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MASS SCHEDULE/MISAS

Saturday/Sábado: 3:00 PM Vigil Mass English/ Misa de Vigilia en Inglés

Sunday/Domingo:

8:00 AM	English/Inglés
9:30 AM	Spanish/Español
11:30 AM	English/Inglés
1:00 PM	Spanish/Español

Daily Mass/Misa Diaria: 8:00 am English/Inglés Mon-Fri

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Every Friday 8:30—9 AM

OUR MISSION

We the people of St. Mel's Catholic Faith Community, a rural, diverse, and inviting parish baptized into the body of Christ, formed by the Word and Sacrament, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seek to evangelize God's people to be a visible sign of God's love.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Nosotros el pueblo de la comunidad de fe de San Mel, una parroquia rural, diversa y acogedora, bautizada en el Cuerpo de Cristo, formada por la Palabra y Sacramento, y fortalecida por el Espíritu Santo, busca evangelizar al pueblo de Dios para que sea un signo visible del amor de Dios.

MASS INTENTIONS

	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020
3 PM	John & Martha Ly—**Wedding Annv.**
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020
8AM	Salvador Flores Rivera †
9:30 AM	Juan Gonzalez Vazquez † , Maria Dolores Bernal Carrillo † , Maria Luisa Bernal Carrillo † , & Sabina Carrillo Valenzuela †
11:30 AM	Parishioners
1PM	Antonio Lua † , Amelia Lizarraga † , Jose Luis Lopez † , & Cresencio Garcia—**Birthday**
	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020
8 AM	Rev. Msgr. Cosimo Corciulo †
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020
8 AM	Esceridion Panaligan † & Adolfo Gomez—**Birthday**
	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020
8 AM	Most Rev. Jose Maria De La Torre Martin †
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020
8 AM	Jesus Colin—**Birthday** & Mario & Irene Colin—**43rd Wedding Annv.**
	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
8 AM	Knights of Columbus

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Lk 2:30-32

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"Porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos; luz que alumbra a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo, Israel". - Lc 2, 30-32

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December 27, 2020

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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IMPORTANT

Our Saturday Vigil Mass is now being held at 3 p.m.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
MON 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
TUE 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
WED 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
THR 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
FRI 1/1	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
SAT 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
SUN 1/3	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In additional to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, “people need people.”

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn’t important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don’t misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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El Don de la Familia

¡Que año ha sido! ¿Cómo hablaremos de estos tiempos dentro de una década? A medida que pase el tiempo, nuestras impresiones del año pasado ciertamente cambiarán. Cómo nos sentimos hoy al tratar con un virus asesino y todo el caos que lo rodea todavía está fresco para todos. Asumiría que la mayoría de nosotros en este momento también estamos uniendo más cerca a nosotros a quienes amamos y los abrazámos un poco más fuerte. Con suerte, incluso si los temores y las preocupaciones de 2020 se disipan en el futuro, la forma en que nos sentimos hacia nuestra familia nunca debería abandonarnos.

La corresponsabilidad es, ciertamente, de todo. Dios nos ha dado tanto, grande y pequeño, profundo y común. Uno de los mejores regalos que todos han recibido es la familia. Las familias tienen todas las formas y tamaños y algunas se ven muy diferentes a otras. Para algunos, la familia es un cuidador o tutor temporal. Para otros, es un amigo cuando todos los demás parecen haber desaparecido. La conclusión es que, para citar una canción de hace muchos años, "las personas necesitan personas".

Cuando Dios le dio al mundo su único Hijo, la Encarnación no vino en una nube o con un destello de luz. Él nació en una familia. Jesús entendió el regalo de la familia toda su vida. ¿Crees que, si tener una familia no fuera importante, Dios todavía habría incluido esto en el plan de salvación?

A medida que este año llega a su fin, recuerda que tu corresponsabilidad muchos días comienza y termina con las personas más cercanas a ti. No hagas mal uso ni des por hecho este precioso regalo. Dios nos da dones a propósito, incluso a su Hijo unigénito.

- *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS

Join Fr. James every first Saturday of the month for mass at 8AM in the hall patio in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

Everyone is invited to attend this very powerful devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Goal	**$64,100.00**
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Our Diocesan Goal for 2020 is $64,100.00.
Every penny received over our goal is returned to our parish.

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Your prayers are requested for /Sus oraciones son solicitadas para

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and all in our parish who are ill, suffering or in special need of our Lord's mercy and comfort at this time.

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Carlos & Cristi Rosales/Sun 7:30AM……
Salvador Amador/9:30 AM & 1:30 PM……
Scott Wynn/Sun 11:30AM……
Ray & Rose Villanueva/Sun 5PM……

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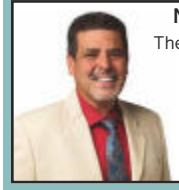

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