



# St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road  
Cleveland, OH 44111-2263

Reverend Adam A. Zajac, *Pastor*

## MASSES

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM

Sunday: ..... 7:00, 10:00 AM

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Friday: ..... 6:45 AM

### Confessions:

Saturday: ..... 3:00-4:00 PM

## PHONES

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## PARISH INFORMATION

**Weddings:** Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until after a discussion with the priest of the parish.

**Funerals:** Arrangements must be confirmed with the rectory office by the funeral director before any publication in the newspaper.

**Baptisms:** On the second Sunday of the month, following the 10:00AM Mass. Arrangements should begin to be made about three months before the birth of the child.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Persons interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church are asked to call the rectory office for information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In the case of an emergency, please call the rectory office immediately. Please notify the rectory for communion calls to the homebound, or visits to parishioners in the hospital.

**Registration:** New parishioners are asked to call the rectory office to register. Please call if there is a change in address or when moving out of the parish.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 12:30 to 4:30 PM

**Hall available** please call the rectory office for more information.

**Share-a-Meal Program:** Sponsored by St. Ignatius Church and supported by St. Mel Parish. Meal is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at St. Ignatius Church, 10205 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM.

**PAPAL INTENTION**

**Pope’s Intention for November:** For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**Pope’s Intention for December:** For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Scripture readings can be found online at: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**Tuesday, November 26 -**

6:45 AM Mass.....Pauline Verbiak

**Wednesday, November 27 -**

10:00 AM Rosary

**Thursday, November 28 -**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**Friday, November 29 -**

No Mass

**Saturday, November 30 - St. Andrew**

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Kathleen Hough

**Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM Mass.....Lloyd Zimmer

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Joseph Flynn

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Monday, December 9 and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be:

6:45 AM @ St. Mel

8:30 AM @ St. Mark

12:00 PM @ St. Mel

7:00 PM @ St. Mark

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

<b>2023</b>	Offertory	\$3644
	Monthly	\$255
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$50
	(Extra Ordinary)	
	Online - Offertory	\$3290
	Online - Repairs	\$130

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Starting with the Second Week of Advent, we are asking for anyone interested to come and light the candles of the Advent Wreath in the front of the church. If you are interested, please speak with Carol Kerrigan before Mass.

**WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER  
GIVING TREE**

Once again we are partnering with the West Side Catholic Center to provide much needed necessities this holiday season. Check by the glass doors at the back of the church after all Masses to find tags with a list of needed items on the Christmas trees. This year the West Side Catholic Center has asked in addition to their usual requests for full sized toiletries and adult and child clothes, for specifically hats and scarves for adults and children. **We will only be accepting new, unwrapped items and no toys. Please drop your donations off by Sunday December 8.**

**PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

New parishioners bring a breath of freshness and new life to any parish and St. Mel is no exception. If you are interested in being part of welcoming and greeting newly registered parishioners, please contact the parish office.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Laura Burgess	Roger Burgess
Judy Collins	Dave Corrigan
Olga Corrigan	Noreen Dlouhy
Emily Finazzo	Suzanne Gambol
Shiela Henson	Ken K.
Gretchen Lane	Eileen Mangan-Stull
Jan Retzer	Anthony Prosowski
Sue Solenne	Mark Struhar
Matthew Struhar	Andrew Valek



If you or someone you know needs prayer support, please call the Rectory office to have their name included in our bulletin. Please be respectful of other’s wishes and only submit a name with full permission from the intended.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. 27  
Sat. 30

Rosary: 10:00 AM  
Confession: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

## ADVENT PRAYER NIGHTS

Peaceful meditation on sacred scripture. Join as Fr. Adam teaches *lectio divina*, a traditional way of meditating on sacred scripture that has been taught since the earliest days of Christianity in monastic communities. Enter into the prayerful and peaceful anticipation of Advent with this devotion! After the guided silent meditation, there will be an optional social. Join us Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in St. Mel Church.

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS

St. Mel Church is offering a daily prayer resource for use during the Advent Season. These booklets include a reflection for each day of Advent. Advent booklets will be available in the Gathering Area of the church. Booklets are limited and on a first serve basis.

## MARKERS/MELS 50+

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 5-8pm St. Mark Social Hall. Catered dinner with beverages provided. \$25 per person. A dessert to share would be greatly appreciated. To RSVP, call or text Mary Kay at 216-402-8570 by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a wrapped gift for the white elephant gift exchange! Enjoy our great entertainment and be sure to wear an ugly sweater!

## COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Presented by Holy Family Hospice. The holidays can be a poignant reminder of a loved one who has passed away. Join us for support and tips on how to cope with the holidays while grieving the loss of a loved one. Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (Registration by Dec. 5) 2pm or 6 pm Holy Family Home, 6707 State Rd. Parma Register at: ehout@holyfamilyhome.com or 440-545-7032. The is open to the community and free of charge.



## Growing in FAITH

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

### STAY GROUNDED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent and Christmas can be a magical time, but the hustle and bustle of the secular season can leave even the calmest person feeling overwhelmed. Stay grounded by honoring your priorities, making time to recharge, and focusing on Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**Honor your priorities:** Setting and keeping priorities will help streamline your holiday schedule. An example of “holiday priorities” might including spending time with loved ones, taking time for daily prayer, and refusing to overspend. You’ll feel more at peace because you’re putting first things first.

**Make time to recharge:** Remember the importance of getting enough rest, especially when juggling extra social commitments, projects, decorating, and traveling. Resting takes any form that helps you feel refreshed – napping, praying, walking, reading, listening to music.

**Seek the Prince of Peace:** For Christians, Advent and Christmas commemorate that Love came to Earth as a child. We know true peace is only found in Jesus. Consider devoting five minutes daily for Him. Pray for His peace to reign in your heart.

### JESUS’ KINGDOM IS “NOT OF THIS WORLD”

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God’s promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared. Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn’t want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down off the Cross.

Yet it was Jesus’ sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death. Jesus is King and He has a Kingdom, but as He teaches Pilate and us, His power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice, integrity, repentance, charity, forgiveness, compassion, and care for the poor and needy.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more “Christ-like” in our actions, and that means becoming more like Jesus, our King.

**THIS WEEK’S FEATURED ADVERTISER  
WEIMELS-HIROS PLUMBING**

**WE GIVE CATHOLIC  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**

St. Mel Parish will once again be raising money for new windows in the school building. The project is estimated to cost \$368,000 and will be completed in the summer of 2025. We are replacing the existing, deteriorated windows in the school building, which will be a wonderful improvement for the school! Some of the current windows are in such poor condition, they do not open properly, allow cold air into the building in the winter and do not keep the cooled air in the classrooms during the summer / fall months. Safety is another major reason for replacing the windows! It is our job to keep everyone using the building as safe as possible while on our property. The teachers and students will be so appreciative to enjoy the benefits of the very generous donations of the St. Mel parishioners!

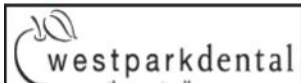

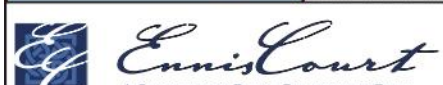



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