

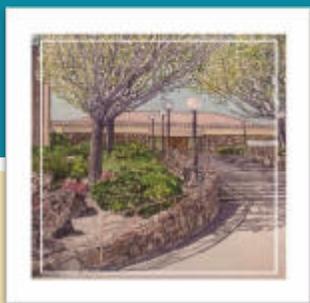
June 13, 2021 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



11th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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ST MEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to stmeloffice@yahoo.com no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass Intention requests are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Articles DUE
June 19 - 20	June 9
June 26 - 27	June 16
July 3 - 4	June 23
July 10 - 11	June 30

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
 Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30AM

All Masses will continue to be live streamed

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 9:00-10:00AM in the Baptismal Room and "Cry" room inside the church or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office to make appointment

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)

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ST MEL SCHOOL

916-967-2814.....www.stmelschool.org



The Adoration Chapel is now open during the following hours: Monday through Saturday 9:00AM – 12:00PM and Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 9:00PM! If you would like to volunteer for an hour or be a sub please contact Doug Crumley, 916-718-0678 or douglas.2.crumley@ampf.com.

LIVE STREAM INFORMATION

Masses will be lived streamed via the St. Mel Facebook page. Use the below link to connect to the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mel-Catholic-Church-104087984568676/videos/>

There is also a link on the St. Mel website, stmelchurch.org. Simply click on the photo of the Blessed Mother to view the live-stream Masses.



The Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. **The office is closed on Friday and holidays.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!



Sunday, June 13

- 8:00am (R) Fr. Richard Doheny
by Hallissy Family
- 8:00am (R) Enriqueta Gamez
by Irwin & Witzel Families
- 10:30am (I) Revati Goveas by Goveas Family
- 10:30am (I) Pat Scott by Matt & Sara Donnelly

Monday, June 14

- 8:30am (R) Regina Ruport by John Ruport
- 8:30am (R) Paulino Aguilar
by Ruggles Court Family

Tuesday, June 15

- 8:30am (R) Mary Pippig by John Pippig, Jr.
- 8:30am (R) George Ruport by John Ruport

Wednesday, June 16

No Mass

Thursday, June 17

- 8:30am (R) Isaac & Marietta Barron
- 8:30am (R) Enriqueta Gamez
by Irwin & Witzel Families

Friday, June 18

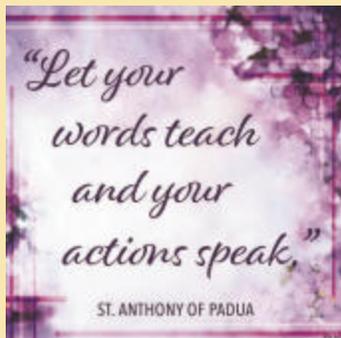
- 8:30am (I) Fran Dellaserra by St. Mel School
- 8:30am (I) Frank & Ria Chua
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, June 19

- 4:30pm (I) Sammie Tousey by Kelley Tousey
- 4:30pm (R) Dennis Wymore
by Matt & Sara Donnelly
- 4:30pm (R) Jean Schmitz
by Vince & Nancy Mammano

Sunday, June 20

- 8:00am (I) Mass for Parishioners
- 10:30am (R) Chase & Dee Israelson
by Johnson Family
- 10:30am (R) Dennis Wymore by Kathy Wymore



He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children... -Mal 3:24

Reflection: Though men cannot have abortions, they can choose abortions. A sin is committed when somebody willingly and knowingly chooses a moral wrong.

If, then, a man suggests or pressures his partner to have an abortion, he has committed the sin of abortion.

Prayer: Lord, You are the source of all fatherhood. Bless all men with the wisdom to protect their children born and unborn.

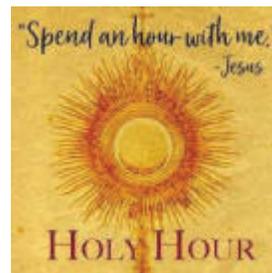
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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for June - **The Beauty of Marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



Come join Deacon Jack and Deacon Dave for Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament-Exposition, Adoration and Benediction the First Friday of each month. The next Holy Hour will be July 2nd from 6:30

to 7:30PM in the Church.

BE AWARE!

Emails and text messages are being sent from people claiming to be Father Aldrin. If you receive a text or an email asking you to buy gift cards DO NOT RESPOND. Father will never ask for help in this way. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office. 916-967-1229.

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

We are happy to announce that the Rosary will again be said before all weekend Masses. The schedule is:

Saturday 4:30PM – Rosary begins at 3:40PM

Sunday 8:00AM – Rosary begins at 7:10AM

Sunday 10:30AM – Rosary begins at 9:40AM

Please join us in praying this beautiful prayer.

ALTAR SERVERS – RETURN TO SERVICE

Great news! Bishop Soto has approved the return of Altar Servers at Mass and we are ready! We have missed you immensely, and so has the congregation. We are grateful to Michael and Andrew for their service over the last few months. We need and want MORE of you back. And we welcome new servers. ALL ages, from second-twelfth grade are WELCOME.

If you have been an altar server and are ready to return, please contact us so we can update your information and get you back on the roster. If you are in second grade and have already received your First Holy Communion, you are eligible to be a server at St. Mel. We will ask you to fill out an information form and set you up with training, followed by 2-3 training Masses before you can begin serving a weekend Mass.

Please contact us if you are ready to return, if you are new and want to begin, or with any questions. Dave Murray, 916-716-5187; dddmurray@comcast.net

ST. VINCENT de PAUL DONATIONS

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open. The blue donation box near the Adoration Chapel is available for your clothing donations. Thank you for your support.

 Attention Parents and Godparents. The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish office to register to attend. 916-967-1229

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

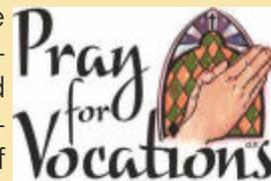
The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves.

Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing of you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



ST. MEL SCHOOL AND CFF NEWS

CFF Classes

We wish all CFF families a wonderful summer! We are still waiting to hear what our format will be next year. As soon as we know, you will know. If you have any questions please email Sara Donnelly, ccd@stmelschool.org.

ST MEL SCHOOL SCRIP

Now more than ever St. Mel School needs our help. You can purchase Scrip by calling or emailing Regina Edwards, Scrip Coordinator, at 916-752-3878 or Edwardsfamily@Reagan.com. You can also



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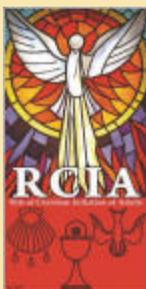


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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you thinking of joining the Catholic church? Or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Church? St. Mel RCIA is restarting its live classes on Sunday, May 2nd! Learn about the teachings and Doctrines of the Catholic Church, ask questions, grow in your faith! If you need to be baptized, or confirmed, or come from a Protestant Faith background and feel God is calling you to become Catholic, or perhaps you just want to know more, contact Michael Faber at (916)719-5565, or e-mail mfaber@elkgrove.net. RCIA is held every Sunday from 8:00AM until 10:45AM.



WHERE IS THE APOSTLES CREED FOUND IN THE BIBLE?

The Apostles Creed is divided into twelve statements which are founded entirely in scripture:

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, (*Mt 5 :45*)
 Creator of heaven and earth, (*Gen 1: 1; Rom 1: 20*)
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, (*Mt 3: 17; Phil 2: 12*)
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*Lk 1: 35*)
 born of the Virgin Mary, (*Lk 2: 7*)
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, (*Jn 19: 16*)
 was crucified, died, and was buried. (*Jn 19: 29 – 42*)
 He descended into hell; (*1 Pet 3: 19 – 20*)
 on the third day He rose again from the dead, (*Mt 28:1-10; Jn 20:11-18*)
 He ascended in heaven, (*Lk 24: 51*)
 and sits at the right hand of God, (*Heb 1: 3*)
 the Father almighty; (*Mk 14: 36*)
 from thence He shall come again (*Mt 16: 27; Acts 10: 39;*)
 to judge the living and the dead. (*1 Cor 15: 51*)
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, (*Jn 14: 15 – 20; Acts 1: 7 – 8*)
 the Holy Catholic Church, (*Mt 16: 18 – 19; Eph 5: 26-27; Col 1: 24*)
 the communion of Saints, (*Mt 28: 19 – 20; 2 Cor 11: 13; 1 Cor 15: 33*)
 the forgiveness of sins, (*Jn 20: 22 – 23*)
 the resurrection of the body, (*1 Cor 15: 51 – 54; 1 Thes 4: 13 – 18*)
 and life everlasting. (*1 Jn 5: 20*)
 Amen.

Mount Saint Joseph Blessing of the Vineyard

*Sunday, August 25 - 12:15 p.m.
Mount Saint Joseph Seminary*

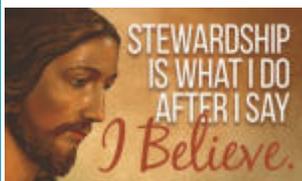
*Marello Youth Retreat Center
6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis, CA*

All are invited to go into the vineyard for the blessing. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a hosted reception in the Youth Center including light snacks and wine tasting. We hope you can join us!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”



Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know

that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

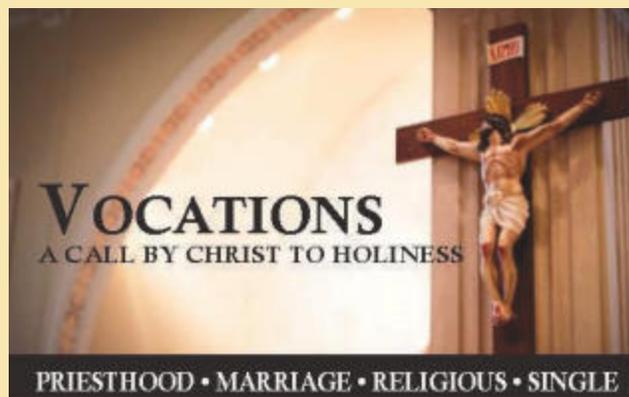
It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The Diocese of Sacramento sends high school graduates to Mt. Angel in Oregon for college seminary. Then they can either stay at Mt. Angel or be transferred to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, for their post graduate Theology studies. College graduates who are discerning the priesthood might have a first year of philosophy before beginning their post graduate studies.

All this is determined by the Vocations Office in Sacramento and by our Bishop, Jaime Soto.

LOAVES & FISHES VOLUNTEERS

Want a great way to fulfill Christ's call to feed the hungry? St. Mel Parish needs volunteers to help in the meal preparation area at Loaves & Fishes on the first Friday of each month. This is a rewarding and humbling experience to help those who are hungry and less fortunate. It usually is about a 3-5-hour commitment. You do not need to serve every month. Volunteers are welcome to help when it fits into your schedule. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Richard Phelps 916-807-0943 (phone or text). Email Richard at: wetduck33@gmail.com

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If you are interested in getting more information, please contact Gina Shaughnessy at 952-356-6488, or gshaughnessy@4LPi.com.

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Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.



Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

If you or someone you know is considering returning to the Catholic Church, St. Mel can provide assistance. Contact St. Mel Parish Office, 916-967-1229 or Karen, 916-966-0184.

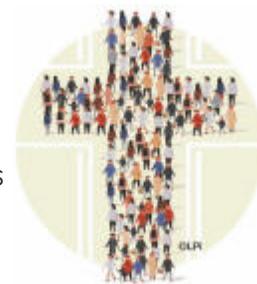
WHY SHOULD I REGISTER AT MY PARISH?

If you have been attending the same parish for a time and don't see yourself moving or attending elsewhere, you should absolutely register at your parish. Here's why:

- 1. Connectedness.** Once you register, you feel more at home in church. You become part of your church family in a tangible way. It gives you a sense of belonging and allows your priest to get to know you as well.
- 2. Accountability.** We are all responsible for helping the greater Church grow in strength and numbers. As a registered parishioner, it adds weight to that role. As an "official" member of the parish who is open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, you will feel led to contribute to the needs of the church.
- 3. Commitment.** Becoming a member of your parish is a promise to be active in your faith.
- 4. Access to parish information.** This gives your parish the ability to reach out to you and let you know about events, prayer and study opportunities and ways you can give back.

Bottom line – register at your parish. Declare your commitment to your faith proudly and officially join your church family!

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



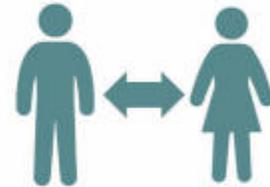
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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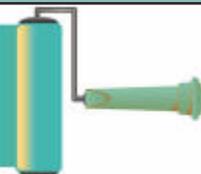
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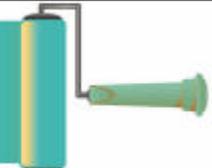
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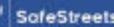
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