



The Father will give
you the spirit of truth.

John 14: 16-17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

May 21, 2017 – Receive the Holy Spirit

In the First Reading, we see *the fruit of the Gospel being spread*; St Luke shows us the *power of the Holy Spirit to convert people's hearts to Christ and His teachings*. The conversion begins through St Philip, one of the seven deacons. The Samaritans who converted had mixed paganism into the Jewish faith. Here we see them accept the Gospel so joyfully that St Peter and St John are sent to pray over them so that they can fully receive the Holy Spirit. The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise to God for powerfully intervening in history to deliver His people. By Jesus' death and Resurrection, our Baptism became that dry passage-way God created for us through the sea of sin's death (much like the parting of the Red Sea). All are invited to make this passage to life with Jesus. His death makes us all one in Him. In the Second Reading, St Peter instructs us in a very loving and pastoral fashion. We are in turn asked to be gentle and reverent in sharing our faith with others, we can *invite* rather than *force* compliance. If then we suffer mild persecution for our belief we should see it as an honor, for Jesus suffered for us. In this way, we put the flesh to death so that the Spirit will live within us. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus promise to send *another* Advocate, for He is the first to have interceded for us with the Father. This "*second*" Advocate is the Holy Spirit; *the counselor, the advisor, the consoler, the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete*. Jesus will send us this Spirit to remind us of His teachings, to help us understand them and to give us the courage to witness to them. When we suffer for the Faith, the Spirit will give us the words we need to defend ourselves. The sign or proof that we are in the Spirit is our obedience to the commandments. Whoever obeys His teachings truly loves Him. May our love be strong enough to keep us always obedient.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



**Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**
Sunday: 4 - 5am, 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am,
5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm, 7 - 8pm
Monday: 5 - 6pm
Wednesday: 3 - 4am
Friday: 4 - 5pm
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 5/21/2017

8:00 AM (R) Jeane Daquino by Dolores Moniz
10:00 AM (I) Ryan Lasat Pua by Rene & Amy Lasat
10:00 AM (I) Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
by Lasat Family
4:30 PM (I) Bill & Joyce Savage by A Friend

Monday 5/22/2017

8:30 AM (R) Holy Souls in Purgatory by Gary Lang
8:30 AM (R) Rosa Azevedo by Family

Tuesday 5/23/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (I) Alan Galbraith by Judy & Jesse Bravo
*8:30 AM (I) Rebecca Jewers by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Wednesday 5/24/2017

8:30 AM (R) Joseph Ngai Hoang by Tai Nguyen
8:30 AM (R) Dennis Myers by Susan Myers

Thursday 5/25/2017

8:30 AM (R) Michael Miller by Judy & Jesse Bravo
8:30 AM (R) Fred Salter by Dorothy East

Friday 5/26/2017

8:30 AM (R) Elzbieta & Adam Jakacki
by Teresa & Andrzej Woromecki
8:30 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family

Saturday 5/27/2017

8:30 AM (I) Andrew Abi-Nader by Family
4:30 PM (R) Michael D. Allison by Allison Family
4:30 PM (R) Anne Ledna by Margie Reilly & John Ledna

Sunday 5/28/2017

8:00 AM (I) Koye & Val McGuire by Rosemary Easter
10:00 AM (R) Rick Proaps by Ron & Mary Hankins
4:30 PM (I) Joseph Juten by Juten Family

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers May 27th & 28th

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Roland / Wagner G Ralph, Ella & Michael	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner P / Welsh Wyatt, Matthew & Sarah	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Juten K / Lehman Marcus, Matthew & Collin	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Allison Grace, Kate & Michael	Youth Choir

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The next meeting of The St. Mel Youth Group will be Sunday, May 21st at 5:30PM. Hope to see you there!


ST. MEL YOUNG ADULTS

The St. Mel Young Adults invite all those over 18 years old to join them as they explore the Acts of the Apostles. They meet every Wednesday in May at 7:00PM in the Convent.

The young adults hold many other events every month and encourage you to join us. Please check out catholicveritas.com or email Gigi at stmelsya@gmail.com. From caffeinated conversations to hikes, there is something for everyone.

MEMORIAL DAY 2017 AT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETARY

Bishop Emeritus William Weigand will be celebrating Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 7101 Verner Avenue, Citrus Heights, on Monday, May 29th at 10AM. Everyone is welcome to join us in honoring those who have fallen in service to our country. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting light refreshments after Mass.



May 13th

Cynthia Aylanni Sondermann
Daughter of
Bert and Cynthia Sondermann

Isabella Christine Toth
Daughter of David and Louiza Toth

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE

Please stop by **St. Mel Gifts** to subscribe to the Magnificat by the month or the year. This is the most widely used book for daily devotion by Catholic men and women. The number of subscriptions available is limited, so don't wait! Subscription rate is \$3.75 per issue.

ST. MEL GIFTS



MAY is the month of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please stop by to pick up a gift for any boy or girl you know who is making their First Communion.

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.

ST. MEL RUMMAGE SALE

The Father Doheny Fund and the Knights of Columbus are preparing for this year's Rummage Sale, June 23rd - 25th. If you'd like to help this year, join us at a planning meeting on Wednesday, May 24th in the PC Conference Room at 7:00PM. We will begin accepting donations Sunday, June 18th from 12noon - 3:00PM, and then again June 19th - 22nd from 4:00PM - 6:00PM. Any questions, please contact John Brennan, 548-4962 or jpbrennan7@att.net.

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

Mildred O'Gara

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

Monday, May 22nd and Tuesday, May 23rd are the final CFF classes for this school year. Have a blessed and safe summer!

ST. MEL SCHOOL FALL APPLICATIONS

St. Mel School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic school year. Call 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 SCHOOL SUMMER ADVENTURE

St. Mel School is still accepting registration packets for their top-quality summer program for students who will be entering grades TK-6 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 967-2814 for more information or email Ms. White: mwhite@stmelschool.org

A NOTE FROM USCCB

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering...Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SJB PRISON/RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

What does it take to be a prison Volunteer? Find out at the next Prison Volunteer Training session, Wednesday, May 24th from 6:30PM-8:30PM in Larkin Hall at the Folsom State Prison and Folsom Women's Facility. For more information or to register, contact Tess Poling, 933-5007 or email tesspoling@sbcglobal.net. *Matthew 25:36 When I was in prison, you visited me.*

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 <u>FRIDAY</u>
May 27 - 28	May 19
June 3 - 4	May 26
June 10 - 11	June 2
June 17 - 18	June 9

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights of Columbus are holding their Monthly Food Collection for the needy NEXT weekend, May 27th & 28th.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



RCIA is about to begin. A unique part of this ministry is being a SPONSOR to a Candidate. Together, you journey through our Catholic faith sharing special moments and beautiful Rites. If you are interested in being part of this journey with a man or

woman who desires to become Catholic, please contact Michael Faber, 719-5565 or rciastmelfairoaks@gmail.com for further information. This is one of the most rewarding ways to say "Yes, Lord, use me to further your kingdom!"

THE SACRAMENTO CLASSIC


Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Basketball game between the Diocesan Priests and Seminarians. The game will be played at Christian Brothers High School on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To buy tickets contact Marisela at 733-0258 or msmith@scd.org

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... **Christians in Africa.**

Let us pray...that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace. Amen.



It is I who bring both death and life. –Duet 32:39

Reflection: Some people in our society use language about the *right to die* to disguise a *right to kill* – to get the burdensome and inconvenient out of our way.

No matter how frail they become, people are always children of God whose lives are valuable beyond measure.

Prayer: Lord, give us patience in our sufferings and a spirit of service when we encounter the sufferings of others.

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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.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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| Al Volmer | George Kim | Keith Sprenkle |
| Alan Cheuse | Gianna Atilano | King David Chico |
| Alex Quiroz | Grace Barrios | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Amanda Barron | Gregory David | Linda Ramsey |
| Anthony Caillou | James A. Martinez | Lydia Melendez |
| Arthur Morton | Jean Crupi | Margaret Anderson |
| Audrey Holden | Jeanette Barron | Margaret Valley |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jerry Esparza | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Candy Barrios | Jerry Smith | Mary Spain |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Jim Maher | Michael Elorduy |
| Cheryl Richardson | Joanne Kim | Michael English |
| Chris Stabile | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michael J. Martinez |
| Christian Dimitri | Johanna Ross | Michelle Atwood |
| Daniel Schwartz, III | John & Judy English | Mollie Dear |
| Dave Kangas | John Forrest | Nellie Henson |
| Deana Lanningham | John Langland | Nick Tenaglia |
| Delfina Rodriguez | John Wise, Jr. | Owen Bricker |
| Diane Castonguay | Jose Mascoro | P. J. Spain |
| Donald Wise | Joseph Dimitri | Patty Arcenequex- Conti |
| Dora V. Marczak | Joseph Jacin | Pilo DeLeon |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Joseph McCormick | Ray Willey |
| Eduardo Murallon | Judy Spinelli | Rendtor Ramirez |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Karen Petersen | Richard Robinson |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Katie Grant | Robert Atkinson |
| Garvin Arnett | Katie Henson | Robin Dunton |
| | Katie Spain | Rodney Wise |

St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. January 10, 2016)

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PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
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 Ministry:	Dominick Romano	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	686-7020
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
Marian Movement of Priests:		
Catholics Return Home:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study:	Cheryl Hoffmann / or 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		
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 (Wed)/Marge Young (Tues)	962-9244 / 967-2540
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
"D. J. M." Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Joanne Hammett	765-4007
Divine Mercy:	Amy Lasat	342-2088
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		
Annettes (St. Mel's funeral luncheon providers):	Parish Office	967-1229
Loaves and Fishes Volunteers:	Kathy Yanez	967-1229
Knights of Columbus #6066:	Jim Carlson	801-9373
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
St. Mel Pro-Life Group:		
Gabriel Project (crisis pregnancy assistance):	Kathy Knutson	967-1229
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Ruport	987-5616
Boy Scouts #217:	Chris Herne / Bob Mayer	798-8493 / 342-2139
Cub Scouts	Chuck Brasfield	214-5730
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
Parish Center Coordinators:	Yolanda & Jim Carlson	966-3803
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: PHONE EMAIL

Do you have any special request: _____