



Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

Matthew 21:5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



April 9, 2017

April 9, 2017 – This truly is the Son of God

All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold. He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering. He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will. This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God.

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

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

Monday 4/10/2017

7:00 AM (R) Luke Jones by Kathy Castillo
8:30 AM (R) Patricia Carrington by Kathy Castillo

Tuesday 4/11/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*7:00 AM (R) Joan Buchanan by Kathy Baxter
*8:30 AM (I) Trisha Shields by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Wednesday 4/12/2017

7:00 AM (I) Hunter Seifert by Nye Family
8:30 AM (R) Mary McArdle by Barbara Mecchi

Thursday 4/13/2017 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM (R) Joseph Ngai Hoang by Tai Nguyen

Friday 4/14/2017 Good Friday

Saturday 4/15/2017 Easter Vigil

8:15 PM (I) Katie Burke by Rosemary Easter

Sunday 4/16/2017 Easter Sunday

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



Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers April 15th & 16th		
Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 8:00PM	DeHam / Ricaforte Kate, Michael, David, Max, Alex, Jack, Jason, Janelle & Josephine	Combined Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison / Crumley John & Andrew	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Faber / Cantrall Fred	Contemporary 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.

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 or call Claire and Roelof at 802-1089.

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 25th 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 19th 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.

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

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

Margaret Mullen

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 will resume on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th. Have a blessed Easter.

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.

LOAVES & FISHES EASTER DINNER

Kathy Yanez, Loaves & Fishes coordinator, will be in the upper parking lot on Monday, April 10th from 8:00AM to 9:30AM to accept donations for the annual Easter dinner for the homeless. Items needed: dinner rolls; large bottles of apple juice, Easter cookies; individually wrapped chocolate eggs. Sincerest thanks for your generosity. Questions? Call Kathy, 635-3285.

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 22nd from 9:30AM to 4:00PM. For \$20 tickets in advance, or for or 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: 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".

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".

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 15 -16 April 22 - 23 April 29 - 30 May 6 -7	April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The collection at the Holy Thursday Mass will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



And so Pilot,... handed Him over to be crucified. -Mk 15:15

Reflection: The Passion of Christ was far more horrible than our crucifixes portray. He suffered to rescue the human life He had created, to snatch it from the kingdom of death and bring it into His kingdom of life.

Let us remember this Lent that Jesus endured His Passion for every unborn child in the womb. He endured every pain that the unborn might be saved as well as the born.

Prayer: Lord, lessen my fear and increase my courage, that I may suffer with You for the sake of life.

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ATTENTION PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00PM in the John Paul II 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 | 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 McMahan | Judy Spinelli | Richard Robinson |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Karen Petersen | Robert Atkinson |
| Fred H. Salter | Katie Grant | Robin Dunton |
| | Katie Henson | Rodney Wise |

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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



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

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.

11TH ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR THE POOR

Mark your calendars for the St. Vincent de Paul 11th Annual Benefit for the Poor, Friday, May 19th 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 25th & 26th. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

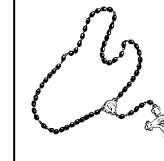


RCIA is about to begin. Being part of the Church established through Jesus Christ, and entrusted to the leadership of the apostle Peter, is a gift. This gift might just be for you. Join us *any Sunday beginning May 7th in the St. Jude Room* (top of the back stairs) at **8:00AM** to discover how you might 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.

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 22nd 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 13th. 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. 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: _____				