally, loving God and our neighbor. In today's Gospel from St John, we are encouraged to establish an intimate relationship with God, which will enable us to find the true meaning of our lives. Jesus tells us that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the Source of our vitality, as the vine is to the branches. As we live out our Christianity, we draw strength and life, from the Vine. This intimacy is obtained from our relationship with our eucharistic Lord, our Holy Communion with Jesus present inside us. This sacrament nourishes us so that we may be fruitful in God's love.

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
Friday: 2-3am, 10-11am, 6-7pm
Saturday: 3-4am, 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."

Please remember to call if you can't make your assigned hour out of respect to those who are in the Adoration Chapel waiting for you to arrive.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday 4/30/2018
 8:30 AM (R) Patricia Ponta by Ponta Family

Tuesday 5/1/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
 *8:30 AM (R) Father Richard Doheny by Susan & Tim Baker
 *8:30 AM (R) Shelley Zari by Caddell Family

Wednesday 5/2/2018
 8:30 AM (R) Louise Schluttenhofer by Amy Dover
 8:30 AM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family

Thursday 5/3/2018
 8:30AM (I) Tiffany Madrid by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
 8:30AM (I) Gerry Hoffarth by Ahern Family

Friday 5/4/2018
 8:30 AM (I) Cecilia & Francis Yi by Angela Yi

Saturday 5/5/2018
 8:30 AM (I) Kay Deluca by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
 4:30 PM (I) Chris & Sharon Jones Family
 by Ramos Family

Sunday 5/6/2018
 8:00 AM (I) Kathy Baxter by Denise Kramer
 10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee
 10:00 AM (R) Mary Vaccaro by Patty Wagner
 4:30 PM (R) Joe Simons by Ybarra Family

For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.

~ St. Therese of Lisieux

Commentators & Altar Servers May 5 th & 6 th		
Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Sweeney / Laywell	Michael, Dylan & Victor
SUN 8:00AM	Ward / Kreamer	Abby, Ryan & Brady
SUN 10:00AM	Juten K / Juten C	Greta, John & Michael
SUN 4:30 PM	Karelius / Swetland	Fred & Sam

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is never out of season. Orientation and training for new servers is available as needed after school and on weekends. *Refresher and update sessions are also available.* Interested students and parents may contact Dave Murray, 716-5187 or e-mail dddmurray@comcast.net. Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

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 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 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.

Clarita Ward
 John Wochnick
 Francisca Denning

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 29th.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS AND CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes available after each Mass on April 28th & 29th and May 5th & 6th. The Spiritual Bouquet envelopes can be used as a Spiritual Gift as a way to remember your loved ones in the Masses offered in our Church in observance of Mother's Day. The proceeds from the Spiritual Bouquets will benefit the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Please make checks payable to **BGMH**. Mother's Day cards will be available at no charge.

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.saccatholicsatwork.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 28 - 29 May 5 - 6 May 12 - 13 May 19 - 20	April 20 April 27 May 4 May 11

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! 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 funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly food drive THIS weekend, April 28th & 29th. Your generosity is appreciated.

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 5th & 6th, 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 May will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, May 5th & 6th.

CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

St. Mel Boy Scout Troop 217 is hosting a CPR Certification class on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00AM – 12:00PM. The class will be held in Doheny Hall. Cost to register is \$25. All are welcome. Let God work through you to save a life! Contact Don Jones, at jonesgang7@comcast.net, or 916-606-1659.

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.



Everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids coming near the light so that his misdeeds may not be exposed. –Jn 3:20

Reflection: A key priority of the pro-life movement must be to expose the corruption of the abortion industry. Making abortion legal never made it safe; keeping it legal can never keep it safe.

You can't practice vice virtuously. If you are willing to take a baby's life, you will be willing to do many other kinds of evil as well.

Prayer: Lord, bring into the light the evils being done behind closed doors in abortion centers so that our nation may repent and be healed in Jesus' name.

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BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. The next Baptism Preparation class is on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend the class, please call the Parish office to register. 916-967-1229.

GRIEF SHARE

There is a new Ministry beginning at St. Mel and it is called Grief Share. The leaders of this ministry are Diocesan Certified. Grief is a natural process when we lose someone we love. The deeper the love, the deeper the grief. Talking and sharing our feelings and where we are at inside can help us grow and heal. It lets us know we are not alone. If you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one and could use some help dealing with the grieving process please call Rita, (408) 903-6344 or email ritaecdad@gmail.com.

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

eGIVING WITH FAITH

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA731.

ST. MEL GIFTS



May is the month for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. St. Mel Gifts has a wonderful selection of gifts for both Sacraments. The store is open after all weekend Masses so stop in and browse our selection of rosaries, books, statues and much more.

Our store is a ministry for our Parish. Help is always needed. If you are interested in giving 15-20 minutes of your time after Mass to assist parishioners with their purchases, contact Brenda, 722-1965.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The St. Mel Parish Family is invited to attend a Holy Hour for Vocations on Wednesday, May 9th beginning at 6:00PM in the church. St. Mel is tremendously blessed to have many vocations coming from our parish families. Our young men and women who are discerning priesthood and religious life need our prayers for strength and grace.

The Holy Hour of Adoration will include Benediction and vocation stories. Bring the whole family and let us, as a parish family, adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is waiting for YOU! Following the Holy Hour, there will be a time for fellowship and refreshments. For more information, call Jenni Murray at 916-600-6808 or Jeanne Condon 916-349-6936.

ALTAR SOCIETY



The Altar Society needs your help cleaning and preparing the Church for weekend Masses. Time commitment is only 15-20 minutes after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday morning. Please call Maggie, 961-0169, with questions or to volunteer.

ST. MEL VOCATION MINISTRY

The St. Mel Vocation Ministry invites all parishioners to become a part of the vibrant vocations ministry here at St. Mel. Meetings are the first Sunday of the month from 11:30AM - 12:30PM in the St. John Paul II room. Your enthusiasm for vocations, time, talents and treasures can help our ministry. Be one of the promoters of Holy Vocations at St. Mel! No experience necessary. Just a willingness to commit to helping us help others discern their God given vocation and encourage them in their spiritual growth. For more information, please contact Jeanne Condon, 988-3027 or Jenni Murray, 600-6808.

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.

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!

MERCY SAN JUAN HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER GUILD

The Mercy San Juan Hospital Volunteer Guild is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are asked to work two 4-hour shifts per month. They help the hospital by working in the gift shop, escorting patients and visitors, facilitating registration, and assisting in the NICU. Bake sales are held to fund adult scholarships and special projects for the hospital. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Gallagher, 965-3479 or the Volunteer Office, 537-5298.

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.

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 10th and finish on August 10th. Applications are available now at www.pendola.org/employment.

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 or call 916-733-0123. Early Bird Discount ends on April 15th.

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.

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: _____				