



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Psalm 65:12

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 16, 2017

#### July 16, 2017 – The Power of the Word

In the First Reading, we learn about the power of the Word. In Hebrew theology “*the word*” is an expression of God’s will. Words are not just symbolic representations, but in some way *make present* the object represented by the word. Words produce reality (e.g. the words of consecration effect the Eucharist). In the creation story, we hear God speak words and all things are made. Thus, when God’s word is poured out upon the earth, it makes His presence a reality, as in the case of the Eucharist, for example. God’s word is a seed which produces an abundant harvest. The Responsorial, Psalm 65, connects the First Reading and the Gospel, referring to the fertility of God’s word as a seed sown in the fields. This part of Psalm 65 speaks of the bounty God showers upon the earth. The Israelites are making a courageous profession of faith, saying Yahweh is not just the only God, but that He is also the God of the harvest, the One who causes all good things to happen on earth (in stark contrast to the pagan worship of fertility gods and the former Jewish belief that Yahweh was a god of the desert). In the Second Reading, we see how sin changed the world. When Adam and Eve sinned, death and alienation entered the world that God had created good. They were alienated from: God (hiding from Him), each other (blaming each other), and creation (the enmity between them and the serpent). Sin destroyed the unity and corrupted the goodness of creation. But God’s Spirit was breathed into us; we and creation have been renewed. The Spirit cries out within us that we are God’s children now. Today’s Gospel presents the parable of the seed to be sown. Jesus explains the mysteries of faith in a way we can understand. He wants us to realize that we have a solemn responsibility to cooperate with God’s grace in our lives. It’s not enough to merely think nice thoughts about God, we must dedicate our minds, our lives and all we possess to the service of His Kingdom; anything less will not produce true peace in the Kingdom, which begins here and now. It is He who sows the word of God in our hearts. We can carefully and lovingly prepare the soil within by acts of kindness, penance, and conversion; thus will we yield a rich harvest for everlasting life.

#### Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

##### Sunday 7/16/2017

- 8:00 AM (R) Dennis Creedon by Joe & Rosemary Carnaroli
- 8:00 AM (R) Carlos Cruz by Cynthia Gagnon
- 10:00 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members  
by Gene Moody
- 4:30 PM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

##### Monday 7/17/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Rod Liceralde by Arceli

##### Tuesday 7/18/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

- \*8:30 AM (R) Tom Gruneisen by Kathy Baxter

##### Wednesday 7/19/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Daniel & Lisa Garcia & Family  
By Jim & Yolanda Carlson
- 8:30 AM (I) Mary White by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

##### Thursday 7/20/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Renato Lasat by Lasat Family

##### Friday 7/21/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Fred Salter by Dorothy East
- 8:30 AM (R) William Bushman by Family

##### Saturday 7/22/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Helen Kirkish by Delano Kirkish
- 4:30 PM (I) Joseph Juten by Karen Juten

##### Sunday 7/23/2017

- 8:00 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
- 10:00 AM (R) Shirley Scalise by Mark & Julie Handy
- 4:30 PM (R) Isaac Barron by Pat Scott

#### Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Mammano N / Mammano F Michael / John	Men’s Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Kreamer / Wagner Da Sebastian / Lucas	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Grass / Juten K Marcus / Matthew	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Wagner M / Handy Kate & David	Youth Choir

#### ST. MEL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION DATE CHANGE

The St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund collection will be taken up one week early, the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Missionary Cooperative Appeal weekend is August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and Father Pascal Siben will be here to speak about the priests in the Diocese of Kikwit in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa.

#### ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

The St. Mel Youth Group will meet several times this summer. All high school youth are invited to join the fun on July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00PM in the St. Mel Convent.

On Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the Small Hall, all youth are invited to hear Doug Barry, co-host of EWTN’s Life on the Rock, speak about the spiritual war raging around us and how to arm your self for battle. After his presentation, Doug will meet with the youth for further discussion.

#### ST. MEL YOUNG ADULTS

Beginning in August, the St. Mel Young Adult group will meet every Third Saturday following the 4:30PM Mass in the Convent. All ages 18-39 are welcome! Hope to see you August 19<sup>th</sup>!

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents and Godparents, there will be a Baptism Preparation Class on **Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM** in the John Paul II Room. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

#### 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 7:30 AM and the other group meets at 9AM, Monday through Saturday.

#### QUO VADIS RETREAT

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites all young men ages 13 to 17 years to the 2nd Annual Quo Vadis (“Where Are You Going?”) Retreat at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. The retreat will be held August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, call 733-0258 or email, [msmith@sced.org](mailto:msmith@sced.org).

#### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples, are you looking for the perfect gift to give your spouse? How about a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend to rekindle your love and to celebrate new beginnings. It's the perfect way to show your spouse how much you love them. Upcoming weekends are: August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento; October 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in Reno, NV; and November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. It is not too early to register for a weekend that you will never forget. For more information visit our website at: <https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact Terry & Janet, 489-3464 or [applications@sacramentowwme.org](mailto:applications@sacramentowwme.org).

#### 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](http://www.stmelschool.org).

#### PARISH BLOOD DRIVE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Annual Summer Parish Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Blood Source of Sacramento will be collecting donations of whole blood from 8:30AM until 12Noon in Doheny Hall. Breakfast will be served in the Small Hall and is free to all donors. Cost for non-donors is \$5 with a maximum of \$15 per family. Everyone is welcome! Come, donate blood, and have breakfast with your fellow parishioners. Last year's response to this Drive was excellent. So much so that the Blood Source has asked us to do it again. Let's see if we can top last year's total! Yes, you do save lives by donating. For questions or more information, contact Chris Ward, [wardchris@hotmail.com](mailto:wardchris@hotmail.com) or 989-4572.

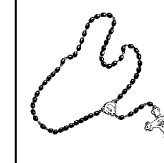
#### THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Join our students in finding out what the Catholic Church believes, and how you may be received into the Church Jesus started! Our ministry is year around. It is never too late to start your own spiritual journey of discovery! For more information call Michael Faber ,719-5565.

#### MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE

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 Catholics. The number of subscriptions available is limited, so don't wait! Subscription rate is \$3.75 per issue.

#### ST. MEL GIFTS



St. Mel Gifts is open after all weekend Masses. 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, 722-1965.

#### CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



**Perpetual Adoration  
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**  
**Sunday: 4 - 5am, 10 - 11am,  
5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm**  
**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”.

#### 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 2017	Articles DUE Prior To <b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>July 22 - 23</b>	<b>July 14</b>
<b>July 29 - 30</b>	<b>July 21</b>
<b>August 5 - 6</b>	<b>July 28</b>
<b>August 12 - 13</b>	<b>August 4</b>

**FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP**

You are invited to Matthew Kelly's FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC: *How Engaging 1% of Catholics Could Change the World* Discussion group! Please join us at 6:30PM in the former convent, on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss Chapter 1, "Incredible Possibilities," pages 9-37. There are 6 chapters and we will meet monthly. This is an opportunity to enrich your Catholic faith and enjoy fellowship, as we bring the "genius of Catholicism" to life. Any questions? Call Martha Styer, 962-3307. A free copy of book is available at [dynamic-catholic.com](http://dynamic-catholic.com).

**PARISH MINISTRY FAIR**

Mark your calendars for the St. Mel Parish Ministry Fair the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way to learn about the different ministries at St. Mel and help you find that special group you may want to join. The fair will be held in the Parish Center and all ministries are invited to reserve a table for the event. Please call Denny, 952-4502 or email, [deshunta@comcast.net](mailto:deshunta@comcast.net) to reserve your ministry's table. We will accommodate as many groups as there is room for, so sign up early!

**CHRIST THE KING RETREAT**


All are invited to a one-day retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30AM to 3:00PM. The retreat is sponsored by the Precious Blood Apostolate, but the subject is pertinent and appropriate for all. Fr. Giltus Mathias, the Passionist Order Director at the center, will be the retreat director for the day and will be available for conferences, confessions and the afternoon Mass. The \$51 fee is for Retreat Center costs and includes a noon meal. For further information, call Don Varley, 772-5558

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for July. Please place special emphasis this month on...*Lapsed Christians*.

*That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.*



None of us lives for himself, and none of us dies for himself. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. —Rom 14:7-8

**Reflection:** There are two basic truths that each person has to admit in this life: 1. There is a God. 2. It isn't me. To understand these lessons is to understand why evils like contraception, abortion, and euthanasia are wrong.

Only God has absolute dominion over human life and over its coming and going.

**Prayer:** In life and death, O Lord, abide with me. I am Yours.

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**REMINDER**

**Please do not leave valuables in your cars when you are at Mass. There have been several break-ins in the parking lot.**

**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.)

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

<b>Quick Registration St. Mel Catholic Church</b>	<b>Envelopes?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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. July 5, 2017)
<b>PARISH COUNCILS</b>		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
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	Giovanna Bellocci	Call the Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocci	Call Parish Office
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	686-7020
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
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
<b>LITURGICAL SERVICES</b>		
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
<b>PRAYER ADVOCACY</b>		
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
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>		
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
<b>St. Mel Pro-Life Group:</b>		
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
<b>PARISH ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
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