



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

July 30, 2017 – Open to God’s call

In the First Reading, God is speaking to Solomon in a dream. Solomon is offered whatever he wants. God is greatly pleased by Solomon’s request for *wisdom* (not power or worldly riches) in order to better govern his people. God grants his noble desire, and Solomon became known throughout Jewish history as the wisest of kings. In the Responsorial Psalm, we find the Jewish attitude toward law, God’s commands, to be one of great gratitude. They saw God’s law as, His wisdom expressed, and an incredible gift of mercy. In their view, God showed them how to live the good life by giving them His commandments. May we follow their exemplary attitude toward God’s commands and see the life-giving power of His laws. In the Second Reading, St Paul explains what it means to be predestined. God called us into existence with love, and predestined (*invited*) us to share in His life. Predestination is an *invitation*. It is a process: He calls us, then pursuant to our response, He justifies us; then finally, He glorifies us in the next life. This great love God has for us fills us with awe and tremendous gratitude. Today’s Gospel gives us three allegories to show the kind of response we can have to encountering God’s kingdom. The desire to abandon previously considered priorities in order to acquire the much more precious (*like selling all to purchase a field of buried treasure or an extremely valuable pearl*) or deciding to say no to lesser goods to obtain a greater good. The third and last allegory revisits the theme of the final separation of the good from the bad at the end of time, reminding us that in the meantime we must choose between the kingdom of light and that of darkness. At the end is the story of the good scribe, which serves as an important reminder to be willing to go beyond our usual preferences in order to find the good and the true wherever it is, otherwise we might miss out on something God wants us to know.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



**Perpetual Adoration
GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:**
Sunday: 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm
Tuesday: 10 - 11am
Wednesday: 3 - 4am
Thursday: 6 - 7am
Friday: 4 - 5pm
**Saturday: 3 - 4am, 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 7/30/2017

8:00 AM (R) Isaac Barron by Knights of Columbus
 10:00 AM (R) Chock Ohana by Audrey Swiderek
 4:30 PM (R) Dan Cabral by Don & Mary Pat Jones

Monday 7/31/2017

8:30 AM (R) Claire Bourne by Audrey Swiderek

Tuesday 8/1/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Carl Bjorenthun by Audrey Swiderek

Wednesday 8/2/2017

8:30 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted

Thursday 8/3/2017

8:30 AM (I) Theresa Cabrera by Bertha

Friday 8/4/2017

8:30 AM (R) Noble Leo Morton by Harrison Morton
 8:30 AM (R) John Warhach by Barbara Prayter

Saturday 8/5/2017

8:30 AM (I) Jonathan Koenig by Dolores Moniz
 4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 8/6/2017

8:00 AM (R) Pomposa & Saturnino Abella
 by Dina Oswald & Family
 10:00 AM (R) Huey Dell Butler by Helen Butler
 10:00 AM (R) Isaac Barron by Karen Field
 4:30 PM (R) Elizabeth Payne by Hallissy Family

You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.

-Saint Therese of Lisieux

Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers August 5th & 6th

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Faber / Nagel Josephine, Jason & Janelle	Men’s Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner P / Styer Grace & Vincent	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Wagner J / Lehman Fred & Michael	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Karelius / Wagner M Ryan & David	Youth Choir

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Monthly Food Collection for the needy THIS weekend, July 29th & 30th.

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION DATE CHANGE

The St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund collection will be taken up THIS weekend, July 29th & 30th. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

The St. Mel Youth Group will meet July 30th and August 13th from 5:30-8:00PM in the St. Mel Convent. All high school youth are invited to join the fun!

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 19th!

LITURGY SPECIALIZATION COURSE

Ever wonder why we do what we do at Mass? Find the answers during the Liturgy Specialization Course at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Rocklin. This five-part course begins Saturday, August 26th and will cover all the basic teachings of the Church on the sacraments, liturgy, worship and prayer. This series is especially useful for liturgy committee members, liturgy coordinators, liturgical ministers, musicians, as well as teachers, catechists and those who do sacramental preparation. Completion of this series leads to Liturgy Specialization Certificate from DEC. If interested you can register online at www.catholic.formstack.com/forms/liturgy_specialization or call the Office of Worship, 733-0221

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.

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 4th - 6th in Sacramento; October 6th - 8th in Reno, NV; and November 3rd - 5th 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.

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. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks our wonderful St. Mel parishioners who contributed to our ministry with donations of food and money last month. Your generosity allowed us to help 439 people in need with rent, clothing, beds, hospital visits, counseling and food. Your donations have helped feed between 70 and 80 homeless people a hot meal each Monday. As always, the Society is grateful for the Knights of Columbus who provide us with canned goods from their monthly food collection. Thank you to our group of seamstresses who sew dresses for little girls. Over 2,000 dresses have been distributed over the last two years. If you would like to be a part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s efforts to help the needy, please join us any Tuesday after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. Jude room. For more information call, 827-2650.

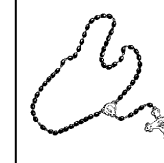
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents and Godparents, there will be a Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference room. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

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.

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 FRIDAY
August 5 - 6 August 12 - 13 August 19 - 20 August 26 - 27	July 28 August 4 August 11 August 18

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 15th. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Deacon Pescetti will be conducting a training class for new Eucharistic Ministers, in the Church, on Wednesday, August 16th, at 6:00 PM. Any adult parishioner who wishes to partake in this rewarding ministry should plan on attending. For additional information, call Bill or Joyce Savage, 944-1374.

REMINDER

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING


Altar Server Training is never out of season. Orientation and training for new servers is available as needed after school and on weekends. *Refresher and update sessions are also available.* Interested students and parents may contact Dave Murray, 716-5187 or e-mail dddmurray@comcast.net. Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

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.



A priest happened to be traveling along that same road, but when he saw him he passed by on the other side. -Lk 10:31

Reflection: Perhaps the priest and Levite walked by the victim on the roadside because they thought the robbers were around the corner waiting to attack them. They asked, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?"

The Samaritan reversed the question and asked, "If I do *not* stop to help this man, what will happen to *him*?"

Prayer: Lord, may I stop calculating the risk to myself, and instead ask what will happen to the vulnerable if I don't help them.

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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 | Gianna Atilano | Keith Sprengle |
| Alan Cheuse | Grace Barrios | King David Chico |
| Alex Quiroz | Gregory David | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Amanda Barron | Helen S. Worthington | 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 |
| Catherine Leddy | Jim Maher | Michael Elorduy |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Joanne Kim | Michael English |
| Cheryl Richardson | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michael J. Martinez |
| Chris Stabile | Johanna Ross | Michelle Atwood |
| Christian Dimitri | John & Judy English | Mollie Dear |
| Daniel Schwartz, III | John Forrest | Nellie Henson |
| Dave Kangas | John Langland | Nick Tenaglia |
| Dave Knokey | Josefina Gonzalez | P. J. Spain |
| Deana Landingham | John Wise, Jr. | Patty Arcenequx- Conti |
| Delfina Rodriguez | Jose Mascoro | Pilo DeLeon |
| Donald Wise | Joseph Dimitri | Ray Willey |
| Dora V. Marczak | Joseph Jacin | Rendtor Ramirez |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Joseph McCormick | Richard Robinson |
| Eduardo Murallon | Judy Spinelli | Robert Atkinson |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Karen Petersen | Robin Dunton |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Katie Grant | Rodney Wise |
| Garvin Arnett | Katie Henson | Rudy Worthington |
| George Kim | Katie Spain | |

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at a parish in our diocese. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization efforts. In the Diocese of Sacramento, 51 different missions were selected this year to each speak at two parishes. Last year through generous donations, we collected \$426,500 for 48 missions.

Next weekend, August 5th & 6th, St. Mel will be visited by Father Pascal Siben from the Diocese of Kikwit in the Republic of the Congo in Africa. Fr. Siben will share with us the courageous evangelization efforts of the 221 priests in the Diocese of Kikwit and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field.

The 221 local priests of the Diocese of Kikwit do not receive any salary, or mass stipends, and often go without food allocation because the diocese cannot afford to financially support these ministers of the Eucharist. They work tirelessly in their ministry of 1.6 million Catholics, out of a population of 2.5 million people, and may walk dozens of miles to provide sacraments to the faithful who live in remote locations. Bishop Mununu of Kikwit, sought \$45,000 per year to provide our priests with means to reach out to the 1.6 million Catholics in need of sacraments and priestly presence to keep their Catholic faith alive. The Missionary Cooperative Appeal will also allow several enthusiastic young men to join the seminary and begin their priestly formation.

A second collection will be taken up following Father Siben's presentation next week. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Donations made by check should be made payable to St. Mel Church. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 51 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 1st-4th. For more information or to register, call 733-0258 or email, msmith@scd.org.

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 or call Claire and Roelof at 802-1089.

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.

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.



ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society needs your help cleaning and preparing the Church for weekend Masses. Time commitment is only one to two hours after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday morning. Please call Linda, 213-2491, with questions or to volunteer.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

Mark your calendars for the St. Mel Parish Ministry Fair the weekend of October 7th & 8th. 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, dcshunta@comcast.net to reserve your ministry's table. We will accommodate as many groups as there is room for, so sign up early!

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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Carmichael is looking for a Ministry Coordinator/Administrative Assistant. This is a full time, salaried position. A complete job description and applications are available in the OLA parish office. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael, 486-9485 or deacon@olaparish.net.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Bereavement Support Group Meetings for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one are held at Mercy San Juan Medical Center 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 6:00-7:30PM, in the conference room on the main level across from the Russell elevators. Sessions are facilitated by staff chaplains. No registration required. No cost. For more information, contact the Spiritual Care Services department, 537-5098, or email: Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org.

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: _____