

St. Mel Parish

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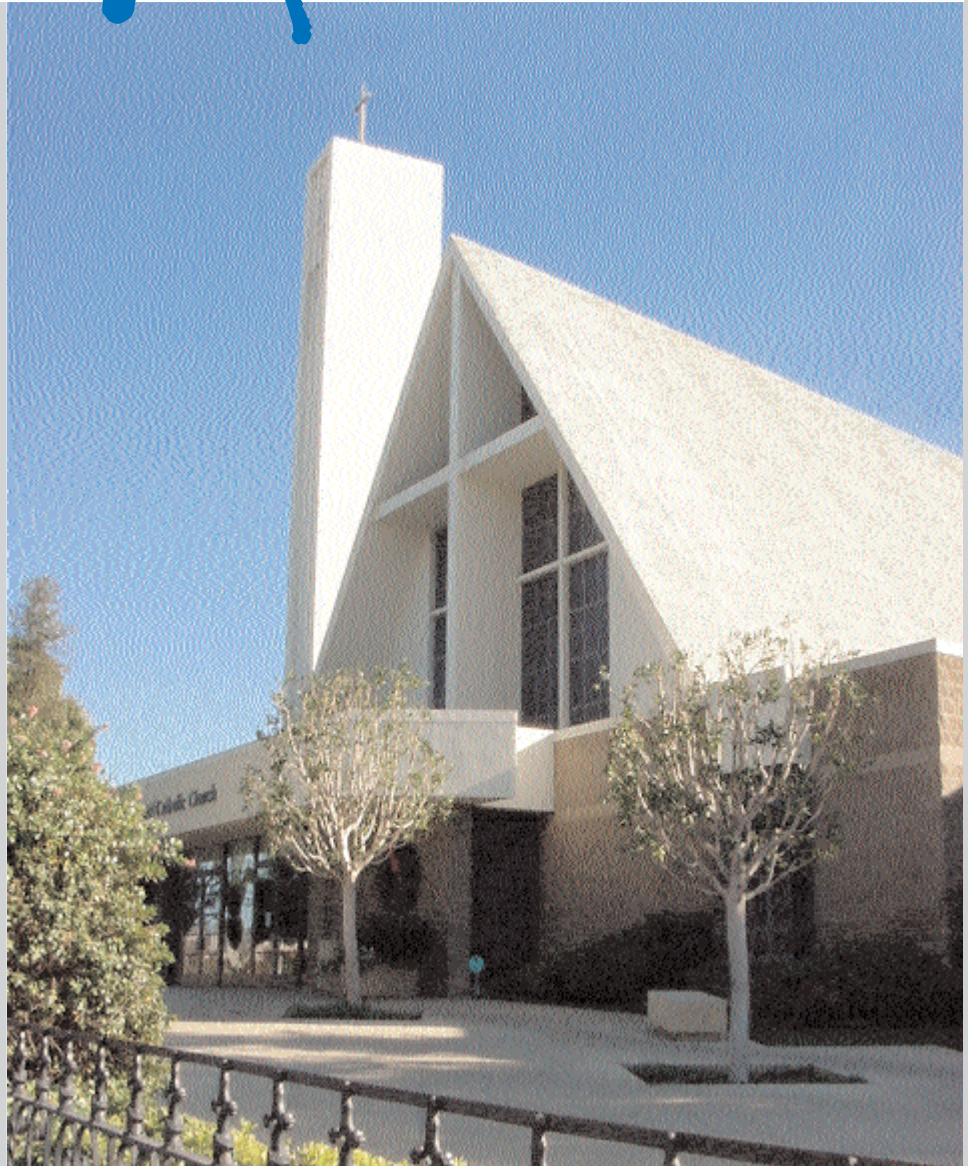
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Blessed are
they who hope
in the Lord."*

Psalm 1

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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

Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule
6:30, 8:10 am,
12 noon & 7 pm


**Pastor's
Corner**
Dear Parish Community of St. Mell

The "Beatitudes" as found in St. Luke's Gospel for today (Luke 6:17, 20-26) are quite different than those in the Gospel of St. Matthew (Matthew 5:3-12). Matthew's Gospel lists nine "Beatitudes" whereas in St. Luke's Gospel we find only four. And the four "Beatitudes" in St. Luke are followed by four "Woes." According to many Scripture scholars, the differences can be traced to the fact that St. Luke's Gospel is directed more toward people who were much better off than the audience of St. Matthew's Gospel. Precisely because they were well off, the people addressed by St. Luke were in danger of pursuing happiness solely in this life. They could be looking for happiness in all the wrong places: fame, fortune, entertainment. Does that sound familiar? Doesn't our society promote these values as means to be happy? And in pursuing these values, we often forget about God and what really matters.

That being said, we still need to understand the "Beatitudes" in St. Luke's Gospel correctly. This Gospel does not glorify poverty, hunger, sadness, or being hated or persecuted. These are real life challenges with which many people struggle. But these situations can be a source of blessing ("beatitude") if we allow them to open us up to God's presence and love, if they teach us to reach out and rely on one another and to appreciate the little we have. People who have worked in what we sometimes almost patronizingly call "Third World" countries return from that experience and marvel at the happiness they have found there. This does not excuse us from reaching out to real and sometimes desperate human needs (food, water, sanitation, health issues, etc.). Nevertheless, what have the poor in the developing countries of our world found that we, with all our advantages so often lack?

Lent begins this coming Ash Wednesday. As in past years, our parish charitable commitment for this Season will be Operation Rice Bowl, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. As we reach out to people with material needs all over the world, may they, and this Holy Season, teach us to attend to our spiritual needs during this special time.

Msgr. Helmut Hefner

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, February 15

in observance of Presidents' Day.

On Monday, February 15 there will be one Mass only

in the church at 9 am.

Message from Sister Marie Paul

There is a poem called "A Legend" by Adelaide Proctor. It is about a preacher whose sermons attracted large crowds from far and near. Meanwhile, nearby there was an old man in the background, who was often seen to be quietly plying his rosary beads. One day the preacher was thanking God for his gift of preaching that drew so many listeners, and seemed to change so many lives. Imagine his surprise when a voice told him that it was not his sermons that were having the great effect on people. People's hearts were being touched and changed because of the old man who was praying for others in the background!

Some of the greatest movements for good in the history of the world have been brought about by the quiet prayers of totally unknown people. For every word we speak to others, we should have many words with God. "I go to God for the sake of people, and to people for the sake of God."

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another. It is a gift that comes from the heart, doesn't require special training or expertise, can be given at any time of the day or night, doesn't cost a penny but is priceless! Anyone of any age can give this gift and can receive it! In giving this gift away, the giver grows in his/her relationship with God and with the receiver of the gift. And yet, despite all these benefits, prayer is a ministry within our Church community that is often overlooked.

At this time when we as a parish are looking at stewardship and how we can best offer our time and talents at St. Mel Parish, we can also remember that there is yet another way of offering time and talents. Especially for those who cannot be as actively involved as they would like to be or have been in the past, because of aging or diminished health, we would like to propose a different kind of ministry, the Ministry of Home Prayer. More information about this ministry will be forthcoming in this bulletin column-but in the meantime, think about those you know who might be able to "bless" all of us by participating in this ministry of prayer.

Together In Community

Together In Mission 2010

Last week you were asked to donate to the 2010 *Together in Mission* campaign. *Together in Mission* provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of our sisters and brothers. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass. If you have not received a pledge form you may fill out an envelope located at the exits of the church and return it either at Mass or to the Parish Center.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Book Club News: Father Cooley Does It Again! Mitch Albom Next!

The Book Club wishes to thank Father Stephen Cooley, O Carm. for another inspiring evening discussing the issues surrounding Vatican II. We are having fun while learning a lot. Father Cooley returns on St Patrick's Day to complete the VII Series and to help us celebrate our Fifth Anniversary.

The next Book Club Meeting will occur on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. It will be a discussion of Mitch Albom's "Have a Little Faith". This is the inspiring story of a young man's Faith journey as he observes an older man's challenges. Mitch is asked by an elderly rabbi to write his obituary. To do this, he has to come to know the man and his personal struggles which influence Albom's own journey. This book takes us across societal lines of Christian and Jew, black and white, young and old, impoverished and well-to-do. This is a book about one's life purpose and how Faith changes from belief to an interior life. It asks the question: how well will your Faith endure? Hope to see you.

Moral Decisions III Men's Club Report

Professor Michael Sandel teaches a course at Harvard on Justice. His course aims to help students become more critically minded thinkers about moral decisions. He presents difficult moral dilemmas and asks the students to offer their opinion as to what is the right thing to do. Watching the students, it becomes clear that the assumptions behind our moral reasoning are often contradictory. What is right or wrong is not black and white. Professor Sandel shows how to arrive at a more reasoned decision as to what is the right thing to do. Watching how people respond seems to support the conclusion that "people don't engage in moral reasoning but rather moral rationalization coughed up by some unconscious emotion". In his book "Reclaiming Virtue" John Bradshaw says, "virtues do not arise in us by nature; we are not born with them. Each of us has to work in order to master the virtue or virtues of our choice. Once mastered the virtue becomes a second nature, a new power that habitually enhances our moral performance". You can watch Professor Sandel's class on Justice by going to www.justiceharvard.com. The first class discusses the moral dilemma posed by the runaway trolley discussed in a recent issue of this bulletin.

The Men's Club meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month and begin with Mass at 8 am followed by coffee, bagels and doughnuts and then small group discussion until 10 am in the Parish Center. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 20. Please join us for at least one session? You won't be disappointed.

Without officers, dues or by-laws, 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.



St. Mel Parish will hold its largest fundraiser of the year, our S.M.A.R.T. Auction on Saturday, April 24. The proceeds from our live and silent auction will help us to continue the Saint Mel Academic and Religious Tradition.

We are reaching out to our community for its generous support. We are asking for any donation that you can provide such as in-kind services, retail and service items, gift certificates, or cash sponsorships.

The funds raised at this event:

1. Help cover the operating expenses of our school.
2. Help provide the opportunity to offer our students enrichment programs such as art, music, drama, and foreign language programs.
3. Enhance various ministries in the parish that benefit the west valley community.

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Donor forms are available at the church exits and in the Parish Center. For questions contact Kristi Abunassar at (818) 510-2821/kristila2821@att.net or Joy Holland at (818) 340-6020 x1017/jholland@stmel.org.

Together In Faith



Fr. Norm Supancheck will be visiting our parish on Sunday, February 28th and celebrating our Sunday, 5pm Teen Mass. He is currently working with campus ministry at Bishop Alemany High School and is enthusiastic about working with our young people. Please come and join us in welcoming Fr. Norm to our parish.

No Confirmation Class on February 14th-President's Day weekend

February 19-21st- Year 2 Confirmation Retreat

February 28th-Life Night

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St. Mel Parish Library Topic Of The Week "Trading Places"

How will Anglican priests and bishops respond to the Pope's invitation to join the Roman Catholic Church? This interesting article is taken from a recent issue of the periodical, Commonweal.

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.

It Was BEAUTIFUL...And SO APPRECIATED!

Thank you to **Diana Aire** and our third grade school parents for making First Reconciliation Day so special. A very special thank you to **Carmel Donner, Katy Wallin, Carol Skertich, Kristi Abunassar, Claudine Asmari, Marcy Wong, Jennifer Richards, Maria Amarino, Sheryl Alzona, Julia Donnelly, Margarita Madias, Christina Weller, Claudine Asmari, Michelle Kelly, Roz Od-abashian, Mary Howard, Kathy Brown, AJ Brown, Marla Lloyd, Jacqueline Rivas, and Katie Kisiel**. Thank you to all of the bakers, **Beverly Hartman** and everyone that brought items to make the event so beautiful.

Virtus Training Class

Monday, March 8th 6-9 pm, Parish Center room 200. To register email Amber MacMiller at macmiller5@att.net or online at www.virtusonline.org.

Would You Like To Help Seniors And Their Caregivers In Your Own Parish And Make A Difference? Become an OASIS(Older Adult Services and Intervention System) Volunteer!

OASIS is a Catholic Charities Program operating through the Guadalupe Community Center in Canoga Park. We offer services to parishes in the West San Fernando Valley. We help seniors and their caregivers in your own parish by providing free 2-4 hours per week a wide variety of the following services:

- friendly home visits
- shopping escorts
- transportation to MD or dental appointments
- minor home repairs
- light yard work

The next OASIS New Volunteer Training for our parish will be held at the Guadalupe Community Center at 21600 Hart Street in Canoga Park on the following two Saturdays, March 6 and 13. New volunteers need to attend both sessions. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served at both sessions plus free materials will be provided.

Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 8:45am-1:00pm
Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 8:45am-1:00pm

Please join us and make a difference! Please contact Adele or Sunny at our OASIS Volunteer Program office at 1-818-340-5100 to make a reservation and for more information.

Did You Know? What Is the National Review Board?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the National Review Board (NRB) during their meeting in June of 2002. The purpose of the NRB is to collaborate with the USCCB in preventing the sexual abuse of minors in the United States by persons in the service of the Church. To view a video interview with Ms. Diane Knight, Chair of the NRB, about the board's work, please visit: www.usccb.org/ocyp

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

Together In Prayer

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13		
5:00	Casida Daly	✠
Sunday, February 14		
7:15	Telesfora Legaspi	
9:00	Sylvia Fonseca	✠
11:00	Mass for the People	
5:00	Verna Palumbo	✠
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 15		
9:00	Rudy Tranquilli	✠
Tuesday, February 16		
6:30	Jim Maller	✠
8:10	Juliana San Diego	
Ash Wednesday, February 17		
6:30	Gavin McConnellogue	✠
8:10	John & Kevin Newkirk	✠
12:00	Robert Holland	✠
7:00	Paz Pejoro	✠
Thursday, February 18		
6:30	Amy Paguio	✠
8:10	Sr. Carina, SSL	
Friday, February 19		
6:30	Kenry Pfenning	
8:10	Anita Marie Salazar	
Saturday, February 20		
8:00	Alfonso Gose, Jr.	

Divine Mercy

Mass & Healing Service, Fr. Mike Manning - Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr. Mike Sears - April 11, at 1:00 pm, Mass, Chaplet, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Faustina. Following Mass: Movie on the Life of St. Faustina.

If you wish to be notified of upcoming events send your e-mail address to divinemercyclaudia@earthlink.net, or check the website www.apostlesofdivinemercury.org, for more information call Claudia (818) 342-6626.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm - Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1).

Second Reading - Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

Gospel - Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing. (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

Readings For The Week

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2010

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."
- Luke 6:20-21a

Pray For Our Beloved Sick

In your prayers please remember the sick and infirm of our parish especially: Mary SchAAF, Dick McMullen, Elsa Marin, Joan Wolf, Joe Micklus, Wendy Cavanaugh (wife of John Cavanaugh), Verne Lippert, Ann Victoria Zeitlin, Zachary Zeitlin, David Schmidt, Olga Hopkins, Donny Franks, Kelly Luanne D'Angelo, Marijka Dekkers, Lynn & Harvey Olson, Erin Cantwell, Theresa Kelly (daughter of Geraldine Stoner), Donald White, Kevin Cordasco, Helen Prusas, Marian Surdo, Bart Kearns, Jeanette Sasaki, Nancy Oedy, Douglas Forer, Bill Gordon (father of Cindi Malone), David Ahumada (brother of Cindi Malone), Don MacMaster, Diane Kredell (daughter of Donald & Betty Slack), Wendy Jackson, Gene Kishok (brother of Ron Kishok), Bob Petlin, Tami Blye (niece of Patricia Nwajei), Jennifer Veigel, Bob & Karen Davison (nephew & niece of Sr. Pat Arnold), William Sir, Bob Perock, Gabriella Leone, Melissa Blackmer, Jean Bond (mother of Johanna Santi), Nancy Vondrasek, Cindy Lively, Brian Kappel (grandson of Betty Kappel) 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: Gloria Seidenglanz and Michael Lutz.

Prayers For Priests

Please keep the following priests in your prayers:

2/14	Rev. Joseph Francis
2/15	Rev. Rolly Jardiniano
2/16	Rev. Gregory Colro
2/18	Rev. Christopher Fagan
2/19	Rev. Jozef Mitek
2/20	Rev. Loji Pilonas

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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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Mark Your Calendar

Bereavement Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Room of the Activity Center. For information on support groups for adults, children or teens, please call the Parish Center, ext. 3012 (message) or extension 1018 (Sister Marie Paul).

Save The Dates-Parish Lenten Mission

Fr. J. Patrick Foley, Ph.D. will present a mission entitled "The Lenten Journey - Christ's and Yours" on March 22-25 at 7:00 pm in the Church. More details to follow.

Job Opportunity

Right now, to conduct the 2010 census, the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring over 3,000 people to work in three San Fernando Valley offices: Canoga Park, Panorama City, and Burbank. Each of these offices will hire 1,000 workers. In addition, there is a regional office in Northridge.

Week At A Glance

Small Faith Community - Monday, February 15, 9 am, Parish Center, Staff Room

Bereavement Support Group - Tuesday, February 16, 7 pm, Activity Center, Adult Room

R.C.I.A. - Tuesday, February 16, 7 pm, Activity Center

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 17, 6:30, 8:10 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

Book Club - Wednesday, February 17, 7 pm, Parish Center, Room 200

JustFaith - Wednesday, February 17, 7 pm, Faculty Lounge

JustFaith - Thursday, February 18, 7 pm, Adult Room

St. Mel Elementary School Year 2010-2011 Registration

New student registration at St. Mel Elementary School for Fall 2010 will be held according to the following guidelines:

Applications are now available in the grade school between the hours of 8 am until 3:30 pm. Applications may also be downloaded at the school website www.stmel.org. The completed application, with appropriate documentation must be returned to the school office.

Kindergarten:

1. Child must be baptized.
2. Students applying for Kindergarten at St. Mel School must be **five** years of age on or before **September 1, 2010**.
3. A readiness assessment interview will be given to all kindergarten applicants - date to be advised.

Grades 1-8:

1. Child must be baptized.
2. Students applying for **first grade** at St. Mel School should be **six** years of age on or before **September 1, 2010**.
3. Entrance tests for grades 1-8 will be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**, from 9 - 11 am. A completed application must be on file in the school office before testing.

Les Dames de Saint Louis Annual Luncheon

Les Dames de Saint Louis cordially invite you to attend our annual luncheon on Sunday, February 28, at 11 am at the Woodland Hills Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road. Luncheon tickets are \$74 and all proceeds from the silent auction and raffle baskets support the Sisters of Saint Louis Retirement Fund. For reservations please call Chris Osborn at (818) 703-5091.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

Support Boy Scout troop 54 and have a great meal. Saturday, March 6 at 6 pm. Activity Center. Tickets \$8.00 each, family five-pack \$30.00.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday is March 21

Just a reminder. The truck will be in the parish parking lot at 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Remember to bring any usable items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture and appliances, please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800) 974-HELP1 for home pick-ups.

Children's Corner

Ages 3-6

February 14, 2010 • Luke 9:28-36, 37-43

Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus, Peter, John and James were praying. Moses and Elijah appeared.

Connect the dots to find out where they were.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M



St. Mel Children's Corner



It was always an awesome experience when the glory of Jesus was displayed.

A voice came from a cloud. Find what it said. Put the words in order from 1 through 11, according to the answers to the math problems.



I $2 \times 3 =$	Whom $3 + 2 =$	Him. $5 + 6 =$	chosen. $17 - 9 =$
have $11 - 4 =$	is $6 - 4 =$	My $12 - 9 =$	This $19 - 18 =$
Son $2 + 2 =$	to $2 \times 5 =$	listen $3 \times 3 =$	

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Preschool Registration Starting In March

If you are considering enrolling your child in our Preschool, now is the time to make an appointment for a Parent Orientation Tour. The tour is a necessary introduction for all parents and is the first step in the enrollment process. After the tour, parents may add their name to the mailing list to receive registration and enrollment information in February. Registered St. Mel parishioners have priority in this process. Please call the Preschool Office (340-3180) to make a tour appointment soon.