



# The Lord is kind and merciful

Responsorial Psalm

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 17, 2017

### September 17, 2017 – Saved by His love

No matter how many times God provided for His people they would find fault and complain. God couldn't take their constant complaining anymore, so He punished them by sending poisonous serpents. After great suffering, the people repented and Moses interceded for them. God's remedy was to have the people look upon a bronze serpent they were to hang on a pole. Typical of the ancient world, people made votive offerings in the shape of the body part that was problematic. The serpent hanging from the pole foreshadows Jesus hanging on the cross. Whoever looks upon Him with faith is saved from the curse of the snake (Adam's first sin). The Responsorial, Psalm 78, contrasts God's eternal fidelity to us, with our infidelity to Him. If God were truly just, He would have destroyed His people long ago, for they deserved this punishment for all the times they turned away from Him and constantly complained against Him, despite His numerous interventions. However, God always forgave and showed great mercy. If we follow His example and live in His mercy, mercy shall be ours. The Second Reading gives us a beautiful example of Jesus' profound humility. He surrendered His Divine prerogative, in order to serve us as a man. The emptying of self does not mean that He stopped being God, rather it signifies a spirituality of surrender and humility. The ultimate degree of humility was obedience to the Father unto death on the cross. The Father in turn proclaims Jesus as *Lord*, a title affirming His divinity. Today's Gospel is part of a dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that deals with salvation. Hence the allusion to the bronze serpent, the salvific foreshadowing of Jesus on the cross. Jesus came to reveal God's tremendous love for us. We are saved inasmuch as we live that love. We are condemned inasmuch as we reject His love. May our lives be a response to His love in His love.

### 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".

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### 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

#### Monday 9/18/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Ann
- 12:00PM (R) Johanna Ross by Bill & Janet Nagel

#### Tuesday 9/19/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

- \*8:30 AM (R) Rachael Ferris
- 12:00PM (R) Herb Bolz by Bill & Janet Nagel

#### Wednesday 9/20/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Robert & Kim 19th Wedding Anniversary
- 12:00 PM (I) Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
by A Parishioner

#### Thursday 9/21/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family
- 12:00PM (I) Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
By A Parishioner

#### Friday 9/22/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Dave & Michelle Lehman 40th Wedding Anniversary by Corrie & Gerald Young
- 8:30 AM (I) Vincent Lasat Denham by Lasat Family
- 12:00PM (R) Roger Graham by Bill & Kathy Baxter

#### Saturday 9/23/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Charles & Sharon Martin by Susan Myers
- 4:30 PM (I) For All Military Personnel  
by Chris & Karen Juten

#### Sunday 9/24/2017

- 8:00 AM (I) Matt & Brenda Gilbert by Rosemary Easter
- 10:00 AM (R) Rose Hager by Kathy & Frank Hernandez
- 10:00 AM (I) Anh & Dzung Nguyen by Mike & Grace Cao
- 4:30 PM (R) Josh Vogel

### Commentators & Altar Servers September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

| Mass Times  | Commentator       | Altar Servers          |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| SAT 4:30PM  | Faber / Nagel     | David, Andrew & Fred   |
| SUN 8:00AM  | Ward / Kreamer    | Abby, Vincent & Abbie  |
| SUN 10:00AM | Cantrall / Lehman | Ryan, Amaya & Ryan     |
| SUN 4:30 PM | Handy / Wagner M  | Augustine, Kate & Kyle |

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://dynamiccatholic.com).

### NEW ROSARY TIMES

Effective September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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      |

### SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe is having a dining-in fundraiser at Lupita's Mexican Restaurant this weekend. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our Lady's Feast Day celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS

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

### SAVE THE DATE!

September 30<sup>th</sup> is St. Mel School's annual Harvest Festival. Join us from 2pm-7pm for a day of fun with new games and activities! This year we are featuring a climbing wall, horse hop race, beer garden and Saucy Lito's Food Truck. Tickets can be purchased in the school office.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Applegate. For more information visit the Sacramento Cursillo Website or email Denny Shunta at [deshunta@comcast.net](mailto:deshunta@comcast.net). It will be a weekend that will be with you the rest of your life!

### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF registration is on-going. CFF classes meet Sunday mornings from 9-10AM. Registration fee is \$25 per child. \$65 maximum per family. Please go to [stmelchurch.org](http://stmelchurch.org) to print out your registration form. Classes begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ST. MEL PARISH PICNIC



It's Picnic Time!!

Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:MNKOchoa@pacbell.net), 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.**

### GRIEF SHARE

There is a new Ministry beginning at St. Mel and it is called Grief Share. The leaders of this ministry are Diocesan Certified. Grief is a natural process when we lose someone we love. The deeper the love, the deeper the grief. Talking and sharing our feelings and where we are at inside can help us grow and heal. It lets us know we are not alone. If you or anyone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one and could use some help dealing with the grieving process please call Rita, (408) 903-6344 or email [ritaecdao@gmail.com](mailto:ritaecdao@gmail.com).

### 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<br>2017   | Articles DUE<br>Prior To <b>FRIDAY</b>  |
|--|---|
| <b>September 23 - 24</b><br><b>Sept 30 - Oct 1</b><br><b>October 7 - 8</b><br><b>October 14 - 15</b> | <b>September 15</b><br><b>September 22</b><br><b>September 29</b><br><b>October 6</b> |

### PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

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

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](mailto:deshunta@comcast.net) to reserve your ministry's table.

### 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 practicing Catholic

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

### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for Open House on Sunday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and see firsthand why CB is the place to be for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community. Highlights of the day include campus tours including the engineering labs and CB's award-winning television studio - KBFT, an art exhibition, performances by the band and choir, academic department information tables and more. Informational presentations are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Visit [cbhs-sacramento.org](http://cbhs-sacramento.org) to register.

### Source Partners Program

Attention all St. Mel parishioners! When you take the time to donate plasma, platelets, or source plasma at the Blood Source, don't forget to give credit to organization #7390 (Knights of Columbus). Points from this program has earned us an additional \$500 each of the last 2 years to donate to a deserving charity. You don't even have to be a parishioner to participate! Invite your family, friends, and relatives to give #7390 credit for their donations. Blood Source is conveniently located at 11713 Fair Oaks Blvd, here in Fair Oaks. Call (866-822-5663) and make an appointment to donate today!



The winds blew and buffeted that house. And it collapsed with a great crash. –Mt 7:27

**Reflection:** Pro-abortion politicians will say to us, "Abortion is just one of many issues; I embrace a consistent ethic of life."

The foundation of a house is only one of many parts of the house, but it is essential to build the other parts. That is why the bishops teach that the right to life is the foundation of all human rights, and that our priority must be fighting abortion.

**Prayer:** Lord. You warned against building our house on sand. May the right to life itself shape all our efforts for justice.

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### NEW MASS TIME

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

### Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

|                       |                      |                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Al Volmer             | Garvin Arnett        | Katie Spain            |
| Alan Cheuse           | George Kim           | Keith Sprenkle         |
| 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 Arcenequx- Conti |
| Deana Landingham      | Jose Mascolo         | 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        |

*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.*

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|---|------|--|------------|-----------|
| <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                    | 719-5565               |
| 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                             | Aaron Thompson                   | stmelmusic@outlook.com |
| 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                      | 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               |
| <b>Legion of Mary (Day):</b>                        |                                  |                        |
|   | Joyce Savage                     | 342-6179               |
| <b>Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe:</b>            |                                  |                        |
|   | Dolores Leon                     | 337-1800               |
| <b>Prayer Chain:</b>                                |                                  |                        |
|   | Dolores Moniz                    | 962-0571               |
| <b>Fraternity of Fatherhood:</b>                    |                                  |                        |
|   | Mike Allison                     | 834-6226               |
| <b>Men's Cursillo Group:</b>                        |                                  |                        |
|   | 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>Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:</b> |                                  |                        |
|   | Walt Schaff                      | 961-4698               |
| <b>Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:</b>              |                                  |                        |
|   | 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               |
| <b>For Any Changes to Ministry List</b>             |                                  |                        |
|   | Parish Office                    | 967-1229               |