

St. Mel Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

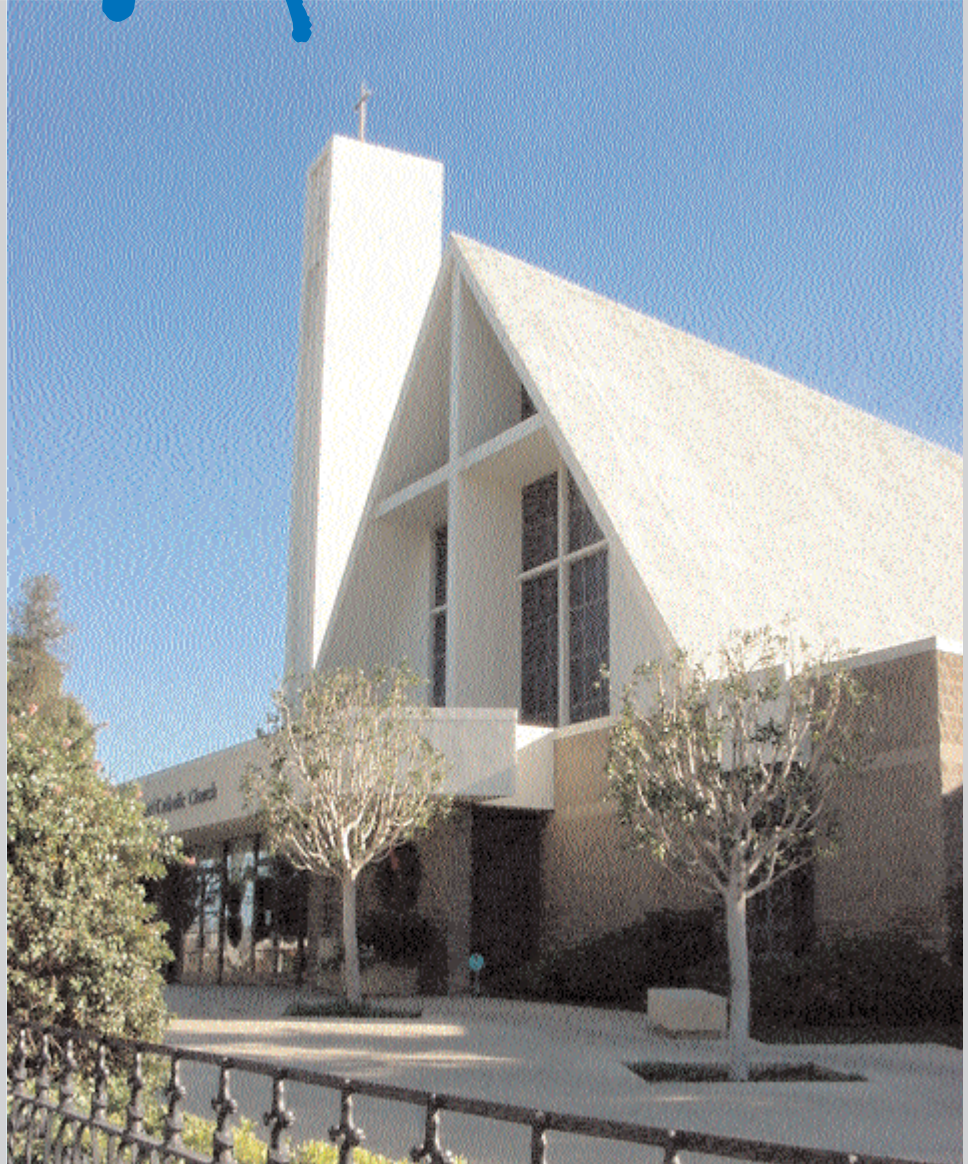
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Fill us with
your love, O
Lord, and we
will sing for
joy."*

Psalm 90

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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 5 for details)



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parish Community of St. Mel!

St. Francis of Assisi is one of those saints who has appeal beyond the confines of the Catholic Church, even beyond Christianity. There are many reasons for this attraction. Most of us, at one time or another, find our-

selves weighed down with the demands of material things. And we yearn for that radical abandon possessed by Francis in casting aside possessions along with the cares and responsibilities associated with them. Then we catch ourselves and realize that even if we wanted to, our life's responsibilities would not permit us to live the way St. Francis lived. But it was not always that way with Francis. The early part of his adult life was filled with enjoyment of his family's wealth and status. Yet in all of this, Francis became aware that there was something lacking in his life which eventually led him to his radical renunciation of wealth and status to live a life of "Holy Poverty."

The rich young man in today's Gospel (Mark 10:13-30) had a similar yearning. Despite the fact that he had observed all the commandments from his youth, he sensed that there should be something more. And it was this yearning for something more that led him to Jesus with the question: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And he was able to affirm that he had kept all the commandments. So Jesus looked at him with love, and recognizing the young man's deepest yearnings, said to him: "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Jesus knew what kept the young man from fulfilling his best destiny, but, unlike Francis of Assisi, the young man was not ready to let go of what held him back.

This gospel story is often used as part of a religious or priestly vocation recruitment talk. I heard it often enough when I was in high school, many years ago. Unlike the rich young man in the gospel, I wasn't rich, but the idea of such a radical abandonment even of what could have been was, for a time, just as unpalatable for me as it was for him. But this gospel story has a much wider application than supporting a call for a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. In fact the application of the story is not solely concerned with riches. This gospel story challenges us to look at our lives and to ask the question: "What keeps me from my best destiny? What stands in the way of my growing closer to God?" Yes, if the pursuit or the enjoyment of wealth keeps us from God, then by all means, we must find a way to get past our slavery to wealth. But it could also be a sinful situation, or a bad relationship, or prejudice, or living solely by the values of the world. Just like in today's gospel, Jesus is looking with love at each one of us, looking deeply into our hearts, and inviting us to set aside whatever is keeping us back. May God grant us the courage we need to do precisely that!

Msgr. Helmut Hefner

A Message From Sr. Marie Paul

A woman was standing on a curb, waiting for the light to change. On the opposite side was a teenage girl. The woman noticed that the girl was crying. When the light changed, each started across the street. Just as they were about to meet, the woman's motherly instincts came rushing to the surface. Every part of her wanted to comfort the girl. But the woman passed the teen by. She didn't even greet her. Hours later the image of the crying girl still haunted the woman. Over and over she said to herself, "Why didn't I say something? Sure, she might have rejected me, but so what?" It would have only taken a minute...but that minute would have let her know that someone cared. Is there someone to whom I could be reaching out today, in my family, among my friends, someone I have met only casually? Is there a phone call, a note, a simple smile that will make all the difference in a person's life?

Request from Sister Marie Paul

If you are the leader/host/facilitator of a small faith community and you have not already spoken to me, could you please contact me?

Also if you serve as a Eucharistic Minister to the sick or homebound (and again, have not already contacted me) could you do so? This does not apply to those serving the Motion Picture Hospital, since I have your names.

I applaud all your involvement and would like to have the complete picture! I can be reached at the Parish Center, by phone (819-340-6020, ext. 1018), or by email smpgrech@stmel.org. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you and God bless!

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 November 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.

Together In Community

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 Supanchek, 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.

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!

Pastoral Council Corner

Members of your Pastoral Council met on September 28 and discussed the following projects:

Pastoral Council Recruitment Update. Pastoral Council members finalized the Pastoral Council recruitment process. October Bulletin articles will summarize three Council members' call to stewardship, and Monsignor Hefner will speak at Masses on October 10-11 concerning the Pastoral Council's advisory role and invite parishioners to apply. Applications will be available in the October 11 bulletin, in the Parish Center, the vestibule of the church and on the parish website; when completed, they may be mailed or delivered to the Parish Center until Friday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. Candidate interviews will be held on the evenings of November 10 and 17, discernment of candidates will occur at the November 30 Pastoral Council meeting and new Council members will be announced in December.

Welcome Committee Update. Since March, St. Mel has welcomed 88 new families to our faith community. Council member Harry Dunn presented a streamlined form to gather contact information. Council member Rose Zella and Susie Screbant, as her back-up, will place follow-up phone calls to new parishioners welcoming them to St. Mel and to answer questions concerning the parish registration form. At the October Pastoral Council meeting, the draft Welcome Brochure, including photographs, will be presented to the Pastoral Council for its review and approval.

Stewardship Committee Update. At the September 22 meeting, the Committee continued preparations for the kick-off of the parish stewardship program. On November 8, 15 and 22, Monsignor Hefner's Pastor's Corner will link the gospels to the principles of stewardship. At Masses on November 22, Monsignor Hefner's homily will be followed by brief presentations by two lay stewards concerning their personal stewardship journeys. Starting in December, twice a month the bulletin will feature a "Stewards in Action" article, acknowledging the contributions of individual parishioners. Staff is completing the draft Volunteer Opportunities Directory, which lists stewardship opportunities, a brief description of each group's activities and where to obtain additional information. Ministry fairs will be conducted three times each year; the first event is tentatively scheduled for January 24 and will feature ministries which have immediate need for volunteers.

Leadership Retreat

Members of each St. Mel leadership Council will participate in a one-day retreat on January 9, facilitated by Fr. Jim Clarke at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. Pastoral Council members discussed possible themes, expectations and approaches for the retreat, and requested that the upcoming retreat focus on spirituality.

Justice and Peace Council

Members of the Pastoral Council congratulate Barbara Gentile-Crary and Dorothy Peisner, recently appointed Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively, of the Justice and Peace Council. Barbara will begin representing the Justice and Peace Council at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on October 26. Your comments and input concerning our activities are welcome. Please email, call me or use the suggestion box concerning these Pastoral Council issues or other matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Harman
Pastoral Council Chairperson

Together In Faith



Help Support Life Teen by purchasing your dinner from Buca De Beppo in Encino on Wednesday, October 14th from 4-9pm!

Life Night October 18th
Life Night October 25th-XLT

Life Teen Inspiration at Magic Mountain will be Saturday, November 7th. Cost is \$45 and includes ticket, transportation, and tee shirt. Fees for Inspiration are included in 1st year Confirmation only. Space is limited. Permission slip is available in the parish center. Last day to sign up is October 25th!

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for reception at the Parish Center. If interested contact 340-6020, ext. 1012.

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 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. The next baptism preparation class will be held on Monday evening, 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?

Getting to and from School Safely

If your child walks to school, walk the route with him/her to identify landmarks and safe places to go if he/she is being followed or needs help. Create a map with your child showing acceptable routes to and from school using main roads and avoiding shortcuts and isolated areas. Make sure young children are properly supervised going to and from school, whether it is by you as a parent/guardian, an older sibling or another trusted adult. Remind older children to always take a friend when walking or riding their bikes to and from school. For a back-to-school child safety checklist, please visit: www.missingkids.com and click on "Back to School Safety."

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

St. Mel Parish Library Topic of the Week: "Eve of an Encyclical"

This article discusses the opinions of a Marxist political scientist and several Italian bankers as they try to influence the Pope's thinking on the recent encyclical. It is taken from a recent issue of the periodical, Inside the Vatican.

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2009

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.
- Hebrews 4:12a

Mass Intention

Saturday, October 10
5:00 Adolfo De Leon, Sr. †
Sunday, October 11
7:15 Germaine Brassine
9:00 Mass for the People
11:00 Donald Williams †
5:00 Joan Thomas †
Monday, October 12
6:30 Leonardo Rivera, Jr. †
8:10 Gavine McConnellogue †
Tuesday, October 13
6:30 Mass for the People †
8:10 Aloysius McHale †
Wednesday, October 14
6:30 Dana Kiser †
8:10 Marie Brain †
Thursday, October 15
6:30 Kingsley Perera †
8:10 Eileen Carroll †
Friday, October 16
6:30 Antonio Aranda †
8:10 John Raedeke †
Saturday, October 17
8:00 Telesfora Legaspi †

Today's Readings

First Reading - I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm - Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading - Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel - It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

Readings For The Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

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, 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 Maria Antonieta Lopez del Pozo and Joseph Kesler.

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.

Prayers For Priests

Please keep the following priests in your prayers:

10/11 Rev. Joseph Favotto
10/12 Rev. Aquinas Costello
10/13 Rev. Richard Zanotti
10/14 Rev. Rene Cruz
10/15 Rev. John Bruno
10/16 Rev. Msgr. Peter Nugent
10/17 Rev. Ki Bae

Mark Your Calendar

Catholic Relief Services Collection For The Typhoon In The Philippines

CRS is collecting donations to help victims of typhoon Ondoy following massive flooding caused by the storm as it swept across the Philippines. CRS has pledged aid to our partner, Caritas Philippines, which is contributing the food and other items to flood survivors. If you would like to donate to help our brothers and sisters in the Philippines you may do so by writing a check payable to CRS (Philippine Relief '09 in the note of the check). Mail the check to CRS, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-7090.

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.

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!

St. Peter's Pier Religious Store Retirement Sale

Please stop in so we can thank you for supporting our ministry these past 14 years and take advantage of our store-wide sales and continuing special orders during the month of October. The store hours are Tuesday - Saturday 11 am until 5 pm until October 24th. Come by early for the best selection of Christmas gifts, books, cards, and jewelry or to just say goodbye. Thank you for your patronage.

"Heroic Living" Men's Club Report

The material for today's exercise is taken from the book titled "Heroic Living" by Chris Lowney. The author believes that in the complex time in which we live, we need to create a new strategy for our lives. Research has shown that our ability to make decisions well has been eroded. Changes in technology have affected our jobs and our daily lives. Change adds complexity to our lives brought on in part by the integration of people from other cultures with diverse and unfamiliar customs. At times, this diversity causes us to feel resentful that they are not more like us. In groups of five, we talked about the changes we are daily encountering, how these changes affect the complexity of our lives and whether the choices we make are consistent with the path we have selected for our lives? We then discussed the vital questions as to what makes life deeply meaningful to us as well as what we are trying to accomplish at this stage in our life.

The Men's Club meetings begin with Mass at 8 AM followed by coffee, bagels and doughnuts and then small group discussion until 10 AM in the Parish Center, on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 17. Please join us for at least one session? You won't be disappointed.

Without officers, dues or bylaws, the Men's Club mission is solely to increase our spiritual life with God. By showing up, one becomes a member. For information about the Men's Club, call John O'Sullivan at 818 710-9030.

Archdiocesan Council Of Catholic Woman

The west San Fernando valley district of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a district meeting on Monday, October 19 at St. Mel Parish. The day begins at 9 am and includes Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, S.N.D. as the speaker, Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$10 prepaid. For more information call Betty Klein (818) 707-9606 or Marge Austin (818) 347-1003 before deadline of October 15th.

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

Ages 3-6

October 11, 2009 • Mark 10:17-31

The Rich Young Man

A rich young man asked Jesus
"What can I do to receive eternal life?"

Find the hidden letters. YOUNG MAN



St. Mel Children's Corner



Jesus also told the disciples ...

Add and subtract letters to find what Jesus said.

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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.

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