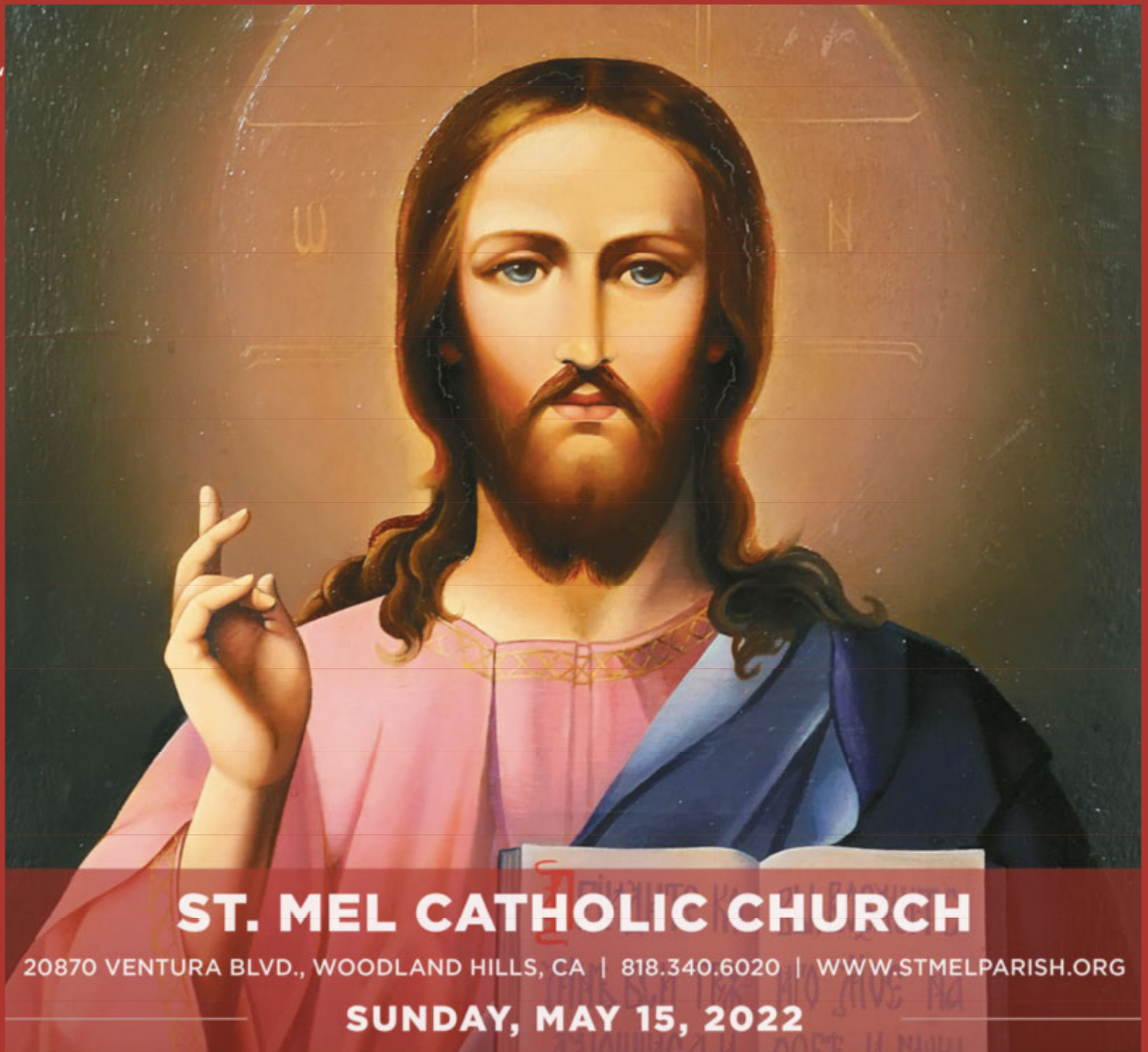




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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14

5:00 Celia & Mariano Bautista †

Sunday, May 15

8:00 Mother's Day Novena

10:00 Virginia Bobillo

Noon Helen Barker †

5:00 Rita Dubatowka †

Monday, May 16

8:15 Les Vesell †

5:30 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 17

8:15 Rosalina Bendebel

5:30 Olimpia Encina Laureles †

Wednesday, May 18

8:15 Rosario del Rosario †

5:30 Trinidad Gomez †

Thursday, May 19

8:15 Msgr. William O'Keefe †

5:30 Msgr. William O'Keefe †

Friday, May 20

8:15 Braulio Bendebel †

5:30 Estelita Lydia Asmar †

Saturday, May 21

8:15 Kathleen & Rocco McGuffin †

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:

Rocco McGuffin

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

For more information, contact Will Ross:
wilfordrossiii@gmail.com.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146)

Second Reading

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." (Rev 21:4)

Gospel

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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. Join us silent prayer in the intimate **St. Mel Convent Chapel**.

Monday, May 16

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

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

First Communion

On April 24th, 71 St. Mel children received their First Holy Communion. Our congratulations to:

Ryder Allen
Nicolas Atniel
Daniella Barrera
Presley Bejune
Sawyer Bejune
Michael Berrelleza
Dresden Borja
Bryson Brown
Camila Brown
Grayson Canel
James Chisholm
Sofia Clarke
Antonia Conti
Sian Marie Curley
Joseph DeBiase
Lauren Dooley
Murphy Dunn
Miracle Edwin
Aedan Engles
Victoria Espiritu
Owen Flanagan
Liam Froehlich
Nolan Gillespie
James Hagen
Will Hagen
Beau Hedrick

Zander Hubert-Jacques
Francesca Hurgoiu
Dylan Jolivette
Jocelyn Kenney
Thomas Khammar
Isabella Kline
Julia Koski
Christian Kozman
Madeline Lane
Beckham Lee
Alexander Lesser
Hartley Louis
Aidan Marks
Jasper McClellan
Ava McGrath
Elijah Mercado
Liam Mitani
Lilian Monroe
Leileen Morales
Lucas Moro
Hudson Nelson
Kaia Nicholas
Ava Odell
Violet O'Halloran
Anthony Pace
Alejandro Padilla

Harper Pierce
Eliana Powers
Annabella Rice
Isla Rolando
Isabella Rosal
Morgan Sheffield
Kensington Shires
Chace Shires
Teresa Shlapak
Taja Sir Miller
Brooklynn Spencer
Jai Toledo
Riley Uy
Lucas Warth
Isabella Warth
Brianna Watson
Eddie Whitaker
Arian Zarei
Londyn Zorkin

Welcome to the Lord's table.



May 15, 2022



5th Sunday of Easter



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Monday, July 18— Friday, July 22
8:45 a.m. — 12 noon

As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion!

Online Registration

To register your child(ren) ages 3-11, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3xc3E15 to sign up.



Teen and Parent Volunteers

Teens and parents can join in the fun, too ... and teens earn Christian Service Hours! Volunteer in the classroom, help with recreation, music, arts and crafts or snacks. To volunteer, please see the links at the bottom of the registration page: bit.ly/VBSVols

Space is limited.
Register today!

If you have any questions,
please contact
Jennifer Lemmon
JLemmon@stmel.org

May 15, 2022 ❖ 5th Sunday of Easter



A big, hearty thank you to all the families who contributed to our Rice Bowl "Build a Well" Lenten campaign this year. Here are the results:

School - \$10,956.63
Parish - \$14,302.59

GRAND TOTAL - \$25,259.22

We will be able to "purchase" 19 wells through CRS to help communities without access to water. This type of fundraising doesn't happen overnight. It took us over 2 months of collecting little boxes of coins and online donations. But with time, it sure did add up! I hope our annual CRS campaign continues to remain a priority in our parish.

Thank you to everyone for your support of this Lenten tradition at St. Mel. And special thanks to Katie Kisiel, Marla Lloyd, Joanna Santi, and Monica Matthews for doing the final count. (We had to dust off the cobwebs of the coin counting machines and remember how they worked.)

— Susie Penney

CELEBRATE! St. Mel Legacy Day 2022 Sunday, June 5

- **5:00 p.m. Mass on the Grass**
(Bring a blanket or chairs).
- **Picnic dinner and Grill**
(Your own picnic or purchase BBQ tickets).
- **Taste of St. Mel*** (Our cultural flavors to sample).
- **Ministry Expo** (Our many ministries. Find I for U).

*Taste of St. Mel


Do you cook a specialty/cultural dish in your family?
We want to taste it at Legacy Day!

Not a competition, just a chance to celebrate the flavor YOU bring to St. Mel.

- 1) Email **Monica Matthews** at mmathews@stmel.org by **May 31st**, so we can set up a table for you to serve a sample of your dish.
- 2) We will provide plates, cups, napkins, utensils and tablecloth.
- 3) Decorate your table to your liking and BRING your yummy dish!
- 4) Arrive between 3:00-5:00 p.m. to get all set up before Mass at 5:00.

We can't wait to try something new or a delicious classic!

WEDNESDAYS
IN THE
WORD



Exploring the Gospel of Luke

13 WEDNESDAYS
Through May 25

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
St. Patrick Hall
(The auditorium next to the church)

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.

Childcare available with 24 hours notice.
Contact **Monica Matthews**: mmathews@stmel.org

Upcoming Sessions:

- ❖ **May 18 – Chapters 22 and 23**
Passion Narrative
- ❖ **May 25 – Chapter 24**
Resurrection Narrative (In the church)

... *quotable* ...

“

To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them.
– St. Thomas Aquinas

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May 15, 2022 ❖ 5th Sunday of Easter

Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in learning more about what it means to be Catholic or know someone who might be interested? If you are not baptized or have been baptized in a different Christian church, here is an opportunity for you to find out if God is leading you into the Catholic Church.

For more information, contact:
Monica Matthews, St. Mel Director of Evangelization
(818) 340-6020, ext. 1026. MMatthews@stmel.org

Christian Meditation Book Club

In Chapter 3 of Thomas Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation*, he writes: "The mind that is the prisoner of conventional ideas, and the will that is the captive of its own desire cannot accept the seeds of an unfamiliar truth and a supernatural desire. For how can I receive the seeds of freedom if I am in love with slavery [to wealth, pleasure, control, recognition] and how can I cherish the desire of God if I am filled with another and an opposite desire? God cannot plant His liberty in me because I am a prisoner and I do not even desire to be free. I love my captivity and I imprison myself in the desire for the things that I hate, and I have hardened my heart against true love. I must learn therefore to let go of the familiar and the usual and consent to what is new and unknown to me. I must learn to 'leave myself' in order to find myself by yielding to the love of God. If I were looking for God, every event and every moment would sow, in my will, grains of His life that would spring up one day in a tremendous harvest."

Please join Fr. Francis and other meditators every Wednesday, 12:30-1:00 on Zoom to learn more about the practice of Christian meditation. Merton's book is available for purchase at the parish center for \$15 cash. Email **Genevieve Lane** for more info: meditation@stmel.org

St. Mel on Social Media
Instagram: StMel_WoodlandHills
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St. Mel School Art Show

Please come see the St. Mel community Student Art Exhibit on **Sunday May 29** from 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

This year's theme is **National Parks**, featuring the artworks of Pre-school and Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Donuts and coffee will be served in the O'Connor Activity Center, after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. There will be compliment cards available for you to address to our community of young artists. You will *not* want to miss this wonderful event.

St. Mel Swim Team - 2022 Fall Tryouts Info

The St. Mel Swim Team is open to registered St. Mel parishioners, ages 5-14. Our team comes together in the Fall to compete against 16 local parishes as part of the San Fernando Valley Catholic Swim League.

Tryouts are required for NEW swimmers, to be held at the Crespi High School pool in late August. At minimum, potential team members must be able to demonstrate basic freestyle with breathing to the side. Swimmers must also be able to swim multiple 25-yard laps under the direction of a coach without stopping or requiring assistance. It is important that swimmers start proper stroke and endurance training as soon as possible. Most St. Mel swimmers practice and compete year-round with two local club teams: CCAT Swimming at Crespi High School and Calabasas Waves at Viewpoint School. Both these teams are currently accepting new swimmers for Spring / Summer at all skill levels. Evaluations are required for joining both teams. Please contact the head coach per the emails below.

CCAT Swimming, Coach Stacy Smith Thornton:
stacysmith48@aol.com
Calabasas Waves, Coach Greg Bisheff:
greg.bisheff@viewpoint.org

To be added to the contact list for the latest on the 2022 tryouts dates and information, please register here:



Questions? Please email St. Mel Swim Team Representatives, Andrea McIntyre and Christine Goldstein, at **stmelswim@gmail.com**.



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 Sunday Preschool/Ages 3-5 during 10:00 a.m. Mass
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On the lawn west of O'Connor Center

DINNER | RAFFLE | DANCING | CASH BAR

Tickets before May 11 are \$55 or two for \$100
(after May 11: \$65 or two for \$120).

Several delicious dinner options to choose from.
Adults only. "Casual dressy" attire, please.

All proceeds will support St. Mel Parish's community
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Purchase tickets by scanning
the QR code or visiting:
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