



From his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:15

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

June 24, 2018 – St John the Baptist's Birth

Today is another one of those rare occasions when a great feast day or solemnity of the Church trumps the normal Sunday readings and prayers. The First Reading from Isaiah is one of the songs of the *suffering servant*. Not only did Jesus apply this to Himself, but it is also applied to St John the Baptist as a *prefigure* of Christ, for he mirrored many of Jesus' qualities. Like Christ, John is chosen by God before his birth (*the announcement to Zechariah in the temple*). Like Jesus, St John brings Israel back to the Lord. The Responsorial continues the theme of John being chosen by God before birth. We are all pre-chosen. God has a plan for each of us. We know from other New Testament passages that our names are written in the book of life before we were even conceived. In Romans, St Paul speaks of God bringing that choice to completion. True joy is ours when we discern God's will and embrace it completely. All of our life is known to God. May all that we are and have be lived in Him. In the Second Reading, John the Baptist heralds the Lord's coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Christian Baptism (the one instituted by Christ) differs from John's baptism of repentance. Though both encompass repentance, only *Christian Baptism* makes us God's children by *our receiving the Holy Spirit*. John reassures his listeners that he is not the Messiah, but that Jesus is that Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, He is the One they are looking for. The Alleluia Verse is an excerpt from Zechariah's hymn (*the Benedictus*) which he sang when he celebrated the birth of his son, John the Baptist. In the Gospel we find John's mother, Elizabeth, insisting that her child be named John, for it was so revealed by the archangel Gabriel. The name John means *Yahweh is merciful*. John's ministry proclaims this truth by calling Israel back to her Lord. This uncustomary naming is reinforced by John's father, Zechariah, whose very insistence on this, frees him of his divinely imposed silence. (*Not contained in this Gospel passage*), Zechariah immediately praised God for His faithfulness in the hymn known as the Benedictus. *We see a snippet of this hymn in the Alleluia verse.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 6/24/2018

8:00 AM (R) Megan Frontiera by James & Barbara Joyce
10:00 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
by Gene Moody

4:30 PM (I) Mass for Parishioners

Monday 6/25/2018

8:30 AM (I) Molly Nichols by St. Mel Faculty & Staff
8:30 AM (I) Benefactors & Sponsors of Vocations Ministry
by Vocations Ministry

Tuesday 6/26/2018 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family

Wednesday 6/27/2018

8:30 AM (R) Noel David by Dave & Michelle Lehman

Thursday 6/28/2018

8:30AM (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
8:30AM (R) Noel David by Don & Mary Pat Jones

Friday 6/29/2018

8:30 AM (R) Alfred Chock by Audrey Swiderek
8:30 AM (R) Nathan Zanon by Bill Jones

Saturday 6/30/2018

8:30 AM (R) Rafael M. Vierrueta by Tina Armando
4:30 PM (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron

Sunday 7/1/2018

8:00 AM (I) Joy Schindler by Al Schindler Family
10:00 AM (I) Mass for Parishioners
4:30 PM (I) Intentions of Our Soldiers
by Chris & Karen Juten

In the light of faith you see things quite differently.

~ St. John Baptist de la Salle

NEW BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

If you need to submit an announcement for the new bulletin, please be advised that the submission day is now 10 days in advance. For the July 7th & 8th bulletin, please make sure your announcements are submitted by 12noon on Wednesday, June 27th. Please email to stmeloffice@yahoo.com in 12-point Times Roman typeface. Thank you.

GOD'S LIFE IN US AND THE GLORY OF OUR CALLING

Vocation, what is it? Are each of us called? How do we respond? Fr. Michael Kiernan will explore these thoughts and how God's call can be lived in each of our lives. Please join us Saturday, July 7, 10:00 am at Easter's Faith Formation Center 6916 Sunrise Blvd. Suite I, Citrus Heights, for this insightful presentation on our response to God's Call. Fr. Kiernan has served for many years as Diocesan Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Dir. of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Sacramento and Dir. of St. Patrick's Home for Children, in Sacramento. He is presently the host of Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love on Sacramento Faith TV.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Rediscover yourself through a Christian Life Program that is presented by the local Couples for Christ community. Find out how much the program can spiritually offer you and your family as you walk your life's journey that has God with you all through and through. The group will meet in the Small Hall on Sundays beginning July 1st. Sessions will begin at 1:30PM and will include a talk, group discussion and time for fellowship. The program is free and all you need to bring with you is your open heart to the presence of God that is now in you. We pray that you will accept our invitation. For more information, please contact Ernie Sahagun, at 916-607-6124.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE RECOVERY WEEKEND

Retrouvaille– Marriage Recovery Is your marriage in trouble, miserable, dead? Would you like it to come alive? Retrouvaille can give you the communication skills you need to relate to one other in a more respectful and emotionally mature way. The next weekend is in Sacramento, July 13 – 15. For more information call (800) 470-2230, email 6013@retrouvaille.org or visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.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.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

The registration form for the 2018-2019 CFF year is on the website. If you were enrolled last year, you will receive your "easy" registration in the mail by the end of June. The calendar is being revised and will be on the website soon. If you have questions about registering for CFF classes, please call 916-966-4314. Have a wonderful summer!

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.

NEW CHURCH BULLETIN COMING SOON

St. Mel staff is excited to announce that we will have new church bulletin beginning July 1st. The new bulletin will be in full color with more pages and more information to help you learn about what is happening in our parish. Ads can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsorship ad for a non-profit organization. Please consider advertising in the bulletin, since revenue from the ads will make the bulletin possible at no cost to St. Mel. Advertising in the bulletin is a great way to promote your business, while connecting with the community and benefitting the church at the same time. For advertising information, contact Gina Shaughnessy, our parish representative from Liturgical Publications, Inc., at 916-200-8979 or gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Knights of Columbus Council 6066 is seeking volunteers to help at a new build site for a family in need. The next build weekend is June 29th. If you're over 16 and want to help, you're welcome! Helping isn't reserved just for the young or skilled professional. They have jobs for all types of skills and abilities and they'll train you! You just might get your hands a little dirty! Contact GK Michael Ochoa at 916-730-3178 or mnkochoa@pacbell.net to get on the volunteer list or for more details.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Sunday: 12-1pm, 1-2pm, 6-7pm,
7-8pm, 10 -11pm
Monday: 3 - 4pm
Wednesday: 4 - 5pm
Thursday: 12-1pm
Friday: 10-11am, 6-7pm
Saturday: 9-10am, 1-2pm, 2-3pm,
3-4pm, 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"

Commentators & Altar Servers June 30th & July 1st

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Sweeney	John Paul & Vincent
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison / Kreamer	Matthew & Sarah
SUN 10:00AM	Fisher / Cantrall	Jack, Max & Alexandra
SUN 4:30 PM	Swetland / Styer M	Victor & Augustine

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 WEDNESDAY** to be included in the next bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulletin Weekend Dates 2018	Articles DUE Prior To WEDNESDAY
June 30 - July 1 July 7 - 8 July 14 - 15 July 21 - 22	June 20 June 27 July 4 July 11

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take the Peter's Pence Collection which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly food drive THIS weekend, June 23rd & 24th. Your generosity is appreciated.

JACK ROLAND'S ORDINATION

The Vocations Ministry Team invites all parishioners to the Parish Center on Saturday, June 30th for livestream coverage of Jack Roland's ordination to the Permanent Diaconate from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Please arrive by 9:45AM. The livestreaming of the Mass will begin at 10:00AM. This year, the diocese will ordain 27 men representing 24 parishes to the Permanent Diaconate, a record number for our diocese! Let us thank God for the response of so many men responding to God's call to assist our Priests at the Altar.

Deacon Jack will be preaching at all the Masses the weekend of July 7th & 8th. There will be a reception following the Saturday Vigil Mass on July 7th in the Parish Center. Please join us to congratulate Deacon Jack and to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and libations.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 711 T Street in Sacramento on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us in praying for vocations. The evening will include Adoration/Benediction, a Vocation Story, time for questions and answers and fellowship.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for June. Please place special emphasis this month on...*Social Networks*

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.



God intended it for good to accomplish... the saving of many lives. -Gen 50:20

Reflection: One of the simplest ways to stop abortions is to go to the facilities where the abortions happen and talk to the women who are walking in.

"Sidewalk counseling" is legal in every state, and has saved countless lives. Training is available from pro-life organizations.

Prayer: Lord, may You give all sidewalk counselors grace and wisdom, patience and perseverance. Save many lives and souls through their loving intervention.

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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.

RETREAT AT CHRIST THE KING

A one-day religious retreat will be conducted at Christ the King Retreat Center on Friday July 13th. The director of the Retreat Center, Fr. Giltus, will be the retreat master. The 8:30AM to 3:00PM retreat will include morning coffee and a noon meal. During the day there will be a Mass, conferences, rosary, and opportunity for confession. For further information, call Don Varley, 916-772-5558.

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.)

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

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: _____				

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

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Denny Shunta	952-4502
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 Group	Malcolm MacDonald	916-869-6787
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Malcolm MacDonald	916-869-6787
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Michael Faber	719-5565
Catholics Return Home	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study	Cheryl Hoffmann / Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
Parish Library		
LITURGICAL SERVICES		
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
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
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
Women's Cursillo Group	Brenda McCollum	502-6693
Legion of Mary	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		
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
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
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