



*Sing to the Lord
a new song!*

Psalm 98:1

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

May 6, 2018 – The Holy Spirit helps us love truly

In today's First Reading from St Paul, we find examples of the Holy Spirit guiding the early Church. The Holy Spirit gave St Peter a vision to help him understand that he was to accept a former pagan (Cornelius) into the new Christian community. The Responsorial, Psalm 98, continues the theme of God guiding the Church in the early days with the Apostles missionary efforts. They soon came to realize that God wants the Good News preached to all people, not just the Jewish nation. The refrain celebrates God reaching out to those not part of the original covenant; a new covenant is established between God and all peoples, so all are invited to sing His praise. Today's Second Reading centers on love as the outpouring of oneself in service of others. God sets the first example by sending His only Son Jesus to die out of love for us. This is the true meaning of *love*. Love is not a feeling, but a *choice*. Today's Gospel also focuses on true love. God loved us so much that in the person of Jesus He laid down His life for us. This death brought us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us live His example of love in giving of ourselves to others. It's a choice, a decision we make to follow and emulate Christ; it's not a feeling. We are now part of an intimate relationship with God, we are no longer slaves, but friends. Through Jesus' death and by the Holy Spirit's action in the sacraments and in the Church, God gives us the strength to be His children, His friends.

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: 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 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

Monday 5/7/2018

8:30 AM (I) Donna Ponta by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Tuesday 5/8/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
by Gene Moody
*8:30 AM (R) Pete Hernandez by Tom & Anne Marie Moore

Wednesday 5/9/2018

8:30 AM (I) Tori Kavanaugh by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
8:30 AM (I) Brett Gainer by Mammano Family

Thursday 5/10/2018

8:30AM (I) Richard Kowalski by Kowalski Family
8:30AM (I) Special Intention by Judy Bravo

Friday 5/11/2018

8:30 AM (I) Jeff Onderko by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Saturday 5/12/2018

8:30 AM (R) Doris Kowalski by Kowalski Family
4:30 PM (R) Billy Kier by Sotel Family
4:30 PM (R) Eleanor Hallissy by Hallissy Family

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

Commentators & Altar Servers May 12th & 13th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Mammano N / Mammano F	Jason, Josephine & Janelle
SUN 8:00AM	Ward / Wagner P	Jenna, Marcus & Matthew
SUN 10:00AM	School Mass	School Mass
SUN 4:30 PM	Styer M / Handy	Kyle, Augustine & David

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.

USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Have you ever considered helping usher at Mass? The Parish Usher Ministry could use your help. We are calling men, women, and young adults to consider joining this weekly service. To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Wagner at patrick.wagner@icee.org or 961-8652.

GREAT MARIAN PROCESSION

Join the Great Marian Procession on Saturday, May 12th starting at East Lawn Cemetery. Please arrive at 8:00AM to gather and prepare. The procession will begin at 9:00AM. The walk concludes with Mary's Crowning and Consecration of California to Her Immaculate Heart at 11:00AM on the West Steps of the State Capitol. For more information visit www.BringMary.com.

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 live faithfully in this crazy world: May 6th
- ~ Happiness: May 13th

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

Noel David

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

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 CFF year will be in the mail and on the website by June 1st. Please pray for all those who are receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this month. Have a wonderful summer!

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 this weekend, 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.sacccatholicsatwork.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
May 5 - 6 May 12 - 13 May 19 - 20 May 26 - 27	April 27 May 4 May 11 May 18

**ST. MEL
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND**

There will be a second collection this 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.

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. 50% of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding anniversaries for the month of May will be recognized at all Masses this weekend, May 5th & 6th.

BAPTISM PREPARTION 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.

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.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

(Names of those with long-term illnesses will appear on this list and be printed in the Church bulletin on the first Sunday of each month.)

Albert Gonzales	Garrett Heisinger	Louis Patterson
Auroa Deese	George Snyder, Sr.	Lynn Warner
Betty Cerato	Gerrie & Paul Parker	Manuel Ybarra
Bill Jones	Howie Hoel	Maria Erickson
Bruce King	James English	Marie Lofgren
Cecelia Beviacqua	Jody Martinez	Mary Hoel
Charles J. Ortner	Joel Battaglia	Ralph Virgen
Connie McKie	Kathy Houser	Veronica Saenz



A “NEW feminism” affirms the true gift of women... while rejecting the imitation of forms of “male domination”... and seeking to eliminate every form of discrimination, violence, and exploitation. –The Gospel of Life, 99

Reflection: The early feminist leader Elizabeth Cady Stanton said, “When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.”

Authentic feminism is pro-life!

Prayer: Lord, renew our society with a deeper appreciation of the true genius of women and of their role in a culture of life.

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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.

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

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.

2ND ANNUAL VOCATIONS MINISTRY DINNER WITH OUR SEMINARIANS

The St. Mel Vocations Ministry invites all parishioners to the 2nd Annual Vocations Ministry Dinner on Saturday, May 19th 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 12th.

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.

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.

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, 916-988-3027 or Jenni Murray, 916-600-6808.

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!

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.

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: PHONE EMAIL

Do you have any special request: _____