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[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 4:21

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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.

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

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Articles DUE
February 5 - 6	January 26
February 12 - 13	February 2
February 19 - 20	February 9
February 26 - 27	February 16

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

<u>Please go to the St. Mel Facebook page to view</u> <u>the live stream</u>,

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

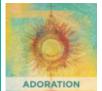
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Visit Jesus!



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has several openings. Visit <u>https://</u> <u>stmel.weadorehim.com</u> to see the full schedule. All are welcome!

0949 or <u>stmeladoration@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

Commentators & Altar Servers February 5th & 6th		
Mass Times	Commentator	Altar Servers
SAT 4:30PM	Cantrall	John Michael & Luke
SUN 8:00AM	Ward	Lillian & Dylan
sun 10:30Am	Phillips L / Phillips J	Aaron

READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34



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Joanne Frances Miller Joanne & George Kim John Atilano John Lubecki Jonathan Hayes Jonathan Rassmussen Jorges Gonzales June McKenderich Kaitlyn Doyle Kathy Houser Kathryn Hesia Larry Williams Linda Lambrite Louella Mortensen Maggie Harrington Margaret Hesia Margie Reilly Marvin Schluttenhofer Mary Jane Rocha Marylou Tavera Melanie & Sally Edwards Melena Adams Ose Mike Browning **Mike Tompkins** Nick Oakes Norma Kaufman Pat Woods Patti Stevens Paul & Marti Gohring Rhonda Morgan **Rita Vicory** Ron Barbour Ron Barton Ron & Judy Martinez **Ronnie Denton Rosemary Easter** Sara Donnelly Susan Arthur Talon Bonanno Teresa Lee Tracy Kent Victoria Hummer Walter Thompson

TODAY'S GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?



Sunday, January 30

8:00am (I) Mass for Parishioners 10:30am (I) Sara Donnelly by Vic & Carol Warmerdam 10:30am (I) Gloria Williams

Monday, January 31

8:30am (R) William Jones by Betty Zanoni 8:30am (R) Amy Lasat by Lasat Family

Tuesday, February 1

8:30am (R) Barbara Eisengardt by John & Mary Alyce Gisla
8:30am (R) Clare Anne & Mike Moody by Gene Moody

Wednesday, February 2

No Mass

Thursday, February 3

8:30am (I) Andrew Bauer & Family8:30am (I) Mary Ann Greene by Deacon Paul & Sharon

Friday, February 4

8:30am	(I) Kelly Heisinger by Kelley Tousey
8:30am	(I) American Military
	by Chris & Karen Juten

Saturday, February 5

 4:30pm (R) Paula Hornaday by Mammano Family
 4:30pm (R) Barbara Eisengardt by John & Mary Alyce Gisla

Sunday, February 6

8:00am (I) Molly Nichols by St. Mel School 8:00am (I) Sara Donnelly 10:30am (I) Mass for Parishioners





Whoever humbles himself and becomes like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ~ Matthew 18:4

<u>Reflection</u>: There is a natural humility about children that God wants us to imitate. They know they are smaller and weaker and in need of protection and provision. God wants us to know our dependence on Him the same way.

The dependence of children, therefore, is meant to evoke from us the same kind of care that God gives us all.

<u>Prayer</u>: Lord, thank you for the example of children. May their dependence move the hearts of those around them to love, protect, and care for them in every circumstance.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for January-**For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution;

may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

MASK WHILE AT MASS

We kindly ask that everyone respects Bishop Soto's request to wear a mask while attending Mass. Many of us do wear a mask. **Thank you!**

Your fellow parishioners will appreciate your compliance to this minor inconvenience. Consider it a small act of kindness to others.



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

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ST. MEL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

There will be a collection next weekend, February 5th & 6th, for the St. Mel Maintenance & Improvement Fund. These funds are used for taking care of our facilities. Thank you for your generosity.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding anniversaries for the month of February will be recognized at all Masses next weekend.

CALVARY CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER

Today, representatives from Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center will be joining us after Mass at a table outside to invite you to join them for a Free Lunch & Learn in our hall on February 1st at 11:30 AM. Advance reservations are requested and the opportunity to sign up will be available at their table this weekend. Please stop by and meet our Diocesan Funeral and Cemetery representatives and sign up for a free lunch. If you have any questions, or need a different time or day to meet please reach out to Jocelyn Young at 916-840-2155.

CARMELITE MONASTERY BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Finally, after two years, we are happy to invite you to attend the Carmelite Luncheon in support of our Carmelite Monastery in Georgetown. The Spaghetti Luncheon will be held on February 12 at St. Mel Parish Hall in Fair Oaks. Doors open at 11:30. The lunch includes spaghetti, salad, bread, antipasto, and dessert. There is a raffle of lovely prizes and a silent auction of great gifts, including a weekend at the Monastery! With Valentine's Day just around the bend, come pour some love on our Carmelite Sisters! Bring your sweetie, your BFF, or your prayer group and have some fun! Tickets still only \$25 pp. TO REGISTER: Go online to www.carmeliteauxiliary.org and scroll down to the luncheon tab or email Brenda at blmcc77@gmail.com.

St. Mel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 6:30PM in the church. **New voices are always** welcome! Looking forward to gath-



ering, 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.



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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL RAFFLE

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul Is offering one free raffle ticket for every \$10 donation in the months of February and March. Every dollar goes directly to our SVDP St. Mel Conference.

Each ticket is for a chance to win a trip to Hawaii; 6 days and 5 nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa, airfare, rental car and an American Express gift card for a total value of \$3,500. The winner will be drawn at the Annual Benefit for the Poor on April 29th.

Checks should be made out to St. Vincent De-Paul. All we need with your donation is your name, address and a phone number. We can hold your ticket stubs for pick up in the St. Jude room.

Checks can be mailed or delivered to the church office Monday through Thursday between 9am and 1pm. For further information call or text Melissa McLeod at (916)699-6730.



New Bible Study Class, "The Case for Christ" videos by Dr. Brandt Pitre, 9 weeks, \$9, Feb 8 to Apr 5, Tuesdays, 6:30 St Jude Rm. Join us for fellowship in Christ! Call Cheryl Hoff-

mann 916-966-1830

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.

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 Ed-



wardsfamily@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

Altar Servers are being scheduled to serve at all Masses. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Dave Murray for information about training. If you have 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 dddrmurray@comcast.net

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Please consider online giving through Faith Direct. With Faith Direct, parishioners can make Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Visit <u>www.faithdirect.net</u> to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **CA731**. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time.

KNIGHTS CORNER

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The Knights of Columbus are most often associated with all of our



charitable actions, but did you know that the Knights were founded as a Fraternal Benefits Society to help widows and orphans financially when a Brother Knight passed away? The Knights continue to offer financial benefits, and now everyone is invited to hear the latest, virtually! The Knights are providing a free seminar on "Pursuing Growth with Integrity" to help you make an informed and educated decision with your future investments on your way to meeting your financial goals.

As Catholics, we face a common dilemma of choosing between investment goals and our moral values. Now, you have a chance to listen to Anthony Minopoli, the President and Chief Investment Officer for the Knights on how he believes you can reach your investment growth



goals without compromising your Catholic beliefs. This is a virtual meeting that you can watch or listen to anywhere, with no obligations. Our goal is to provide you the information, then you decide. That's it!

The seminar is Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 6:00pm. To register, go to:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/ register/8884217100332523280

We hope you will join us for this informative seminar.

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

Please contact me if you have any questions. John Brennan - 916-548-4962, <u>JPBren-</u>nan7262@gmail.com



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.



But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for

every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





Part of the formation of a seminarian is called the CPE, the Clinical Pastoral Education. It is a 3 month long internship within a hospital setting, ministering to the spiritual needs of the sick and dying and their families. The seminarian doing his CPE gets a good look at what being a chaplain entails.

Action item: Can you name the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy? Practice one today!



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 February 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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH RETREATS

The 2021-2022 Christ the King Parish Retreat theme is "God's Dream for Our World" to ponder God's dream for our world, though the lens of sacred scripture and storytelling. We invite all to come and probe the depth of God's Love for us in Christ as we gather in prayer, study, meditation, sacraments, and rest. The WOMEN'S retreat for St. Mel will be MARCH 4-6 (but also available: March 25-27, April 1-10 and 22-24) and the men have several options (Feb 4-6, 11-13, 25-27 and April 1-3). Please reserve your spot today by calling your Parish Coordinator Martha Styer at 916-962-3307 or the CTK at 916-725-4720 Ext 301. You can register online at http:// also christthekingretreatcenter.org If you're unable to attend our parish date, sign up for other date. Accept this invitation as a precious gift to yourself as you awaken and rejuvenate the spirit within you. Please know: no one is refused because of inability to pay full amount.

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ST. BLAISE

Feast Day February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was



forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace ? my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us today!

Catholic Family Life



Join with other families every first Sunday right after 10:30 Mass.

Great chance to meet and share in the joys of family life! Kids have a great time!



WHERE: Doheny Hall

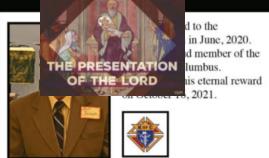
January 2– After 10:30 Mass February 6– After 10:30 Mass

March 28- After 10:30 Mass

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Join us for a brief presentation to discuss the benefits of planning funeral, mortuary, cremation or cemetery services ahead of time.

Free Lunch • 30 minute presentation with Q&A

Date: February 1st, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: St. Mel Parish Center 4748 Pennsylvania Ave. Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Advance Registration Requested: Scan QR code here or visit our website: cfcssacramento.org/events

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