



God mounts His throne  
to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets  
for the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm 47:6

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

### May 13, 2018 – Jesus is still with us

In the First Reading, we find the New Testament's only full account of the ascension story. It is most likely addressed to *all who love God*, Theophilus (*Theos*: God, *phileo*: to love). Jesus ascends into heaven on a cloud; just as He descended to earth on the clouds (as was predicted in the Book of Daniel). So, it was appropriate that He return to heaven the same way He came to earth. In the Responsorial, Psalm 47, on this Ascension feast, we praise God as King of heaven and earth, seated on His throne, judging the world. Jesus ascended to be enthroned next to the Father. By celebrating God as our Lord and King, we commit ourselves to living as if He really *is* Our Lord, the Lord of our lives. We celebrate His goodness and observe His commands, living *in* and *for* Him. St Francis of Assisi summed up the meaning of living as though Jesus is our King when he often said, "My God and my all." In today's selection to the Ephesians, St Paul emphasizes Christian unity. The foundation of our faith is unifying: one Lord, one God, one Baptism. Our beliefs are not random. We are called to live the unity the Lord calls us to; treating others with humility, gentleness, patience and respect, always seeking the common good of the whole community. Sometimes we must sacrifice our own wants for the greater good. In "descending" to earth as a baby in a Bethlehem manger, and "ascending" back into heaven, Jesus was always God, though for a while he took on human form in order to save us. In today's Gospel, Jesus is commissioning His Apostles to go out to all the world and preach the Good News. He also promises to always accompany them and grant them miraculous powers. These predictions are fulfilled in some of the Acts of the Apostles accounts, e.g., when St Paul is bitten by a poisonous snake and is not harmed by its venom. Miracles large and small still occur today; they are all around us. Some are prompted by prayer, others are God's gratuitous gift.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Sunday 5/13/2018

- 8:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee  
10:00 AM (R) Eugenia & Alexandra Rodarte  
by Ana Kapandritis  
10:00 AM (R) Maria Arce & Ramon Sanchez  
by Amelia Santos  
4:30 PM (I) Ryan Gabriel Pua by Lasat Family

#### Monday 5/14/2018

- 8:30 AM (I) Jim Alexander by Kathy Baxter  
8:30 AM (I) Anne Moore by Nancy Mammano

#### Tuesday 5/15/2018 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

- \*8:30 AM (R) Darcy Grieve by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

#### Wednesday 5/16/2018

- 8:30 AM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family  
8:30 AM (R) Randall Scot Weaver by Jesse & Judy Bravo

#### Thursday 5/17/2018

- 8:30AM (I) Sue Baggaley by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

#### Friday 5/18/2018

- 8:30 AM (I) Janet Nagel by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

#### Saturday 5/19/2018

- 8:30 AM (I) Richard Kowalski by Kowalski Family  
4:30 PM (R) Hector Aspillera, Jr. by Reyes Family

#### Sunday 5/20/2018

- 8:00 AM (R) John Ramos by Ramos Family  
10:00 AM (R) Bill Mullin by John, Richard, Linda & Marilee  
10:00 AM (R) Maricela Reyes by Ana Kapandritis  
4:30 PM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family

Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace.

~ St. Augustine

### CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration  
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:  
Sunday: 1-2pm, 6-7pm, 7-8pm, 10-11pm  
Tuesday: 4-5pm  
Thursday: 12-1pm  
Friday: 2-3am, 10-11am, 6-7pm  
Saturday: 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".

### Commentators & Altar Servers May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Nagel / Sweeney	Will, Robbie & CJ
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison / Styer M	Trinity, Matthew & John Paul
SUN 10:00AM	Lehman / Grass	Aedan, Max & Sean
SUN 4:30 PM	Styer L / Ricaforte	Caden, Lucas & Andrew

### 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).

### 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, 916-722-1965.

### 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Our parish code is CA731.

### 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.

### 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

The final talk is today between the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses. Join us in the St. Jude Room from 9:10AM to 9:55AM. Today we talk about Happiness.

### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 CFF year will be in the mail and on the website by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for all those who are receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this month. Have a wonderful summer! If you have questions about registering for CFF classes, please call 916-966-4314.

### 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.

### 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.

### SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER DONATIONS NEEDED

The Sacramento Life Center is in need of baby supplies for low-income new moms. Gift baskets filled with clothing, diapers and supplies are given to every patient after her baby is born. Please consider donating: clothing (up to size 18 mos), diapers (especially size 3,4,5) and other baby items like shampoo, lotion, bibs, hats, pacifiers, blankets, etc. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM at Sacramento Life Center, 2316 Bell Executive Lane in Sacramento. For more information please call, 451-4357. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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.saccatholicsatwork.org](http://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](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 <b>FRIDAY</b>
May 12 - 13 May 19 - 20 May 26 - 27 June 2 - 3	May 4 May 11 May 18 May 25

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

## BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

Attention Parents and Godparents. The next Baptism Preparation class is on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL VOCATIONS MINISTRY DINNER WITH OUR SEMINARIANS

The St. Mel Vocations Ministry invites all parishioners to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vocations Ministry Dinner on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM in the St. Mel Parish Center. This year, we honor Mrs. Marge Della Villa, recognizing her selfless contribution to maintaining Perpetual Adoration at St. Mel Parish for over 30 years. A dinner of tri-tip, potatoes, salad, rolls, cake and Leatherby's ice cream, beer and wine will be served. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$500 for a sponsored table of 8 (special treats for sponsored tables). Seating is limited so reserve early. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office before May 12<sup>th</sup>.

*If you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing a dinner for someone else. All proceeds from this fundraising event will help ensure that the Vocations Ministry at St. Mel Parish can continue to offer resources to those discerning God's call to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, permanent diaconate and generous single lives in service to Christ, as well as host receptions for our newly ordained over the next year. Thank you for your generosity.*

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for May. Please place special emphasis this month on...*Evangelization – The Mission of Laity*

*That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.*



Not even murderers are deprived of their dignity as persons. –The Gospel of Life, 9

**Reflection:** If we ask, “How can we eliminate capital punishment?” The answer is, “Eliminate abortion.”

As long as we throw away the innocent, it is quite hard to convince people not to throw away the guilty.

**Prayer:** Lord, may we protect the innocent, and may we not fail to recognize the dignity even of the guilty.

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## ST. VINCENT de PAUL

As you travel this summer please remember that St. Vincent de Paul has a need for toiletries from motel/hotels. We pass these items out to the homeless people. There is a big tub in the vestibule of the church marked "Soap FOR SOULS". We need toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, kleenex, soap and body wash.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Relevant Radio (1620am) Needs your help answering phone calls from donors during our Spring Pledge Drive.

Email: Nicole Cardin, Sr. Advancement Director Volunteer services [ncardin@relevantradio.com](mailto:ncardin@relevantradio.com), or contact Frank Abi-Nader, St. Mel Parish Ambassador for Catholic Radio 916-337-9171

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

## St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. May 1, 2018)

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<b>PARISH COUNCILS</b>		
Parish Pastoral Council	Denny Shunta	952-4502
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
<b>PARISH SCHOOL</b>		
St. Mel School:	Janet Nagel (Principal)	967-2814
St. Mel School Parents Club:	Contact the School Office	967-2814
St. Mel Youth Group	Malcolm MacDonald	916-869-6787
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Malcolm MacDonald	916-869-6787
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	719-5565
<b>LITURGICAL SERVICES</b>		
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
<b>PRAYER ADVOCACY</b>		
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
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>		
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
Relevant Radio Parish Ambassador	Frank Abi-Nader	916-337-9171
<b>PARISH ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
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

**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: _____				