

St. Mel Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

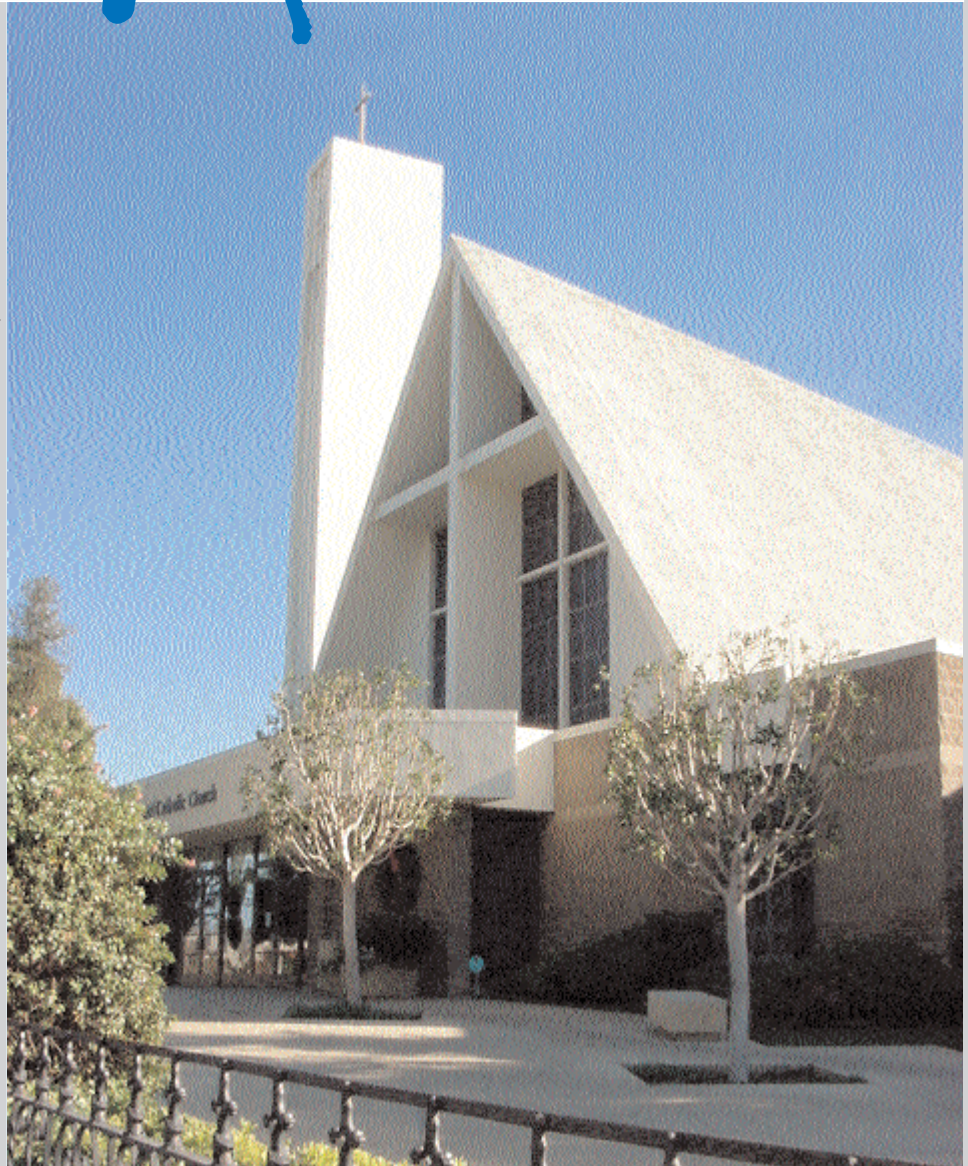
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"May the Lord
bless us all
the days of
our lives."*

Psalm 128

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 6:30 & 8:10 am

Saturday 8 am & 5 pm Vigil

Sunday 7:15, 9, 11 am & 5 pm

Guess Who's
Coming To Dinner
October 17

(see page 6 for details)



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parish Community of St. Mell

No other scripture passage hits such a sensitive emotional cord as does today's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16) regarding divorce. Upon hearing it, people can react in different ways. Some give their enthusiastic approval and are relieved that Jesus is being so clear and firm on

the issue. Others respond with concern. They think about family members or friends who have had to struggle with this issue. Still others may experience confusion or frustration as they reflect on their own life experience with the anguish of divorce.

One of the most important keys to unlocking the meaning of any passage of Sacred Scripture is to understand the historical context in which it was written. At the time of Jesus, as well as during the time of the writing of Mark's Gospel, divorce was rampant. Jesus took a prophetic stance in the face of this social situation. He reminded His listeners of God's plan for humanity by quoting from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 2:24) used in our First Reading for today's Mass. Jesus drew a prophetic conclusion: "Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Human failures often frustrate God's plan. And so we need a strong reminder of what God has in mind for us just as much as did Jesus' contemporaries.

For almost 2000 years, Christians have struggled with the meaning of today's Gospel. And it is obvious that even in the first century, there was a much more nuanced approach to this issue (see Matthew 19:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7:12-16). In my 18+ years in the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I have been part of that struggle, and for many, a resolution as well.

The second part of today's Gospel presents Jesus as reaching out to children (Mark 10: 13-16). It provides a beautiful introduction to "Respect Life Sunday." The theme for this year is taken from Pope Benedict XVI's statement: "Every child brings us God's smile." We are reminded of the beauty and dignity of human life, from conception to natural death, and every stage in-between. And we need to renew our commitment to work for the protection of human life from beginning to end!

Msgr. Helmut Hefner

A Message From Sr. Marie Paul

It is said that Christians come in three models: rafts, sailboats and tugboats. First, there are the rafts. Basically, they are Christians in name only. They follow Jesus only when someone else pulls or pushes them. Second, there are the sailboats. They follow Jesus, but only in sunny weather. When stormy weather comes, they go in the direction of the wind and the waves; in other words, they follow the crowd more than they really follow Jesus. Finally, there are the tugboats. They follow Jesus regardless of the weather. They go in his direction not only when the wind and waves serve them, but also when the wind and waves oppose them. Tugboats don't always travel as fast as some would like, but they always travel consistently. Even though some people may not consider tugboats very glamorous, they get the job done! May we all have a wonderful week, doing what we do best in following Jesus.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Are you mourning the death of someone you love? All who wish to pray for those who have died among their family and friends are invited to an evening Mass on October 2nd, All Souls' Day at 7 pm. You are also invited to bring a picture of your loved one[s] to be included in the processional banner.



Come Celebrate 70 Years of St. John's Seminary

Since 1939 St. John's Seminary has served the Church of southern California. We invite you to celebrate this legacy while helping us assure good holy priests for our future! A seventieth anniversary dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 30, at 5:30 pm at the parish hall of St. Charles Borromeo Church, 10828 Moorpark Avenue, North Hollywood. Among the many priests trained at St. John's serving the parishes of the San Fernando Region are: Bishop Jerry Wilkerson, Monsignors Peter Amy, Robert Gallagher, Jim Gehl, Helmut Hefner, Richard Murray, Paul Montoya, Peter Nugent and Francis Weber, along with Fathers Albert Bahhuth, Tom Baker, Jim Bevacqua, Freddie Chua, Austin Doran, Ed Dover, Paul Griesgraber, Steve Guitron, Maurice Harrigan, Paul Hruby, Ik Ikeocha, Greg King, Robert Milbauer, Larry Neumeier, Alden Sison, Norm Supancek, Arturo Velasco, Michael Wakefield and many, many more.

Tickets are \$70 and include hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine or other beverage, a delicious meal and a chance to mingle with seminarians, seminary faculty and many of our priest alumni. For further information or to make a reservation contact the Seminary's Advancement Office at (805) 389-2035 or by e-mail: advancement@stjohnsem.edu or visit our seminary website www.stjohnsem.edu.

Together In Community

What's Going On Outside The Parish Center?

Have you noticed the planters dug out? The exterior block and foundation exposed? The concrete curb removed? Well, we had some water intrusion inside the building. After investigation, it was determined that the Parish Center is no longer waterproof! In consultation with the archdiocese we have contracted to have the northwestern, northern and northeastern perimeter rewaterproofed. The cost of this work, including landscaping, sprinklers, a replacement curb and resealing the window is just under \$20,000. This unexpected expense has put a strain on our very limited reserves. In addition, it has been recommended that we carry this process through along the remaining perimeter of the building. We are awaiting a proposal for the additional work. We would be most grateful for any extra donations to our Building and Maintenance Fund. 100% of these donations remain in the parish to cover costs such as those incurred by this unexpected work. Please contact me if you have any questions.

God bless,

Rosemary

(818) 340-6020, ext. 1019

Book Club News: Secular Sabotage

The Wednesday, October 21st Meeting of the Book Club at 7 pm, Room 200, the Parish Center will feature "Secular Sabotage" by William Donohue. This is a new book by the feisty head of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Donohue takes on the left and it's carefully orchestrated effort to characterize prayerful people as "far out" or fanatics. He describes ways in which various organizations systematically try to undo that which is Christian. Or in the case of the media, not to report important religious matters or when it does so, to do it inaccurately. He recounts various abuses that have occurred to individuals who have had to take a stand; attacks on people who merely say they are practicing Catholics. Currently, Mr Donohue is working on bringing to light the great injustices done to Pope Pius XII by incorrectly characterizing his role in World War II. To New Yorkers, Mr. Donohue is perhaps best known for taking on Barney's Department store a few years ago when it depicted the Blessed Mother in a Madonna like bra in it's Christmas windows. A fiery knight wielding his pen nobly as a sword, Donohue first alerted the Catholic Community and then made sure the windows were removed in a matter of days. This is what Bill Donohue is known for: letting us know the situation reliably and getting it taken care of with a little help from his fellow Catholics. The book reads like a mystery and will carry you along to make you look at your own community to see where the Church needs help. A plain spoken man Donohue holds a Phd in Sociology. Google the Catholic League web site for more information. To hear more come to the Book Club October 21st. Hope to see YOU!

The St. Mel Pastoral Council Wants YOU!!!

The Pastoral Council consists of 6-8 members-at-large, the chairpersons of the Finance Council, School Council, Justice and Peace Council and a representative from the Liturgy Committee. Together, they are an advisory body to Monsignor Hefner regarding issues in our parish community, the archdiocese and the Universal Church and have initiated projects such as strengthening our parish's relationship with Guadalupe Center, developing strategies to make St. Mel a more welcoming faith community, and continuing to support our many parish ministries and St. Mel School.

With the terms of service for several members ending in December, we're recruiting parishioners to serve a three year term on the Pastoral Council beginning in January 2010. At Masses on October 10 and 11, Monsignor Hefner will speak about the Pastoral Council's role and invite parishioners to consider the call to serve. Pastoral Council applications will be available in next week's Bulletin, may be picked up in the vestibule of the church or at the Parish Center, and for those who are internet-savvy, can be downloaded from the St. Mel website (www.stmelparish.org). Completed Pastoral Council applications may be delivered or mailed to the Parish Center until Friday, October 30 at 5 p.m. Candidate interviews will be held on November 10 and 17 and new members will be announced in early December.

Two years ago, I was a long-time parishioner who had just ended a lengthy career in municipal government; for many years my long work hours and career demands left little time or energy to volunteer at St. Mel. I hoped that my new gift of time and the career talents I developed along the way would contribute to the parish goals, and submitted an application for the Council's consideration. I was interviewed by the Council and after their discernment and prayer, was invited to serve. My time with the Pastoral Council has been very enriching - my faith has grown and with it a sense of belonging and parish "ownership" I'd never experienced before. In addition, I have met (and continue meeting) so many wonderful parishioners as a result of my Council involvement. Serving on the Pastoral Council has been a privilege; I invite you to consider and pray about joining me and our fellow parishioners who serve on the Pastoral Council.

If you want more information before making a decision, please drop by the Welcome Table after Mass to talk with one of the Pastoral Council members or contact me at (818) 881-2810. If you're not available at this time to serve, you may know someone who would be a good candidate. Please encourage him/her to consider serving on the Pastoral Council. Sometimes parishioners who would be great assets to the Council hesitate to nominate themselves; your encouragement could result in a wonderful opportunity which benefits our entire parish community.

Suzanne Harman
Pastoral Council Chairperson

Together In Faith



Confirmation Registration is going on now for Year 1 and Year 2. Classes begin Sunday October 4th & classes will be the 1st & 2nd Sunday of every Month; October-May (excluding holidays) from 3 pm-6:15 pm which will include our 5pm Mass.

Buca di Beppo in Encino is hosting a Fundraiser for St. Mel's Life Teen Wednesday, October 14th 4pm-9pm. St. Mel's Life Teen will get 20% of all food items purchased. The Buca di Beppo is located at 17500 Ventura Blvd. Please come out and support our youth! Please present this bulletin or present the flyer.

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Together In Mission Update

Parish Goal
\$110,996.80
Amount Pledged
\$120,489.00
Amount Paid
\$101,514.00

Thank you to those who have paid their pledges in full. For those of you that still owe on your pledges, please continue to make payments. For those of you that have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so at this time. Remember, your pledges help the poorest schools and parishes in the Archdiocese. Also, if we do not reach our goal, the parish will have to pay the difference. On the other hand, if we surpass our goal, 100% of the money will be given back to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary McLarty at x1019 or rmclarty@stmel.org.

Religious Education News

Virtus Training at St. Mel Parish

All adults over the age of 18 who work with or around our children in any volunteer or staff capacity at St. Mel Parish, must attend a Virtus training session entitled **Protecting God's Children** prior to beginning to volunteer. Furthermore, any adults who work closely with or around our children on a regular basis must be fingerprinted through the Archdiocese. Please call for an appointment (818) 340-6020, ext. 1025. **Initial three-hour training: Protecting God's Children** - Sunday, October 4th, 12:30 - 3:30pm; Sunday, October 11th, 6:00 - 9:00pm; Monday, October 12th, 6:00 - 9:00pm.

Baptism in Faith

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated here at St. Mel on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. Upcoming baptism preparation classes will be held on Monday evenings, October 5th and November 2nd from 7:00-9:00 pm upstairs in the Parish Center. Parents and godparents must attend one class in order to fulfill the parish requirements for baptism preparation. Please call Pat Andre at 818 340-6020, ext 1022 to make an appointment to have your child baptized.

Did You Know?

Know Your Kids' School

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment. For more information about child safety programs in the Archdiocese, please call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

St. Mel Parish Library Topic of the Week: "The Rule of Law and the Wealth of Nations"

This article discusses the role of government and the private market in the recent economic downturn. It is good background for the Pope's recent encyclical. It is taken from a recent issue of the periodical, *First Things*.

Handouts are available at the library after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. The library is reached by exiting the front left door of the church, and turning right in the alleyway, east of the Church.

Together In Prayer

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2009

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
- Mark 10:14

Mass Intention

Saturday, October 3
5:00 Tommy Griffin †
Sunday, October 4
7:15 Frank & Maryann Cieslak †
9:00 Mass for the People
11:00 John Gleeson †
5:00 Jesse Gallenero †
Monday, October 5
6:30 Germaine Brassine †
8:10 Gil Barreto
Tuesday, October 6
6:30 John Newkirk †
8:10 Sr. Frances Faul
Wednesday, October 7
6:30 Mass for the People
8:10 Michael Bolger
Thursday, October 8
6:30 Oliver Kelly †
8:10 Felix Gannon †
Friday, October 9
6:30 Patrick Bolger †
8:10 Joseph Dungo †
Saturday, October 10
8:00 Mark Coughlin †

Today's Readings

First Reading - The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm - May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading - He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel - Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

Readings For The Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Pray For Our Beloved Sick

In your prayers please remember the sick and infirm of our parish especially: Mary SchAAF, Dick McMullen, Elsa Marin, Mary Harrigan, Joan Wolf, Joe Micklus, Wendy Cavanaugh (wife of John Cavanaugh), Verne Lippert, Ann Victoria Zeitlin, Zachary Zeitlin, Barbara Adams, David Schmidt, Cora Neely, Olga Hopkins, Donny Franks, Kelly Luanne D'Angelo, Laura Ricks (mother of Danielle McGinnis), Mary Kazanowski, Marijka Dekkers, Joe Cornejo, Lynn & Harvey Olson, Erin Cantwell, Edi Hamblet, Theresa Kelly (daughter of Geraldine Stoner), Donald White, Kevin Cordasco, Sally Totten (sister of Alvina Tichenor), Helen Prusas, Marian Surdo, Ann Lepire (grandmother of Andrew & Matthew Lepire), Josephine Mollica, Darlyne Edge, Bart Kearns, Jeanette Sasaki (mother of Raymond, grandmother of Matthew and Mark) and Monsignor John Naughton.

Pray For Our Beloved Deceased

In your Masses and prayers during the week please remember the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners especially Joseph Morello (father of Tim & Sandy), Aloysius McHale (brother of Marge Austin), Jessica Roberts and Doreen Palermo (mother of Anthony).

October Is Respect Life Month

This year our church family will again celebrate the month of October as "Respect Life Month." Jesus challenges us to care for every human life, both the unborn and the born. The theme for our celebration this year is taken from the words of Pope Benedict XVI: Every Child Brings Us God's Smile.

There are many resources available to help us celebrate this special month, including the U.S. Bishops website, www.usccb.org/prolife and that of our own archdiocese, www.archdiocese.la. The annual San Fernando Valley Life Chain will be held again this year on Sunday, October 4, 2:30 to 4 pm, beginning at the intersection of Devonshire Street and Sepulveda Boulevard in Mission Hills. You may visit their website at www.lifechain.net

Prayers For Priests

Please keep the following priests in your prayers:

10/4 Rev. Hugo Neyra
10/5 Rev. Gregory King
10/6 Rev. Msgr. Carl Bell
10/7 Rev. Simon Gagnon
10/8 Rev. John Stoner
10/9 Rev. Msgr. Peter Amy
10/10 Rev. James Toal

Mark Your Calendar

Theology Of The Body

Reminder that the second "Theology of the Body" study group meeting will be this Thursday, October 8, at 7 p.m. in the Teen Room of the Activity Center. This week's session is "The Great Analogy of Spousal Love". Sign-ups are still available or you can come to this session to register for this series. Please call Margot Hird with any questions or for information on future series at (818) 648-7740.

The Rosary Ministry

Attention all who are interested in making rosaries! We will be having Rosary making sessions, we will teach you how to make rosaries and you can be a St. Mel Rosary maker. Date: October 14 and October 28 from 9:30 until 11 am in the Parish Center, room 201. For further information please call Mitos Bitong at (818) 710-9888.

Your Time And Talent

The Scriptures continually tell us to commit ourselves to serving others. Most of us want to serve--the questions are how, where, and do I have the time?

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that everyday is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed in the Parish Library. Weekend work applies to volunteer hours for the school. Call 818- 992-5176.

Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council Of Catholic Women

You are cordially invited to attend the 62nd annual conference of the ACCW at the Wilshire Grand Hotel on Tuesday, October 6. Guest of honor: His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony. For reservations or information contact Marge Austin 347-1003 or Betty Klein 707-9606.

Parish Groups Sponsor Prison Ministry Conference

St. Mel Detention Ministry and the Justice and Peace Council with help from the Men's Club and St. Vincent de Paul Society, are sponsoring a training conference for volunteer members of Inmate Family Councils throughout California. Representatives from many of our state's 33 adult prisons will gather at St. Mel the weekend of October 9-10 to better understand how to interact and advocate with local prison administrations to improve conditions for families, volunteers and prisoners. Visiting is the primary rehabilitative activity in prison. Families bear the day to day costs of supplying prisoners with food supplements, toiletries, clothing, shoes, craft materials, reading matter, even school tuition and the travel expenses to visit their loved ones. The help of St. Mel in donating the use of its buildings and defraying the costs of this conference are very much appreciated. If you are interested in knowing more about our penal system and groups working for prison reform contact Bob Driscoll at bdscts@sbcglobal or 818-225-8054.

Want an Unforgettable Experience? Then You Are Cordially Invited To Join Us - Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

Hopefully, YOU are! On Saturday, October 17th, at 6 pm, St Mel Parish is sponsoring a variety of potluck dinners throughout our geographic area. DO COME! This is a great way to meet the wonderful people behind the faces you see in church each Sunday, to share in some interesting conversations, and to enjoy some really good food in the process. Do mark the date on your calendar. Sign up sheets will be available in the vestibule of the church. We are looking for both hosts and guests for friendly gatherings of 8-10 people. For information call (818) 222-6107, Frank and Martha Hules.

St. Mel Parish Carnival

The St. Mel Parish Carnival is quickly approaching! Everyone's favorite booth, Take A Chance, is in need of donations. Electronics, gift certificates, and toys are some of the many items we would appreciate. Please bring your items, marked "Take A Chance", to the School Office or contact Laurie Puglisi at 818-618-5464. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

High School Night at St. Mel School

We would like to welcome all 7th and 8th grade students to an evening filled with exciting information about our local Catholic High Schools. Thursday October 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Alemany High School
Chaminade High School
Crespi Carmelite High School
Louisville High School
Marymount High School
Notre Dame High School

There will be three 30 minute presentations in the junior high classrooms.
Come and meet the administration, teachers, coaches, and students!

Children's Corner

The people brought their children to see Jesus. He said to His disciples, "Let the children come to Me."

Count how many children came to Jesus.
Trace the number.

5 or 6 ?



Ages 7-12

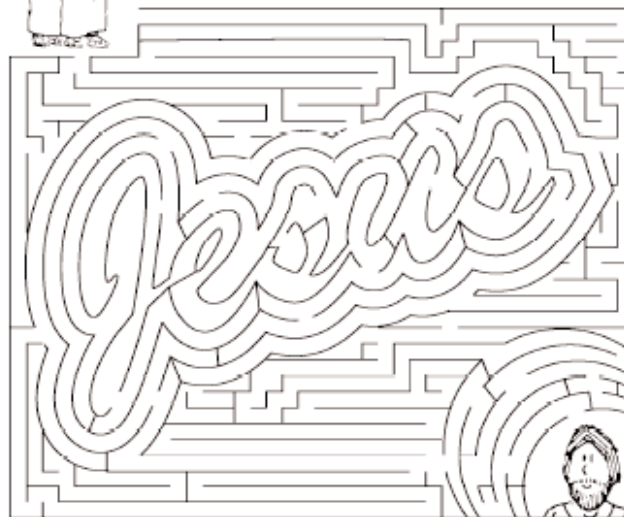
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The Little Children and Jesus

People were bringing their children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to bless them.



Find the path to Jesus.



St. Mel Children's Corner

Notes from Francesco:

We are looking for new members to build up our choirs. Most of our groups are non-auditioned and everyone is welcome! Here are the groups that are currently up and running:

SINGING GROUPS

Young Adult Singers
9am: Sanctus Ensemble
11am: Traditional Parish Choir
5pm: LifeTeen Contemporary Band

REHEARSES

Saturday, 3:30pm
Sunday, 8:30am
Thursday, 7:30pm
Sunday, 3:30pm

LITURGY

5:00pm (Saturday)
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

OCCURENCE

Once a month
Weekly
Weekly
Weekly

RINGING GROUPS

Beginning Handbell Choir
Intermediate Handbell Choir
Beginning Handbell Choir

REHEARSES

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday, 6:00-7:30pm
Saturday, 11-12:30am

LITURGY

TBA
TBA
TBA

OCCURENCE

Weekly
Weekly
Weekly

Beginning Children's Handbell Choir
Intermediate Children's Handbell Choir

Monday, 3:15-4:15pm
Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm

TBA
TBA

Weekly
Weekly

Also, if you play an instrument and would like to be involved, we'll find a place for you.

Call for details:

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PARISH PATRON

St. Mel, nephew of St. Patrick,
Bishop of Ardagh; died 489.
Feast day February 6

St. Mel Mission Statement

We the Eucharistic Community of St. Mel Parish are committed to:

- *Develop a deeper understanding of the Gospel message of Jesus through prayer, reflection and education*
- *Recognize and call forth the gifts of each parishioner*
- *Affirm the dignity of all persons by responding to their spiritual and material needs*
- *Celebrate our life together in worship as a faith community*

TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER at St. Mel call (818) 340-6020, ext. 1012 or stop by the Parish Center and complete a registration card.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
In the event of serious illness or medical emergency, anointing of the sick and Eucharist may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office. Call (818) 340-6020 for a medical emergency at any time of the day or night.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptismal Preparation Classes are required of all parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the sacrament of baptism. Registered parishioners must make an appointment at least 2 months in advance. Please call (818) 340-6020, x1022.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9:00 - 10:00 am and 3:45 to 4:45 pm. Eve of First Friday: 4:00-5:00 pm.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC.
We are interested in what you have to say. If you have comments, suggestions, praise, or constructive criticism, you may contact the appropriate council chairs listed in the bulletin or drop them a note in the comment box located inside the church near the vestibule.

LOST AND FOUND
Stop by the Parish Center, we have wallets, rosaries, etc.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Parishioners must make an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to desired marriage date. Call (818) 340-6020.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
On the first Friday of each month we gather in prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am until 9 pm. Please sign up monthly at the back of the church to help cover the hours.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED. . . your parish in your will or trust? For further information, please contact Joy Holland (818) 340-6020, x1017. Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the Benefit of: St. Mel Parish.

ELECTRONIC GIVING via credit card or checking account is available. Forms can be found at the Parish Center or on our website: www.stmelparish.org. For questions call Rosemary (818) 340-6020, x1019.

DID YOU KNOW when you donate a vehicle, 100% of the net proceeds go directly to St. Mel? For more information call Joy Holland at: (818) 340-6020, x1017.

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm; Saturday 12 pm until 7 pm in the Parish Center.

PARISH CENTER HOURS
Monday-Thursday 8 am-8 pm; Friday 8 am-7 pm; Saturday and Sunday 9 am-7 pm.

Ministry Contacts

PASTORAL COUNCIL Suzanne Harman 881-2810 suzanneharman@sbcglobal.net	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS (DAILY) Brian Conroy 887-5302	RCIY (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF YOUTH) Pat Andre 340-6020, x1022
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