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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.

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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 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| October 16 - 17 | October 6 |
| October 23 - 24 | October 13 |
| October 30 - 31 | October 20 |
| November 6 - 7 | October 27 |

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

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)

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



Join the journey back to perpetual adoration by signing up for an hour!

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open during the following hours:

Monday through Saturday 9AM - 12PM

Monday through Saturday 5PM - 9PM

Sunday 12PM - 9PM

Visit <https://stmel.weadorehim.com> or see the poster in the back of church for available hours.

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

October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



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TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



Sunday, October 10

- 8:00am (I) Mass for Parishioners
- 10:30am (R) Judith Hall by Cathy Joyce
- 10:30am (R) Fred Atilano
by Margie Reilly & John Ledna

Monday, October 11

- 8:30am (I) Frank & Cyndy Mason
54th Wedding Anniversary
- 8:30am (I) Bill & Joyce Savage
by A Grateful Parish

Tuesday, October 12

- 8:30am (R) CJ Tousey by Kelley Tousey
- 8:30am (R) Jim Greene by Greene Family

Wednesday, October 13

No Mass

Thursday, October 14

- 8:30am (I) Fr. Matthew Spencer, Men's Day of
Faith Speaker by MDOF Team
- 8:30am (I) Revati Goveas by Goveas Family
- 8:30am (I) Pilo & Miki DeLeon
Wedding Anniversary

Friday, October 15

- 8:30am (R) Hartaty by Yo Family
- 8:30am (R) Muriel Guillermo by Evelyn Picardo

Saturday, October 16

- 4:30pm (I) Cheryl Richardson
by Matt & Sara Donnelly
- 4:30pm (I) Laura Schelosky
by Aunt Kathy & Uncle Frank

Sunday, October 17

- 8:00am (I) Erick Yo by Yo Family
- 8:00am (I) Jo Morrison by Stan & Delight Hart
- 10:30am (I) Mass for Parishioners



You are at my side, with Your rod and Your staff that comfort me. -Ps 23:4

Reflection: Some want "living wills" in order to make their wishes known regarding medical treatment.

The better solution is a health care proxy, that is, a person you appoint to speak for you if you cannot speak for yourself. Such a person can consult doctors and clergy when the actual circumstances arise, rather than making treatment decisions today for circumstances nobody can foresee.

Prayer: Lord, You are already in our future; be our protection and comfort each day

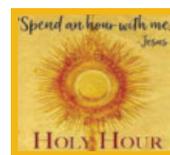
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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for October - **Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



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 November 5th 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.



Attention Parents and Godparents. The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class is Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish office to register to attend. 916-967-1229



The Usher Ministry is looking for 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.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Three Seminarians from our diocese are celebrating birthdays in October. Eric Patrick on October 17th and Ivan Franco-Martin on October 31st. Both Eric and Ivan are studying at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Alejandro Marquez celebrates his birthday on October 31st. Alejandro is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR 97373.

These young men appreciate your cards, prayers and support.

St. Mel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 6:30PM in the church. **New voices are always welcome!** Looking forward to gathering, singing, and praying with you again. Please arrive 5 or 10 mins early so that we can start on time. Questions? Contact Aaron Thompson, Director of Music, at stmelmusic@outlook.com.



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."

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*)

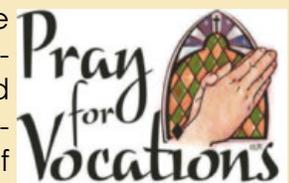
and life everlasting. (*1 Jn 5: 20*)

Amen.

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

CFF will be a homeschool format for at least the first 6 months of the 2021-22 School Year. Registration is open now. The registration form is available on stmelchurch.org under Faith Formation - Religious Education for Children. If you have any questions please email Sara Donnelly, ccd@stmelschool.org.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are being scheduled to serve at all Masses. If you have been an altar server before, or are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Dave Murray for information about training. If you are in second grade and have already received your First Holy Communion, you are eligible to be a server at St. Mel. ALL ages, from second-twelfth grade are WELCOME.

Dave Murray, 916-716-5187 or dddmurray@comcast.net



KNIGHTS CORNER

Columbus Day, October 11



Excerpts from www.KofC.org:

Ever wonder why Father Michael J. McGivney chose Christopher Columbus as the namesake for his new benefit society? Why would he and his Irish Knights name their Catholic fraternity after an Italian explorer rather than a saint? Because, in a time when anti-Catholic and anti-immigration hostilities ran strong, the American public embraced this famous explorer. Father McGivney and his Knights understood that using Columbus as their Order's namesake asserted an important truth: that not only was there a place for Catholics and immigrants within American society, but that such a person had already played a part in creating the young, free world around them.

Today, there are those who contest Columbus' achievements and protest the national holiday held in his honor. However, we Knights celebrate his holiday, knowing that Columbus gave voice and representation to generations of Catholics, helping pave a path for the diverse society we have today.

Not surprisingly, popes since the late 19th century have praised Columbus' mission of evangelization. Pope John Paul II, while celebrating Mass at a Columbus monument in the Dominican Republic near the 1992 quincentenary, said the cross-shaped memorial "means to symbolize the cross of Christ planted in this land in 1492."

In a speech to the young people of Genoa, Pope Francis talked about how a disciple of Christ needs the "virtue of a navigator," and he pointed to the example of Columbus who faced "a great challenge" and showed "courage," a trait he indicated was essential to becoming a "good missionary."

The Knights of Columbus has defended its patron from unfair attacks, urging that he continue to receive official recognition as a man of faith and bravery. Columbus represents the kind of heroic courage and religious faith that inspired the establishment of the United States. Although he surely holds special meaning for Catholics and for Italian Americans, Columbus is a figure all citizens of the New World can celebrate.

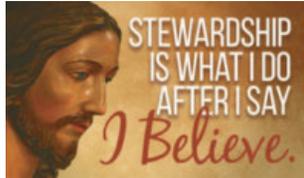


For additional information the Knights and Christopher Columbus, including a documentary, please visit www.KofC.org. John Brennan - 916-548-4962, JPBrennan7262@gmail.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering



the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

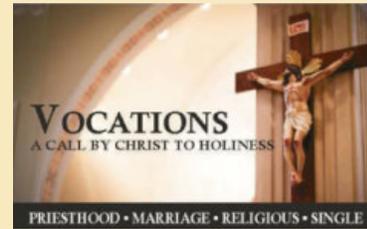
But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A REMINDER

Before entering the Adoration Chapel, remember that you are in the Real Presence of Our Lord. Please refrain from talking and be sure to turn off your cell phone. This will be greatly appreciated by the other Adorers.



Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is a tremendous day to remember when in 1571 the Ottoman empire navy was defeated by united Catholic European navies through the praying of the Rosary by Catholics all over Europe. Why the Rosary? It is Mary's weapon. Demons flee and devils tremble. The quickest and surest way to holiness is through Mary and her Rosary.

Action item: pray a Rosary tonight for vocations to come from your family!

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

Join us for our Fall Touring Event on October 18th at 10:00AM. Events include a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A!

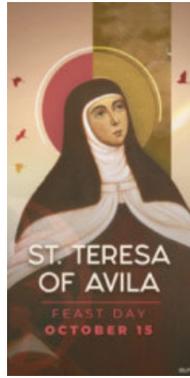
Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid®* operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more or to register, contact Hannah Hollcraft at hhollcraft.sac@rcahybrid.org or visit our website www.rcahybrid.org

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ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.



The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

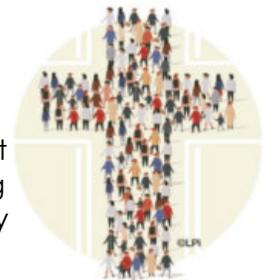
St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



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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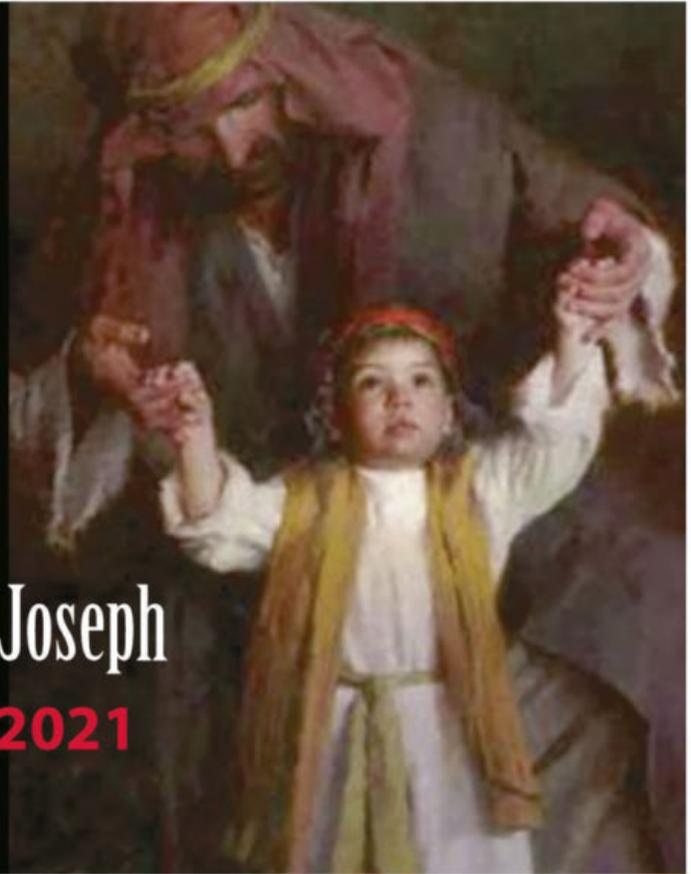
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