

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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Mel is said to have been the son of Conis and his wife, Darerca, the sister of Saint Patrick. Mel accompanied his uncle to Ireland and helped to evangelize in that country. Mel is said to have had no fixed diocese, which might be explained by his being a missionary. Saint Patrick himself built the church at Ardagh and to this he appointed his nephew, Mel. The cathedral at Ardagh is dedicated to Saint Mel. Acting upon the counsel of Saint Paul, Mel supported himself by working with his hands, and what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. The Feast of Saint Mel is on February 6th.

PARISH INFORMATION

PHONES

Rectory Office: 216-941-4313
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..... azajac@stmel.net
Website <http://www.stmel.net>

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 Sundays of the month, following the 10:00 AM Mass. Arrangements should begin to be made about three months before the birth of the child.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Persons interested 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 office 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

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Friday 6:45 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

PAPAL INTENTION

Pope’s Intention for August: For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Pope’s Intention for September: For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and of climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Scripture readings can be found online at: bible.usccb.org

Monday, August 26 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Tuesday, August 27 - St. Monica

6:45 AM Mass.....All Soul’s Day Intentions

Wednesday, August 28 - St. Augustine

10:00 AM Rosary

Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Friday, August 30 -

6:45 AM Mass.....Bridget McKenna

4:00 PM Solemn Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 31 -

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Betty Mulhorn

Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass.....Kathleen Hough

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....Joseph Verbiak

11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

2024	Offertory \$2777	2023	Offertory \$4003
	Monthly \$435		Monthly \$360
	Repairs/Maintenance \$90		Repairs/Maintenance \$165
	(Extra Ordinary)		(Extra Ordinary)
	Online - Offertory \$1780		Online - Offertory \$
	Online - Repairs \$130		Online - Repairs \$

PSR PROGRAM 2024 – 2025

A reminder that the PSR Program’s first class will be Monday September 9th. You must be registered before the first class.

Our PSR program is held at St. Mark parish on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 in the school building. We serve students in Grades 1 – 8. Students in grades 2 and 8 are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 8), as part of our curriculum. **For a student to receive these Sacraments they MUST be enrolled and attend PSR the previous year.**

To register for the 2024 – 2025 school year:

1. The materials can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website www.stmarkcleveland.com, under heading FAMILIES (at the top of the page) and by clicking the PSR tab.
2. Registration materials can also be picked up at the St. Mark Parish Office.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at the St. Mark Parish Office. For any questions or additional information, you can contact Jeannette Puckett at the St. Mark Parish Office at 216-226-7577 or through email at jpuckettpsr@stmarkcleveland.com.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Judy Collins	Dave Corrigan
Olga Corrigan	Noreen Dlouhy
Emily Finazzo	Shiela Henson
Ken K.	Gretchen Lane
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. 28 Rosary 10:00 AM
 Fri. 30 Solemn Eucharistic Adoration
 Sat. 31 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There IS something more in our life of faith and as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. Come to commit or recommit your faith in Jesus and know what a full life can offer you! Our Lady of Angels Prayer group will once again offer a Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning September 10, 2024 for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings through October 29th from 7:30-9:00pm. We meet in the Primary building of Our Lady of Angels School, (behind Linus Hall) 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, 44111. Please phone Verna, 216-251-3560 or Tom, 216-536-6495 for information or to register. There is NO charge for this seminar.

6TH ANNUAL CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, September 28th - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Albert the Great Parish Center, North Royalton Join us for a day of spiritual renewal featuring:
 Mass with Bishop Edward C. Malesic Speakers: Heather Khym and Fr. Boniface Hicks Music by Mary Sarah Menkhaus
 Register at www.cleatholicwomen.org Cost \$45 (Students \$25, Religious free) Ignite your faith and connect with other Catholic women!



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

USE DISTRACTIONS TO RECONNECT WITH GOD

The strain of a busy life can distract us from making holiness our focus. Yet, we have no hope of achieving holiness or true happiness unless God remains our focus. Pope Francis reminds us, "If the events of our life... risk suffocating the gift of prayer within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower, to reignite the spark of thanksgiving." Use moments of distraction as opportunities to reconnect with God.

Combat tunnel vision: When confronted with a problem, it's okay to pause and troubleshoot. If discouragement dominates your thoughts and prayers, step outside yourself. Go for a walk, chat with a friend, read a psalm, or pray for the souls in Purgatory. These actions can help shift your focus and renew your perspective.

Cultivate holy wonder: Appreciating the beauty of creation can be a natural gateway to prayer. Stroll through a park, admire the flowers, or listen to the birds and the wind. Such beauty often reconnects us to God when words fail.

HOW DO SAINTS PRAY

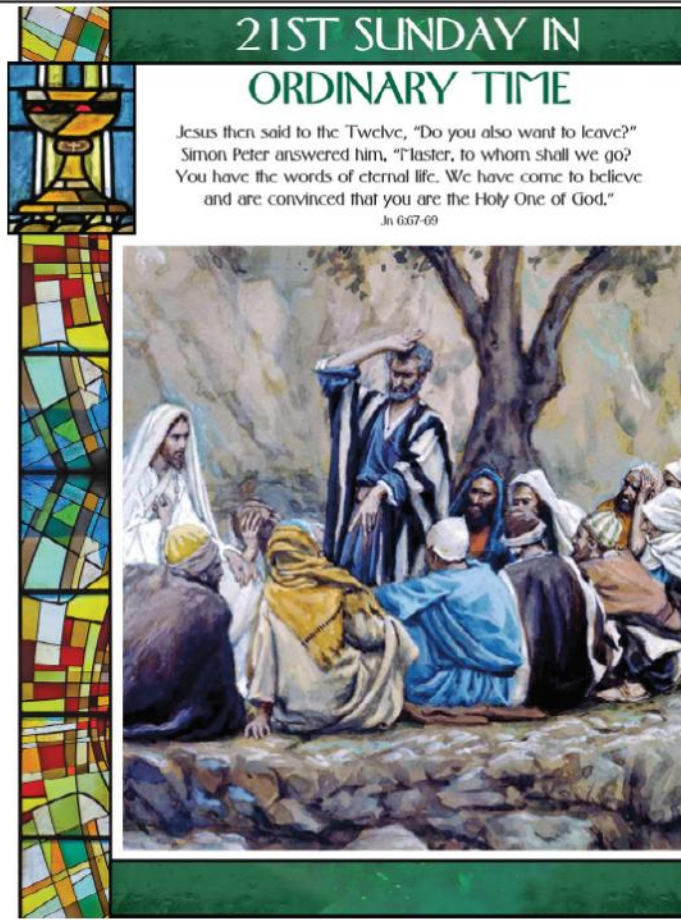
What do "holy people's" prayers sound like? We imagine sublime and poetic musings on God's perfection. In fact, the saints, while very holy, are also human and intimate with God. Here's a brief glimpse into some saintly prayers to inspire your own:

"If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few!" St. Teresa of Avila uttered this humorous phrase after being thrown from her cart into the mud. It reflects her candid and down-to-earth relationship with God.

"Beware of Philip, Lord. He may yet betray you." St. Philip Neri, known for his wisdom, humor, and impulsive nature, knew his own weaknesses. Rather than make excuses for himself, he confessed his errors and asked for increased graces to remain faithful to God.

"Jesus, may I put on a good face!" This prayer was recommended by St. Josemaría Escrivá to someone tasked with an "unpleasant and repulsive" chore. St. Josemaría said that sometimes the hardest cross can be fulfilling our toughest responsibilities with "a good face."

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