

July 18, 2021 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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ST. MEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Mission of St. Mel Parish

We joyfully live our Catholic faith for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God gives His sons and daughters to build up the body of Christ and serve Him in the needs of one another.

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
July 24 - 25	July 14
July 31 - August 1	July 21
August 7 - 8	July 28
August 14 - 15	August 4

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM

The Sunday 8:00AM is the only live streamed weekend Mass.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30AM

All weekday Masses will be live streamed

Please go to the St. Mel Facebook page to view the live stream.

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

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Eucharistic Adoration The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open during the following hours: Monday through Saturday 9AM – 12PM and Wednesday 6PM – 9PM. **We need volunteers for Monday 11AM – 12PM & Tuesday from 9AM – 10AM.**

Exciting news! Evening hours will soon be available for the St. Mel Adoration Chapel! Beginning in August the Chapel will be open 5:00PM to 9:00PM, Monday through Saturday, and 12 Noon to 9:00PM on Sunday. Wednesday evening hours are currently full but the other evening hours are open. Save your spot now!

If you would like to volunteer for an hour, please contact Doug at douglas.2.crumley@ampf.com or Scott at teamcrow25@gmail.com



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

July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



Sunday, July 18

- 8:00am (I) Mass for Parishioners
- 10:30am (I) Jill Heskett by Ray & Karen Fitts
- 10:30am (I) Amiputri In-Laws by Yahja Family

Monday, July 19

- 8:30am (I) Cruz Velasquez
by Ray & Karen Fitts
- 8:30am (I) Janet Nagel by Cheryl Hoffmann

Tuesday, July 20

- 8:30am (R) Mary Pippig by John Pippig, Jr.
- 8:30am (R) Souls in Purgatory
by Cheryl Hoffmann

Wednesday, July 21

No Mass

Thursday, July 22

- 8:30am (I) Tyler Heskett by Ray & Karen Fitts
- 8:30am (I) In Thanksgiving for the Adoration
Chapel Reopening

Friday, July 23

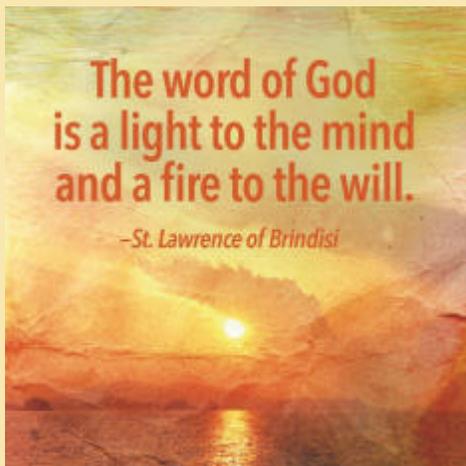
- 8:30am (I) John Pippig, Jr.
- 8:30am (I) Michael Fitts by Ray & Karen Fitts

Saturday, July 24

- 4:30pm (I) In Thanksgiving for the Adoration
Chapel Reopening
- 4:30pm (I) Jenna Anderson
by Ray & Karen Fitts

Sunday, July 25

- 8:00am (R) Jose Lustre by Cindy Fazzi
- 8:00am (R) Werner Jakel
by Vince & Nancy Mammano
- 10:30am (I) Mass for Parishioners



The defense and promotion of human life are not the monopoly of anyone, but rather the responsibility and task of all. –The Gospel of Life, 91

Reflection: In *The Gospel of Life*, Pope John Paul II states that no person or group, including the Catholic Church, has a monopoly on the defense of life. He called on all Christians, and all people of goodwill, to cooperate with each other in this effort.

Indeed, we all need one another to accomplish the works of justice.

Prayer: Lord, enable those who work for the defense of life to accept one another and to rejoice in the fruits of their collaboration.

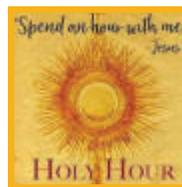
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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for July - **Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



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 August 6th from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the Church. Just before the Holy Hour, from 6:00 to 6:30PM, the Rosary for an increase in Vocations is said. Please join us.

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, please call the Parish Office. 916-967-1229.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Monthly Food Drive to support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, is next weekend July 24th & 25th. SVdP is asking for items to help them in their efforts to safely feed the homeless. They would appreciate individually wrapped or bagged snacks and individual serving size small juice boxes/bottles and bottled water.



Donations can be left in the plastic containers in the church vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office Monday - Thursday between 9:00AM and 1:00PM. Thank you for your generosity.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mercy San Juan Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested in becoming a hospital Eucharistic Minister, or if you have additional questions, please contact Matt Sanders at 916-537-5098 or Matt.Sanders@DignityHealth.org. A current Eucharistic Minister at the hospital said: "bringing communion to the patients is one of the most rewarding things that a person can do."

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The Charismatic Prayer group is now meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Church. Please enter from the upper parking lot. Join us for praise, worship, and healing prayer. For information please call Chris 916-715-1162 or Karen Juten 916-712-3706.



The Usher Ministry is looking for both men and women to help during all weekend Masses. If you would like to find out more about this important ministry, contact Jack Valle at jevalle@sbcglobal.net 916-397-9920 or Bruce Kuban at bkuban123@aol.com 916-390-9836.

There will be short 30-minute training session on Wednesday July 14th at 6:30 in the church. Please contact Jack or Bruce to reserve a spot.

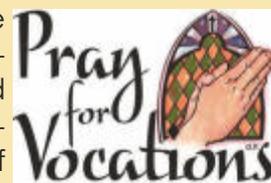


Attention Parents and Godparents. The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish office to register to attend. 916-967-1229

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 order online at ShopwithScrip.com by using the St. Mel enrollment code, 3DL76FEA2151L. All Scrip orders will be sent directly to Regina who will then arrange delivery. Thank you for your support of St. Mel School!



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; daddrmur-ray@comcast.net

KNIGHTS CORNER

Have you finished your Spring Cleaning?



The St. Mel Rummage Sale is almost here! If you haven't finished your "Spring Cleaning", now's your chance. We will begin accepting donations on Sunday, July 25th from noon – 3pm and Monday through Thursday, July 26 – 29, from 4pm – 6pm. Pick-up arrangements can be made by calling or texting to 916-548-4962 or emailing to JPBrennan7262@gmail.com. Then, come to the Rummage Sale, July 30th – August 1st and see what treasures you will find! We appreciate your support for this event.

The Knights of Columbus 50th Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament registration is in full swing. The tournament will be August 14th at Rancho Murieta Golf Course. Register at www.KofC6066.org under the **NEWS** tab. This year, we are designating 30% of the proceeds to the Veterans' Golf Program, a non-profit, charitable organization assisting veterans in need. The remaining proceeds will benefit many other local charities.

Are you a Catholic gentleman, 18 years of age or older, and interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus? Visit our website: www.KofC.org and click on "Join Us." The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization, helping bring communities together.

Please contact me if you have any questions. John Brennan, JPBrennan7262@gmail.com or 916-548-4962.

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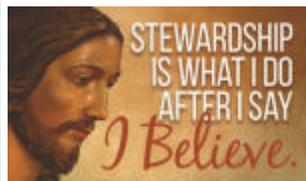
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.



But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

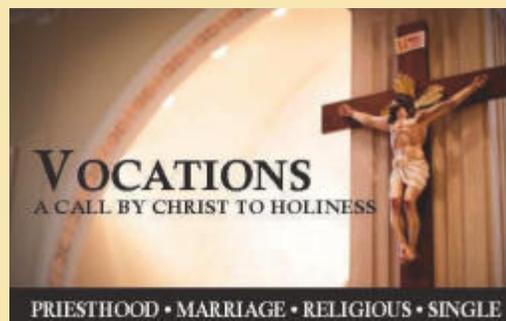
ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

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



This weekend your St. Mel Vocations Ministry is being installed and blessed to continue the work of promoting holiness in each person of our parish family.

From that holiness in individuals will spring holiness in sacramental marriages and family life, and from holy families, vocations to a consecrated life of service to God in His Church for both women and men.

We invite you to join us!

VIRTUAL QUO VADIS BOYS RETREAT

Fr. Memo Hernandez, the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Sacramento invites all boys aged 13 to 17 to attend this Zoom retreat in order to help boys grow in their faith and explore the vocation that the Lord has for him. The retreat will be August 5 through 8. Register at www.scd.org/quovadis for more information call the diocese at 916-733-0258 or email Marisela at msmith@scd.org

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about it? Join RCIA to 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.



MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.



I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.



As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ANNUAL GATHERING

The Natural Family Planning Annual Gathering is Saturday, July 31st at St. Mary's Church, 350 Stinson Avenue, Vacaville 95688. The gathering begins with Mass at 11:00AM celebrated by Bishop Soto, with program to follow from 12:15 – 2:30PM. Food will be provided. At the gathering you will meet our NFP instructors, Marriage Preparation couples, catechists, and couples that help promote Catholic beliefs about human sexuality and responsible parenthood. This is a valuable opportunity to socialize and get to know those working in family life ministries. All are welcome. Register at catholic.formstack.com/forms/nfpgathering2021. Questions? Call Andrey Arevalo, Coordinator for Marriage & Family Life, 916-733-0156.

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St. Mel Parish Rummage Sale July 30-Aug 1, 2021



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Drop-off Donations Schedule

Sunday, July 25: Noon to 3:00 PM

Mon, July 26 through Thurs, July 29: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM



Pickup service can be arranged for your donations for a minimal donation to Doheny Fund.

If you need assistance in getting your donations to Doheny Hall, please contact:

John Brennan (916-548-4962) or JPBrennan7262@gmail.com

Here is your chance to do your summer cleaning and donate good usable items for sale while helping others with this fundraiser. **Please note:** We are asking for and accepting, "good, clean, useable clothing (no used undergarments)." No stuffed furniture, mattresses, text books, encyclopedias, or large appliances. We do need **paper bags** for rummage sale purchases.

NO E-Waste will be accepted this year.

Open for Treasure Hunting

Fri., July 30...8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sat., July 31...9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sun., Aug 1....9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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