



The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Psalm 145:8

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

#### September 24, 2017 – Human mercy, God’s Mercy

The First Reading is a call to conversion; to seek God while there is still time. We should not waste the opportunity. God wants us to turn away from sin and toward Him, to receive His mercy. This is one of the ways that God’s thoughts are not like ours. His are filled with unfathomable love, mercy and wisdom. The Responsorial Psalm praises God for His gracious mercy and compassion. He is near to all who call on Him; He always reaches out to us. God wants us to realize how much we need Him in our lives. He created us and called us into His life and into His love. He protects us and calls us into His mercy and His glory. Our human standards are not applicable to God’s thoughts and actions. So also His mercy, is beyond our comprehension. In the Second Reading, St Paul shows incredible *availability to God’s will*. He is ready to meet the Lord. After all he has suffered, the prospect of death seems appealing. He realizes that if he lives he could continue to serve the Lord, so it doesn’t matter at all to him whether he lives or dies, as long as he does God’s will. His level of submission to God’s will is our goal. This is not easy to attain, but over a lifetime, we slowly learn to submit, wherever His will may lead us. In today’s Gospel, human justice meets God’s justice. Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard owner who hired workers at all different times of day, paying all the same full day’s wage at the end of the work day, whether they worked just a few hours or the entire day. This caused a jealous reaction among the workers. It did not measure up to *our* way of thinking. Would we be pleased if the person we liked least ended up next to us in heaven? Do we pray for the good of those who harm us? Do we realize that those who hurt us, are hurting themselves more? ... so, are we concerned for them because of that? God has already extended this kind of mercy to us. May we have the grace to extend His kind of mercy to others.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

##### 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 (I) Josh Vogel

##### Monday 9/25/2017

8:30 AM (I) Matt & Brenda Baxter by Bill & Kathy Baxter  
 12:00PM (R) Mildred Jenkins by St. Mel Altar Society

##### Tuesday 9/26/2017 \*MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

\*8:30 AM (R) Frank Franzago by Franzago Family  
 12:00PM (R) Arlette Crane by Matt & Sara Donnelly

##### Wednesday 9/27/2017

8:30 AM (R) Joseph Finnigan by Kathy Leuschen  
 12:00 PM (R) Arlette Crane by Matt & Sara Donnelly

##### Thursday 9/28/2017

8:30 AM (R) Babies that have been aborted  
 12:00PM (R) Arlette Crane by Matt & Sara Donnelly

##### Friday 9/29/2017

8:30 AM (R) Dan Capodanno by Paul & Marti Gohring  
 12:00PM (R) Hartaty by Cell St. Joseph

##### Saturday 9/30/2017

8:30 AM (R) Maria Christina Anderson by Gary Anderson  
 4:30 PM (I) Mien Nguyen by Mike & Grace Cao Family  
 4:30 PM (I) The Cao Family

##### Sunday 10/1/2017

8:00 AM (R) Rita Samcoff by Ed & Family  
 10:00 AM (R) Cecily Terra by John Budd Terra & Family  
 4:30 PM (I) Ramos Family

#### 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

Let us pray for all those in our community who have passed away.

Sister Gertrude Ryan  
 Lucy Terrazas  
 Carol Maloney

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### ST. MEL PARISH PICNIC

Father Aldrin has suggested that the parish picnic, scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, be put on hiatus this year. On our parish calendar, just six days later, is the St. Mel School Harvest Festival, and the school and parent volunteers have been working very hard planning this event. The school has enhanced this year’s festival and we are encouraging all Parishioners to attend and support the festival.

#### ST. MEL SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Mel School’s Annual Harvest Festival is September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-7PM Join us 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.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL PARKING REMINDER

Next Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is the St. Mel School Harvest Festival. If you will be attending the 4:30PM Vigil Mass, please allow extra time to find parking.

#### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Christian Brothers High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11AM to 2PM. Potential students for the 2018-19 school year are welcome to 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 11:30AM and 12:30PM. Visit [cbhs-sacramento.org](http://cbhs-sacramento.org) to register.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-3:00PM. The luncheon will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Auburn. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at [carmeliteauxiliary.org](http://carmeliteauxiliary.org) or by check to Brenda McCollum, 8233 Foxfire Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662.

#### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF classes are now in session. It is not too late to register your children. 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.

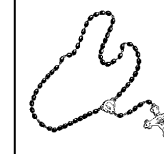
#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS

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!

#### DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy Parish, 2231 Club Center Drive, Sacramento, will be hosting a Divine Mercy Conference from 9:30AM to 4:30PM. Speakers include Jeff Cavins of the Great Adventure Bible series; Sister M. Confida Gilara from St. Faustina’s convent in Boston; and Conor Maher, Youth Minister at Divine Savior Church in Orangevale. All are invited to attend the parish morning Mass at 8:30AM and the Vigil Mass at 5:00PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information call 530-667-2858 or [DivineMercySacramento.org](http://DivineMercySacramento.org).

#### 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: 6 - 7am, 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm  
 Tuesday: 10 - 11am  
 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 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Laywell / Roland	Jason, Josephine & Janelle
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner P / Morrison	John Paul, Lucas, & Sebastian
SUN 10:00AM	Welsh / Abi Nader	Ryan, Marcus & Matthew
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Allison	Michael, Sean & Andrew

#### 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>
Sept 30 - Oct 1 October 7 - 8 October 14 - 15 October 21 - 22	September 22 September 29 October 6 October 13

**PARISH MINISTRY FAIR**



All parishioners are invited to the St. Mel Parish Ministry Fair the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The Ministry Fair will be held in the Parish Center after all Masses that weekend. Light refreshments will be served but the main focus will be to help parishioners learn about the different ministries at St. Mel. Perhaps you will find that special group that you would like to be a part of.

Questions or to reserve your ministry's table, call Denny, 952-4502 or email, [deshunta@comcast.net](mailto:deshunta@comcast.net).

**SOURCE PARTNERS PROGRAM**

Attention all St. Mel parishioners! When you take the time to donate plasma, platelets, or source plasma at Blood Source, please remember to give credit to organization #7390 (Knights of Columbus). Points from this program have earned the Knights an additional \$500 in each of the last two 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 located at 11713 Fair Oaks Blvd. Call 866-822-5663 to make an appointment to donate today,

**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.

**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.*



Actually, this is just a pitiful imitation of legality; it contradicts, at its very foundation, the ideal of democracy, which can only be real when it acknowledges and protects the dignity of every human life. –The Gospel of Life, 20

**Reflection:** Simply because a law may be passed “in the proper way” does not automatically mean it is legitimate.

Authentic law serves the good of people, and the protection of their rights.

**Prayer:** Lord, may legislators and judges see the foundations of authentic law.

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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**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Al Volmer             | George Kim           | Keith Sprenkle          |
| Alan Cheuse           | Gianna Atilano       | King David Chico        |
| Alex Quiroz           | Grace Barrios        | Latasha Rodriguez       |
| Amanda Barron         | Gregory David        | Linda Ramsey            |
| Anthony Caillou       | Helen S. Worthington | Lydia Melendez          |
| Arthur Morton         | James A. Martinez    | Margaret Anderson       |
| Audrey Holden         | Jean Crupi           | Margaret Valley         |
| Bob Ahern, Sr.        | Jeanette Barron      | Mary Alyce Gisla        |
| Candy Barrios         | 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        |
| Garvin Arnett         | Katie Spain          | Victoria Hummer         |

**SISTER GERTRUDE RYAN**

We are very sorry to announce that after a long illness, Sr. Gertrude Ryan passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017. She arrived in Sacramento in 1960 from the Convent of Mercy Doon, County Lemerick, Ireland. She retired in 2010 and returned to Ireland where she spent the remaining 7 years until her death on September 15. Sr. Gertrude is well-remembered for her many years of service at St. Mel Church and School where she faithfully served and assisted unselfishly the various groups of the parish, including The Legion of Mary. Her major contribution, however, was teaching and preparing students to receive First Penance and First Holy Communion. She did this willingly and was at her happiest working with the children. She will be long-remembered for her kindness and gentle spirit.



**September 16th**

Thomas Missildine  
Son of Hunter & Dhoreena Missildine

**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](mailto:patrick.wagner@ieec.org) or 961-8652.

**ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

St. Francis Catholic High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, October 8th from 12-3:00PM. Come meet teachers and coaches, take a campus tour, enjoy a wonderful performing arts showcase, and discover the St. Francis advantage! A hot dog lunch will be provided and welcome presentations will take place at 12:15PM and 1:30PM. For more information and to pre-register, please go to [stfrancis.org/openhouse](http://stfrancis.org/openhouse).

**SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Sacramento Life Center is in need of baby supplies for low-income new moms. Gift baskets filled with clothing, diapers and supplies are given to every patient after her baby is born. Please consider donating: clothing (up to size 18 mos), diapers (especially size 3,4,5) and other baby items like shampoo, lotion, bibs, hats, pacifiers, blankets, etc. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM at Sacramento Life Center, 2316 Bell Executive Lane in Sacramento. For more information please call, 451-4357. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

Attention Parents and Godparents. The next Baptism Preparation class will be October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you would like to attend this class, please call the church office to register. 967-1229.

**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.

**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.

**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) 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.**

**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 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 [www.sacramentowwme.org](http://www.sacramentowwme.org) or contact Terry & Janet, email [applications@sacramentowwme.org](mailto: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.*

<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: _____				