



For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

ROMANS 11:36

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

August 27, 2017 – Recognition & the Passing of the Torch

The First Reading symbolizes the passing on of power, by the giving over of the robe, sash, and in particular, the keys. This is a precursor of today's Gospel. The passing on of the keys is a sign of lasting power and responsibility, plus the security of the office to be held. Eliakim was being given the authority to make decisions that were binding. The Responsorial Psalm praises the Lord for His gracious love and truthfulness (i.e. His fidelity to His promises). The Lord answers the psalmist's humble prayers and builds up his strength. We must do everything we can with childlike confidence in God, recognizing, that in all difficulties, God is our real strength. Ultimately, all depends on Him. The Second Reading celebrates the mystery of God's plan. His plan is not hidden, but rather so vast and profound that we can't even begin to fully understand it. This doesn't mean we shouldn't try, only that we should recognize that after all our study and prayer throughout life, there exists an infinite wealth of knowledge for us to enjoy for all eternity. In today's Gospel, we find St Peter being renamed in recognition of his new authority and position he receives from God, in the person of Jesus. Simon (*Peter*) recognizes and proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the only Son of the Father. Jesus responds by making him the *rock* or *foundation* of the Church. Peter's new name signifies his new authority, responsibility and power over the forces of evil, which Our Lord declares will not prevail over him nor the Church. Jesus bestows on St Peter the keys of the kingdom, i.e. *the authority that was generally understood in Old Testament times to belong to God alone*. Jesus, as God, is passing on this authority to St Peter. Peter now has the power to loose and bind, the power to decide what in the law is binding. Peter's humble recognition of Jesus as the Christ, prompts Jesus' recognition of Peter as the foundation of His Church. Faith in the One, led to faith in the other.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 8/27/2017

- 8:00 AM (I) Merl & Laurie Susmilch -
50th Wedding Anniversary by Cindy & Bill
10:00 AM (I) Kathleen & John Gunel by Juten Family
10:00 AM (I) Dave & Michelle Lehman -
40th Wedding Anniversary
4:30 PM (R) Judy Kutz by Tom & Maria Johnson

Monday 8/28/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Sietske Schneider by Judy & Jesse Bravo

Tuesday 8/29/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

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

Wednesday 8/30/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Michael Ross by Marie Ross & Family

Thursday 8/31/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Gerry Scotti by Fox Family

Friday 9/1/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Dawna Jones by Family
8:30 AM (I) Fallon Taylor by Family

Saturday 9/2/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Ronald Valerio by Kowalski Family
4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by George Goodwin, Sr.

Sunday 9/3/2017

- 8:00 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted
10:00 AM (R) Benny Lumenta
4:30 PM (R) Ruth Goodwin by John & Rosalie Atilano

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Monthly Food Collection for the needy THIS weekend, August 26th & 27th.

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection NEXT weekend, September 2nd & 3rd is for the St. Mel Maintenance and Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facility. Thank you for your generous support.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

All wedding anniversaries for the month of September will be recognized at all Masses next weekend, September 2nd & 3rd.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents and Godparents, there will be a Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference room. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you have a few hours to volunteer during Immaculate Heart Radio's Pledge Drive? Helping answer phones between the hours of 6AM and 6:30PM the week of September 11th-15th would be a blessing. Meet the announcer staff, enjoy food, fun and fellowship and even win some great books, movies and CD's! Contact Nicole, volunteers@ihradio.org or 888-887-7120 to volunteer. You can also call Frank Abi-Nader, St. Mel Parish Ambassador at 337-9171. Pick up a bumper sticker and a program guide from the rack in the back of the church.

CARMELITE MONASTERY LUNCHEON AND RAFFLE

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Auxiliary and the Auburn Chapter of Knights of Columbus are hosting a Spaghetti Luncheon and Silent Auction to benefit the Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown on Saturday, October 7th from 12-3PM. A beautiful handmade quilt for the Special Quilt Raffle will be on display after all Masses at St. Mel the weekend of September 9th & 10th. The luncheon will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Auburn. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at carmeliteauxiliary.org or by check to Brenda McCollum, 8233 Foxfire Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662.

CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

Men, are you searching for a closer walk with Christ? Are you seeking a better understanding of your faith? If so, now is the time to sign up for a Men's Cursillo Weekend. The Cursillo Movement is based on piety, study and action and has been attended by millions of Catholics worldwide. It is fully endorsed and encouraged by the magisterium of the church. It involves many things including prayer, Mass, study, learning, laughter and fellowship. The men's weekend is September 21st - 24th at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Applegate. For more information visit the Sacramento Cursillo Website or email Denny Shunta at deshunta@comcast.net. It will be a weekend that will be with you the rest of your life!

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF registration is now open. CFF classes will meet Sunday mornings from 9-10AM. Registration fee is \$25 per child. \$65 maximum per family. Please go to stmelchurch.org to print out your registration form.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the generous St. Mel parishioners who contributed to our ministry during the month of July. Because of your generous donations, we were able to feed, pay home visits, and offer financial assistance to pay utilities and rent, for 360 people in need. We also distributed the Holy Eucharist to 111 people who were sick. We traveled 441 non-reimbursable miles with 617 total hours donated. As always, thank you to The Knights of Columbus for their donations to the food locker.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS

Father Stanley Poltorak will be celebrating the Opening Mass of 40 Days for Life on Tuesday, September 26th at 8:00AM at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4123 Robertson Avenue, Sacramento. Bring a friend to celebrate life!

SCRIPTURE & RELIGIOUS STUDY PROGRAM

Scripture and Religious studies will begin again in mid-September. The following studies will be offered:

Monday PM: *The Wildgoose*

Tuesday AM: *Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Old and New Testament*

Tuesday PM: *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*

Tuesday PM: *Epic: Early Church-First 500 Years*

Wednesday AM: *The Wildgoose*

Wednesday PM: Ongoing class

Thursday AM: *Mary: Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*

Thursday PM: *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

Questions? Call Cheryl, 769-4627 or 966-1830 or Karen, 202-0606 or 966-0184.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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

Commentators & Altar Servers September 2nd & 3rd

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Faber	Janelle, Josephine & Jason
SUN 8:00AM	Kreamer / Wagner P	Ryan, John Paul C. & Michael
SUN 10:00AM	Lehman / Welsh	Abbie, Katriel & Collin
SUN 4:30 PM	Ward / Ricafort	Kate, Fred & Michael

Bulletin Weekend Dates 2017

September 2 - 3
September 9 - 10
September 16 - 17
September 23 - 24

Articles DUE Prior To FRIDAY

August 25
September 1
September 8
September 15

FAIR OAKS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6066 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Welcome and congratulations to Brother Knights, Vincent Brown, Ruben De Anda Padilla, Rex Dinneney and Gerald Young for joining our Council this month!

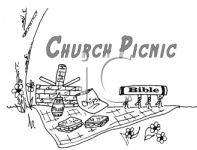
If you're interested in becoming a Knight please stop by our table or see one of our Council Knights after each Mass during our August Membership Drive the weekend of August 26th & 27th. Membership to the KofC has only two requirements: the man must be 18 years of age and must also be a practical Catholic. If you would like more information, contact Membership Director, Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Knight Patrick Wagner, 961-8652.

FAIR OAKS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6066 SMARTPHONE APP AND SOCIAL MEDIA!

Stay connected with Council 6066 events, pictures, news, prayer requests and more with our new smartphone app and social media accounts! Download the free "Knights of Columbus California App" at your iOS or Android app store. Once the app is loaded on your phone search for, "6066" "Fair Oaks" or "St. Mel" in the search field to find our app. Don't forget to save us as a favorite to receive notifications for council activities, prayer requests, volunteer opportunities and MORE! You can also find the app here: www.connectumedia.com/knights-of-columbus-ads/. You can also follow our council on Twitter: @KofCCouncil6066 or Facebook @KofC6066.

3rd ANNUAL ST. MEL PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24th from 12:00 – 5:00PM for the 3rd Annual Parish Picnic! This year the picnic will be at Fair Oaks Park. The Knights of Columbus will be barbequing hamburgers and hot dogs and scooping ice cream at the ice cream bar. There will be contests, games and activities for the young and young at heart! Bring a dish to share if you'd like!




PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



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

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary so that I may behold Your power and Your glory. –Ps 63:3

Reflection: The baby in the manger and the man on the cross do not look like God; yet by faith we know Jesus is no mere man. The Eucharist does not look like Jesus, but we worship Him.

Christians are used to looking beyond appearances. Hence, we can also see in the annoying person, or the person who is unconscious in a hospital bed, or in the unborn child, the image of God.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, grant us to see beyond appearances to the dignity of every life!

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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 | George Kim | Katie Spain |
| Alan Cheuse | Gianna Atilano | Keith Sprengle |
| Alex Quiroz | Grace Barrios | King David Chico |
| Amanda Barron | Gregory David | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Anthony Caillou | Helen S. Worthington | Linda Ramsey |
| Arthur Morton | James A. Martinez | Lydia Melendez |
| Audrey Holden | Jean Crupi | Margaret Anderson |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jeanette Barron | Margaret Valley |
| Candy Barrios | Jerry Esparza | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Carol Maloney | Jerry Smith | Mary Spain |
| Catherine Leddy | Jim Maher | Michael English |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Joanne Kim | Michael J. Martinez |
| Cheryl Richardson | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michelle Atwood |
| Chris Stabile | Johanna Ross | Mildred Jenkins |
| 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 |
| Dawna Jones | John Wise, Jr. | Patty Arcenequex- Conti |
| Deana Landingham | Jose Mascoro | Pilo DeLeon |
| Delfina Rodriguez | Joseph Dimitri | Ray Willey |
| Donald Wise | Joseph Jacin | Rendtor Ramirez |
| Dora V. Marczak | Joseph McCormick | Richard Robinson |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Judy Spinelli | Robert Atkinson |
| Eduardo Murallon | Karen Petersen | Robin Dunton |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Katie Grant | Rodney Wise |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Katie Henson | Rudy Worthington |
| Garvin Arnett | | Victoria Hummer |

MERCY SAN JUAN HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER GUILD

The Mercy San Juan Hospital Volunteer Guild is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are asked to work two 4-hour shifts per month. They help the hospital by working in the gift shop, escorting patients and visitors, facilitating registration, and assisting in the NICU. Bake sales are held to fund adult scholarships and special projects for the hospital. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Gallagher, 965-3479 or the Volunteer Office, 537-5298.

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@ieec.org or 961-8652.

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.

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!


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.

SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER

The Sacramento Life Center cordially invites you to join us for our Annual Gala at The Hyatt Regency in Downtown Sacramento on November 4th. Please join us for a no-host reception with our guest speaker, author and Abortion Survivor, Melissa Ohden. Dinner will be served at 6:30PM followed by a live auction and raffle.

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.

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.

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 dddmmurray@comcast.net. Information forms for parents of servers are available in the church vestibule or upon request via e-mail.

REMINDER

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

MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

EVERY good, young, practicing Catholic man who loves Jesus Christ and his church should ask himself this question:

Is Jesus Christ calling ME to become a priest?

How do you answer this question? Have you taken the time to gather good information about the priesthood?

The Melchizedek Project series and discussions will help you gain the spiritual tools to discern your true vocation and become a better Catholic man in whatever vocation God is calling you to, whether it's to the priesthood, religious life, married or single life in generous service to Christ.

Open to all young men (18-30s) in the Diocese of Sacramento. The sessions are led by a priest and are confidential. First session begins Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7-8:30PM, at St. Mel Parish in the St. Jude Room.

This is seven part program and the cost is free. You will be given a copy of a book to help with discussions, but to ensure adequate supplies, please pre-register with the Diocesan Vocations Office, 733-0258.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

If you or someone you know is considering returning to the Catholic Church, St. Mel can provide assistance. Help is available throughout the year. Contact St. Mel Parish Office, 967-1229 or Karen, 966-0184.

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: 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.

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: _____