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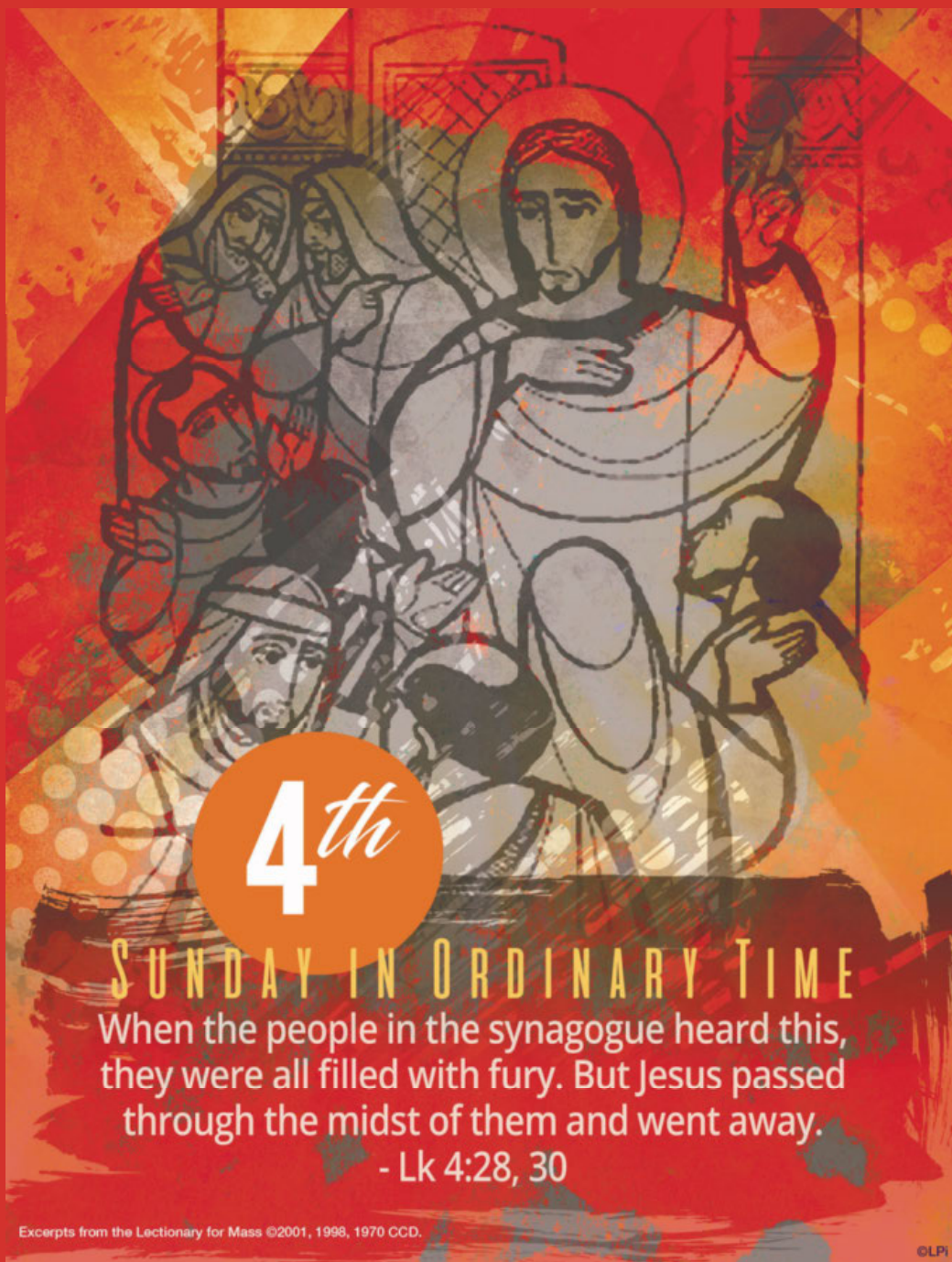
# ST MEL

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4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this,  
they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed  
through the midst of them and went away.

- Lk 4:28, 30

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**Pastor:** Rev. Steve Davoren  
**Senior Priest:** Rev. Vivian Ben Lima  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Francis Kim  
**Deacon:** Dn. Brian Conroy

**Parish Center Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
5:00 p.m.

**Weekdays**  
8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

**Monday — Friday**  
4:45 — 5:15 p.m.

**Saturday**  
9:00 — 9:30 a.m.  
and  
3:45 — 4:45 p.m.

Or view online on **Facebook**  
or [www.bit.ly/StMelTV](http://www.bit.ly/StMelTV)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29		
<b>5:00</b>	Jorge Luis Requelme	✝
Sunday, January 30		
<b>8:00</b>	Alice Pfenning	✝
<b>10:00</b>	Donald Bolin	✝
<b>Noon</b>	David Shuler	✝
<b>5:00</b>	Reynaldo Enrique Acuna	✝
Monday, January 31		
<b>8:15</b>	Margret Carney	✝
<b>5:30</b>	Betty & Lou Meritt	
Tuesday, February 1		
<b>8:15</b>	Donald & Bernie McDonnell	
<b>5:30</b>	Frank McDonnell	
Wednesday, February 2		
<b>8:15</b>	Lucila Delarosa	✝
<b>5:30</b>	Patrick Lally	
Thursday, February 3		
<b>8:15</b>	Lisa Valenti	✝
<b>5:30</b>	George Blandin	
Friday, February 4		
<b>8:15</b>	Lisa Valenti	✝
<b>5:30</b>	Andres Francia	✝
Saturday, February 5		
<b>8:15</b>	Simplicio & Anastacia Valenzuela	✝

### Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

In your Masses and prayers during the week please remember the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Every Tuesday evening at 7:00**  
in the school faculty lounge.

All are welcome.

For more information,  
contact Will Ross:  
[wilfordrossiii@gmail.com](mailto:wilfordrossiii@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5)

### Psalm

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)

### Second Reading

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)

### Gospel

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

## READINGS for the WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Contemplative prayer, the oldest expression of prayer, is a path towards the order, balance and harmony God intended. All we need to do is show up empty handed and open hearted. We would love you to join us for two 20 minute periods of silent prayer in the intimate St. Mel Convent Chapel. At the end of the hour, we will close with "Our Father" and you will receive reflection questions for your own personal "at home" meditation.

Now offered **EVERY Monday evening** of each month.

**Monday, January 31**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please arrive *before* 7:00, to avoid disruptions.

**St. Mel Convent Chapel**

For information, call **Michelle Waters** at (310) 489-0253.

WEDNESDAYS  
IN THE  
WORD

13 Wednesdays



Beginning  
February 2

## Exploring the Gospel of Luke

Follow in Luke's footsteps as St. Mel jumps into the Gospel. We will explore the Gospel that Luke heard from eye witnesses and then made it his mission to make sure it was not forgotten. The message is just as real today as it was in Luke's time. Join us as we hear from dynamic presenters with unique insights and be challenged to grow in faith.

**February 2** - *Introduction of Luke's Gospel* led by **Amir Dinkha** (author of *Restored, Rescued, and Redeemed by Jesus: Seven Minor-Character Vignettes from the Fourfold Gospel*)

**St. Patrick Auditorium**  
**7:00 — 8:15 p.m.**

Childcare provided upon request.

For more details please call Monica Matthews at 818-340-6020 ext. 1026 or [MMatthews@stmel.org](mailto:MMatthews@stmel.org)

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL BLANKET AND PONCHO DRIVE

This week and next, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul is holding a Blanket and Poncho Collection to aid the needy.

When you attend Mass, please bring new items to the bins near the entrance.

# Adult Confirmation

Beginning February 8th  
Tuesdays from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Ten online sessions and two in person.  
To sign up, contact Monica Matthews  
(818) 340-6020 ext. 1026  
[MMatthews@stmel.org](mailto:MMatthews@stmel.org)

**February 8** – Introduction and the concept of God  
**February 15** – Baptism and Confirmation  
**February 22** – Eucharist: The source and summit  
**March 1** – Sin, Penance & Healing  
**March 8** – Matrimony & Holy Orders  
**March 15** – The Moral Life  
**March 22** – Prayer: Liturgical and Private  
**March 29** – Time for your Soul – IN PERSON  
**April 5** – Holy Week, History and Spirituality.  
**April 26** – The Catholic Church Relation to other Churches, Ecclesial Communities and Religions  
**May 3** – Understanding the Confirmation ceremony  
**May 10** – Twilight Retreat – IN PERSON

January 30, 2022 ❖ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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During the season of Lent, The University Series® offers a multitude of seminars connecting faith with real life in areas such as current events, contemporary moral issues, evangelization, faith and science, marriage and family, church history, scripture, prayer, and other priorities set by the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod. Sessions include multi-media presentations and always allow time for your questions.

During Lent 2022, virtual presentations will be offered Monday/Wednesday nights and some Friday lunchtimes, while in-person presentations are currently planned for Tuesday/Thursday nights and other Friday lunchtimes. Registration is only available on-line. Unfortunately, there will be no mail-in registration and there will be no payment accepted at the door.

## Here are some important dates:

<b>February 5-6</b>	<b>Kick-Off Weekend</b> Catalogs will be available at all Masses. On-line registration opens. Purchase your Season Pass, or register for individual presentations at <a href="http://www.theuniversityseries.org">www.theuniversityseries.org</a> .
<b>March 2</b>	Last date to purchase Season Pass. (Single session purchases are available until 1 day before each presentation.)
<b>March 3 - April 7</b>	The University Series is in session, offering 12 virtual and 25 in-person presentations.

View course descriptions and more information in early February at [www.theuniversityseries.org](http://www.theuniversityseries.org)

Contact us at [office@theuniversityseries.org](mailto:office@theuniversityseries.org)



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*The University Series strives for excellence because our Catholic faith deserves our very best efforts.*

***All in-person presentations are subject to the Archdiocese and County Health Directives at that time, including, but not limited to, mask mandates, and hospitality guidelines. If in-person presentations must be cancelled at the last minute, a virtual session will be substituted. Please watch the website for current, up-to-date information.***



... *quotable* ...

There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in.

– Desmond Tutu





Do you know...?

- That the Mass transcends time and space?
- That it is like an Eternal Time Machine, where we go BACK to the one sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, and TO THE FUTURE to the one Supper of the Lamb, and at the same time remain in the present?
- That through the sacred symbols and rituals of the Mass we worship God with all our senses?
- That the Mass generates a factual universal community of solidarity, worship, and love?

Join us in the church for the *Mass with a Pause Button* on **Sunday, February 20** at **2:00 p.m.**

Attendance DOES fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

## St. Mel Preschool Registration

If you are considering enrolling your child in our preschool, please email the school office (**Kara Nelson** - knelson@stmel.org) and make an appointment for a Parent Orientation Tour.

Spaces are available for children aged 2.5-to-5 years old for the 2022-'23 school year.

### Our Purpose

St. Mel Preschool has an emphasis on the social, cognitive, physical and spiritual growth of all its children. This growth occurs naturally through many different & developmentally appropriate experiences. The preschool embodies a community of respect for all religious and cultural backgrounds. We are a wonderfully exciting and fulfilling place to learn. St. Mel Preschool is grateful to be a ministry to our larger St. Mel Parish community and school. Families that choose to continue on to our K-8 School enjoy a seamless transition to kindergarten.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Do you know what to do if someone is choking?

Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared, in the event that a child or adult is choking. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## SAINTS AMONG US

### St. Mel Special Needs Ministry

*See to it that no one is deprived of the grace of God."*

-Hebrews 12:15

Our ministry welcomes families of children and young adults with a variety of special needs into a supportive and caring community. The group is led by experienced teachers along with dedicated volunteers who provide a friendly environment to learn about God and his love for us through an accessible curriculum including art and music activities. Our *Saints Among Us* class will involve preparation for the sacraments upon request of parents. The group meets after the 10:00 a.m. Mass upstairs in the Parish Center one Sunday each month during the school year. A donation is requested to cover costs according to the ability of families to contribute. Catholics from outside St. Mel parish are welcome!

Catholics outside St. Mel parish are welcome also!

For information, contact:

**Pauline Furman** at [paulinefurmanxx@gmail.com](mailto:paulinefurmanxx@gmail.com)

**Jenni Porter** at [jporter@chaminade.org](mailto:jporter@chaminade.org)

**Ann Shuck** at [shuckno@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shuckno@sbcglobal.net)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at 11:15 a.m.**

**St. Mel on Social Media**  
**Instagram:** StMel\_WoodlandHills  
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January 30, 2022



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Mel Parish**  
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**PARISH SERVICE**

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 Sacristans: Kerry Edwards *kedwards@stmel.org* (818) 340-6020, x1025

**PERSONAL GROWTH/SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT/SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Adult Confirmation: Monica Matthews (818) 340-6020, x1026  
 Saints Among Us — Special Needs Ministry: Jenni Porter (818) 518-6973  
 Knights of Columbus: Tito Montero (310) 923-6399  
 Men's Group: Anselm Varni (818) 346-8874  
 Heart Filled Toastmasters: Christopher Hogan *Toastmasters@stmel.org* (818) 212-1508  
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 Rosary Ministry & Eucharist Adoration Coordinator: Mitos Bitong (818) 710-9888  
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 Women of Grace: Monica Matthews (818) 340-6020  
 Contemplative Prayer: Michelle Waters (310) 489-0253  
 GLO LGBT Outreach & Ministry: Tom Keep *TomKeep@sbcglobal.net* (310) 403-0804

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Baptism Preparation: Genevieve LaVoie *GLaVoie@stmel.org* (818) 340-6020, x1020  
 Teen Confirmation: Bryan Villegas *bvillegas@stmel.org* (818) 340-6020, x1043  
 Children's Faith Formation and Sacrament Prep., PreK-8  
 Sunday Preschool/Ages 3-5 during 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 Vacation Bible School: Jennifer Lemmon *jlemmon@stmel.org* (818) 340-6020, x1022  
 Ministry of Moms Sharing (M.O.M.S. Group) : Yazmin Pace Yazmin@lmmsolutions.com  
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February 19  
7:30 – Noon**

**O'Connor Center**

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**Two Ways  
to Help**

We still have slots available for **volunteers**:



[www.bit.ly/StMelCCO](http://www.bit.ly/StMelCCO)

**Donate**

In order to fulfill our commitment to package **50 THOUSAND** meals for the poor, it's important that we receive financial donations in addition to volunteers.

All the money raised will pay for the purchase of *Vitafood*, plus supplies and shipping costs. Please contribute if you're able.



To give online, visit [www.bit.ly/DonateCCO](http://www.bit.ly/DonateCCO)  
Or bring cash or check to the parish office anytime.

At Masses next weekend, we will hold a second collection to raise funds for *Packed with Love*.

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