



Come let us sing
joyfully to the Lord..

Psalm 95:1

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

September 10, 2017 – Prayer invites His Presence

The First Reading from Ezekiel speaks of the obligation to witness to the truth, especially when it involves the conduct of those around us. When we observe others who have gotten into trouble by sinning against God's law, we are obliged, it is our responsibility, to honestly, humbly share the truth with them. When we do so, we must be careful to be kind, not self-righteous; for it is a grace, a gift from God, to see the truth and witness to it; not something we earned. If they refuse to change their ways, then the responsibility is theirs. Today's Responsorial is two-dimensional. On the one hand, it's a song of praise to God, our rock, our Shepherd, our guide. On the other, it's a call to conversion, reminding us to be obedient to God, our Savior and Shepherd. It reminds us not to rebel or doubt as the Jews did in Massah and Meribah. By sin we reject God's guidance. He does not stop loving us, rather we have turned our backs on His love. Sin hardens the heart and brings death. In the Second Reading, St Paul speaks about love as the greatest commandment, the fulfillment of all the precepts of the law. When we love our neighbor as we would like to be loved ourselves, then we fulfill the law. This means not only not doing evil to others, but also going beyond that, seeking the good for the other. We are called to avoid the sins of omission and commission. In today's Gospel, Jesus is instructing us on how to deal with someone who has sinned against us. We are to go to them directly, to try to solve the problem. If that fails, then take a few witnesses the next time. It's important to remember that we confront them for their own good, not for revenge or to control them. Jesus also speaks of the authority given to His disciples to bind and loose, as well as the *power of prayer*. This power is not to be underestimated. When two or more gather in His name, to pray to Him, He will be present to them to guide them.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday 9/10/2017

8:00 AM (R) Shirley Scalise by Mark & Julie Handy
10:00 AM (I) Robert Ahern, Jr. & Family
by Adele Germoles
4:30 PM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

Monday 9/11/2017

8:30 AM (I) Fr. Bernard Schneider - 50th Jubilee

Tuesday 9/12/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Rachael Ferris

Wednesday 9/13/2017

8:30 AM (I) 54th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 9/14/2017

8:30 AM (R) Martha Riley by Jack & Victoria Sapunor

Friday 9/15/2017

8:30 AM (I) Will, Heather & Michelle Donnelly
By Matt & Sara Donnelly

Saturday 9/16/2017

8:30 AM (R) Clara Ann Moody & All Family Members
By Gene Moody
4:30 PM (I) Damen & Ann Graham by Rosemary Easter

Sunday 9/17/2017

8:00 AM (R) Virginia & Charles Oswalt
by Dina Oswalt & Family
10:00 AM (I) Aaron Thompson & Family by Parishioner
10:00 AM (I) Thanksgiving by Susan Myers
4:30 PM (R) Theresa Padilla by Kathy Baxter

One must see God in everyone.

~ St. Catherine Laboure

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Perpetual Adoration

GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Sunday: 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm

Tuesday: 10 - 11am

Wednesday: 3 - 4am

Thursday: 1 - 2pm

Friday: 4 - 5pm

Saturday: 3 - 4am, 11 - 12noon, 1 - 2pm,
2 - 3pm, 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 16th & 17th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Mammano N / Mammano F	John Paul, Ella & Matthew
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner Do / Styer	Isabella, Andrew & Claire
SUN 10:00AM	Grass / Abi Nader	Sophia & Wyatt
SUN 4:30 PM	Karelius / Wagner M	Alexandra, Max & Jack

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

The second collection this weekend is for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This fund provides for the well-being and basic needs of our retired priests. The fund supports the growing number of retired priests in our diocese, many of whom continue their ministry even after they have officially retired. Your donation is a thank you for their devotion and service to the diocese. Your generosity is appreciated.

NEW ROSARY TIMES

Effective September 3rd, the Rosary before each Mass will begin 1 hour prior to the Mass.

Mass Time	Rosary Time
4:30PM	3:30PM
8:00AM	7:00AM
10:00AM	9:00AM
4:30PM	3:30PM

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS DATE CHANGE

Parents and Godparents, the Baptism Preparation Class will be held on **Monday, September 11th** at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference room. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

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!

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. Classes begin Sunday, September 10th.

3rd ANNUAL ST. MEL PARISH PICNIC



Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 24th from 12:00 - 5:00PM. The picnic will be at Fair Oaks Park. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing 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! Please bring a dish to share!

VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Knights of Columbus Council 6066 and St. Mel Parish have another opportunity to help with Habitat for Humanity. This month we will be helping Della Reed, a widow of Air Force Veteran, William "Bill" Jackson. Della qualified for assistance from the Habitat for Humanity Veteran Home Repair Program. To help, the Knights of Columbus are coordinating volunteer days on September 28th & 29th. All tools are provided by Habitat for Humanity and anyone ages 16 and up with any skill level is welcome. To volunteer please contact Deputy Grand Knight Mike Ochoa, MNKOchoa@pacbell.net or 730-3178.

Thank you to those in our parish who have donated their time and talents on previous work days: **Terry Andrade, John Atilano, Al Gomez, Donna Gomez, Michael Faber, Pat Miles, Michael Ochoa, Marcus A. Muñoz, Catia Muñoz, Diane Nye, and Howard Tank.**

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.

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
September 16 - 17 September 23 - 24 Sept 30 - Oct 1 October 7 - 8	September 8 September 15 September 22 September 29

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

The St. Mel Parish Ministry Fair will be held after all Masses 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.

For those ministries who have not reserved a table yet, please do so as soon as you can. The fair will be held in the Parish Center, and while it is our desire to accommodate ALL active ministries, there is limited space. Please call Denny, 952-4502 or email, deshunta@comcast.net to reserve your ministry's table.

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.

NEW MASS TIME

Thanks to the arrival of Father Cormac Lacre, an additional weekday Mass will be added. Beginning September 18th, there will be a 12noon Mass Monday - Friday.

SACRAMENTO CATHOLICS AT WORK

Sacramento Catholics at Work presents "Questions and Insights on Business from a Catholic Perspective." A panel discussion featuring Deacon Larry Hiner, St. Joseph's Parish Elk Grove, Deacon Anthony Pescetti, St. Mel's Parish Fair Oaks and Deacon Michael Tateishi, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Carmichael. The focus will be "What it means to be a Catholic in today's business environment." The discussion will take place at Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights CA 95610 on Thursday, September 14th. Mass will be at 6:30AM followed by breakfast and the panel discussion. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. Register online at <https://saccatholicsatwork.org>. For more information contact Dominick Anton at Dominick.Anton@ampf.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



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

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



Deliver us from the evil one. -Mt 6:13

Reflection: The evil of September 11, 2001 was not simply that lives were lost, but that some human beings had a blatant contempt for the right of other human beings to live. The same contempt for human life is found in every abortion clinic.

What moral difference does it make if the instrument of death is an airplane or surgical forceps? The evil we fight is a reflection of the evil we do.

Prayer: Lord, on this sad anniversary I resolve to defend all life, whatever threatens it.

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

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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| Al Volmer | Garvin Arnett | Katie Spain |
| Alan Cheuse | George Kim | Keith Sprengle |
| Alex Quiroz | Gianna Atilano | King David Chico |
| Amanda Barron | Grace Barrios | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Anthony Caillou | Gregory David | Linda Ramsey |
| Arthur Morton | Helen S. Worthington | Lydia Melendez |
| Audrey Holden | James A. Martinez | Margaret Anderson |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jean Crupi | Margaret Valley |
| Candy Barrios | Jeanette Barron | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Carol Maloney | Jerry Esparza | Mary Spain |
| Catherine Leddy | Jerry Smith | Michael English |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Jim Maher | Michael J. Martinez |
| Cheryl Richardson | Joanne Kim | Michelle Atwood |
| Chris Stabile | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michelle Keyawa |
| 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 |
| | | 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.

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The Divine Savior Women's Ministry will host a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 16th. The theme is "Soul Collage" a spiritual enrichment process creating story card collages. No art skill required! Sr. Margie Will, OSF, and Executive Director of Franciscan Living will lead the day. Cost is \$25. For more information or to register, call Zori Friedrich, WinGS Co-Chair, 635-7791 or email, zori@att.net.

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.

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.

FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

You are invited to a discussion group of Matthew Kelly's *FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC: How Engaging 1% of Catholics Could Change the World*. Please join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30PM in the former convent. We will discuss **Chapter 2** ("Are You Spiritually Healthy," pages 41-71). We will meet monthly to discuss the chapters. Subsequent meetings will be October 17; November 14; December 12 and January 23. This is an opportunity to enrich your Catholic faith and enjoy fellowship as we bring the "genius of Catholicism" to life. Questions? Call Martha Styer, 962-3307. A free copy of book is available at dynamiccatholic.com.

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 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 get to our app. To download use the QR Code or visit <https://connectumedia.com/knights-of-columbus-ads/>. You can also follow our council on Twitter (@KofCCouncil6066) or Facebook (@KofC6066).

JOIN THE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Membership to the Knights of Columbus has only two requirements:

- The man must be 18 years of age
- Then he must also be a practical Catholic

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director Michael Ochoa, 730-3178 or Grand Patrick Wagner, 961-9652.

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 www.sacramentowwme.org or contact Terry & Janet, email applications@sacramentowwme.org or 489-3464.

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: _____				