



You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

Psalms 63:8

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

September 3, 2017 – Our Christian Calling

The First Reading, is commonly known as the Confessions of Jeremiah. Jeremiah says he felt duped by the Lord; as if he were just being used by Him and that the Lord was not living up to His end of the bargain. So Jeremiah tries to stop preaching, but the message so burns within him that he keeps preaching. The Responsorial is a lamentation of how much the psalmist needs the Lord's intervention. Where the Lord is, there life and hope are. Without the Lord, there is only death and despair. The psalmist expresses his gratitude and praises the Lord for all His goodness to him. He tells of the peace and satisfaction in his heart, like what one feels at a great banquet. In the Second Reading, St Paul is speaking to the Gentile-Christians, famous for their sexual immorality. He begs them to live chaste lives, to offer their bodies as a spiritual sacrifice. He pleads with them not to conform to the values of the day; timeless advice, for Christians have always been called to be countercultural. Today's Gospel, immediately follows last week's passage in which Jesus bestows the keys of the kingdom upon St Peter and proclaims him to be the rock on which He will build the Church. Now however, Jesus begins to forecast His suffering and death. Peter's response is abhorrence. He wanted Jesus to be a conquering hero, a worldly king. This was not the divinely inspired response we heard in the prior passage, where Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God. So here, Jesus rebukes Peter for his ungodly sentiment, declaring it to be from Satan. St Peter didn't yet understand the King on the cross, His death, the hour of His glory. Peter did not yet know that one day, he too would share his Master's glory, dying a similar death, on a cross. *The Christian calling is one of glory wrought through suffering in union with Christ.*

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,
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".

Please remember to call if you can't make your assigned hour out of respect to those who are in the Adoration Chapel waiting for you to arrive.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday 9/4/2017

8:30 AM (R) Mercy Catubig by Carlson Family
8:30 AM (R) Charles & Helen Herzer by Condon Family

Tuesday 9/5/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

*8:30 AM (R) Rachael Ferris

Wednesday 9/6/2017

8:30 AM (R) Special Intention by Caddell Family

Thursday 9/7/2017

8:30 AM (R) Brandon Johnston by Ramos Family

Friday 9/8/2017

8:30 AM (R) Aristotle Guillermo by Guillermo Family
8:30 AM (R) Ann Spry by Mary Gelonek Family

Saturday 9/9/2017

8:30 AM (R) Bud Donnelly by Matt & Sara Donnelly
4:30 PM (I) Intentions of the Members
of Fiat Rosary Groups
4:30 PM (I) Rob & Dena Brand by Rosemary Easter

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

In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within.

~ St. Bonaventure

Commentators & Altar Servers September 9th & 10th

Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Nagel / Sweeney	Marcus, Matthew & Kyle
SUN 8:00AM	Morrison / Wagner Da	John, Lucas & Sebastian
SUN 10:00AM	Juten C / Juten K	School Mass
SUN 4:30 PM	Allison / Handy	Andrew, Vincent & Sean

ST. MEL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND

The second collection this 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.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

Next weekend, September 9th & 10th, there will be a second collection 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

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.

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 dcshunta@comcast.net. It will be a weekend that will be with you the rest of your life!

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

*Mildred Jenkins
Johanna Ross*

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.

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.

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.

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 9 - 10 September 16 - 17 September 23 - 24 Sept 30 - Oct 1	September 1 September 8 September 15 September 22

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.

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!

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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.

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.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

(Names of those with long-term illnesses will appear on this list and be printed in the Church bulletin on the first Sunday of each month.)

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| Albert Gonzales | Garrett Heisinger | Louis Patterson |
| Auroa Deese | George Snyder, Sr. | Lynn Warner |
| Betty Cerato | Gerrie & Paul Parker | Manuel Ybarra |
| Bill & Shirley Jones | Howie Hoel | Maria Erickson |
| Bruce King | James English | Marie Lofgren |
| Cecelia Beviacqua | Jody Martinez | Mary Hoel |
| Charles J. Ortner | Lynda Cook | Ralph Virgen |
| Connie McKie | | Veronica Saenz |



Be mindful, O Lord, that mercy and kindness have been Yours from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth. –Ps 25:6-7

Reflection: A woman wrote of her abortion, “It was very painful, physically and mentally. It affected me in the worst way. I felt very guilty. I couldn’t look at any kids. I know I won’t ever do it again.”

Those getting an abortion think it will solve their problems, and they find out it only creates more of them.

Prayer: Lord, show us how to reach out to those who have had abortions and how to understand their pain. Bring us all to healing.

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REMINDER

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

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.



August 26th

Claire Lorraine & William Jeffrey
Children of
Jeremy & Laurel Alred

Andrew Minh
Son of Michael & Trinh Moore

Maddox Deleon
Son of Vincent & MaryAnn Munoz

Jeremiah
Son of Viliami & Jenna Taipaleti

Daniella Sofia
Daughter of Diego & Adrianna Torres

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.

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.

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.

SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be having a dining-in fundraiser at Lupita's Mexican Restaurant the weekend of September, 15th -17th. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our Lady's Feast Day celebration on December 12th.

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: PHONE EMAIL

Do you have any special request: _____