



St. Mel Roman Catholic Church

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 Rev. Gerardo Mendoza, Pastor | Rev. Joseph Ellison, Parochial Vicar | Deacon Joe Vela | Deacon Daniel Ezekwe

OFFICE HOURS/HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes

9 AM-4PM

Parish Office Manager: Mary Silva

951-737-7144

Director Religious Education: Emily Guilherme

951-737-8140

Youth Minister: Cathy Gutierrez

951-737-8140

Religious Education: Josie Rodriguez

951 737-8140

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951-737-7144

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951-737-7144

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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 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.

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sábado: 3:30 PM-4:45 PM English/Español

MASS SCHEDULE/MISAS

Saturday/Sábado: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass English/Misa de Vigilia en Inglés

Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM English/Inglés

9:30 AM, 1:00 PM Spanish/ Español

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

Misa entre semana en español: martes a las 7 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday 8:30-6PM

July-September—Holy Hour only from 8:30-9:30 AM

Julio-Septiembre—Hora Santa solamente 8:30-9:30AM

NEW PARISHIONERS / FELIGRESES NUEVOS

Welcome to St. Mel Catholic Church. For registration information, please contact the Parish Office at (951) 737-7144

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de San Mel. Para inscribirse como feligrés, por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial (951) 737-7144

INFANT BAPTISM / BAUTISMO INFANTIL

4th Saturday of each month by appointment only.

El cuarto sábado de cada mes, con cita solamente.

11:00 Spanish 12:30PM English

MARRIAGE / BODAS

Please make appointment at least six (6) months prior to date or ceremony.

Favor de llamar a la oficina seis (6) meses antes de la boda.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK /

SACRAMENTO DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact the Parish Office or a Priest.

After 4 PM emergency sick calls Fr. Joseph 951 445-7341

Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial o al sacerdote. Llamadas para los enfermos solamente después de las 4:30 PM Padre Joseph 951 445-7341

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL / FUNERALES

At the death of a loved one, please contact the mortuary.

They will make arrangements with the church.

En caso del fallecimiento de un ser querido, por favor contacte la funeraria, la cual se hará cargo de todos los arreglos con la Iglesia.

FOOD PANTRY/DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Is open on Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Donations are accepted anytime. Thank you.

Está abierta los Jueves de 10 AM a 1 PM. Se aceptan donaciones. Gracias.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

5PM Guz Matzo†, Ralph Vuist†, Josefina Sanchez†, Pedro† & Marta Garcia†

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

8AM Terry & Rose Jenkins-**40th Wedding Annv.**, Karen & Randy Johnston-**Special Int.**, Roman Mendoza Jr.†, & Fred Viramontes†

9:30AM Mark A. Covarrubias†, Eduwiges Gallardo†, Enrique Flores†, & Gio Roman-**Buena Salud**

11:30AM Jimmy Silva†

1PM Miguel Diaz†, Jesus Centeno†, Samuel† & Francisco Garcia†, Felicitia Villegas†, Petra Mercado†, Maria Hortencia Solis†, & Maria Elena Franco†

5PM Candida Martins†

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

8AM Bishop David O'Connell†

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

8AM Miguel Diaz† & Fausto Lopez†
7PM Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

8AM Jesus Centeno†

5PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

8AM People of Turkey & Syria
Bishop David O'Connell†

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

8AM People of Turkey & Syria



Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" —Mt. 4:8-10a



Luego lo llevó el diablo a un monte muy alto y desde ahí le hizo ver la grandeza de todos los reinos del mundo y le dijo: "Te daré todo esto, si te postras y me adoras". Pero Jesús le replicó: "Retírate, Satanás". - Mt 4, 8-10



Saint Mel Lenten Fish Fry

In St. Mel Church hall
From 6:00pm until 8:00pm every Friday during Lent
February 24 to March 31

Menu



Hungry Catholic:	3 pieces fried or baked fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll.....	\$12.00
Medium Fish:	2 pieces fried or baked fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll.....	\$10.00
Small Fish:	1 piece fried or baked fish, French Fries.....	\$6.00
Kids Meal:	Macaroni and cheese, Roll.....	\$4.00
Side Dish:	Bowl of Clam Chowder.....	\$3.00
Side Dish:	French Fries	\$3.00
Weekly Special:	Ceviche	\$3.00

All meals include a drink



Sponsored by the Norco Knights of Columbus. All profit goes to Knights of Columbus charities.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Many of you may not be aware that OLQP is the first and only Catholic cemetery in the Diocese of San Bernardino. This ministry focuses in advising families of their right and privilege to be laid to rest in a Catholic cemetery. We'd like you to receive a **"Family Emergency Record Guide."** (FERG.) This booklet will help your family get through the first 24 to 48 hours in the event of an accident, illness or death.

PLEASE CALL
(951) 385-0290
TO RECEIVE A FREE FERG

CEMENTERIO CATOLICO NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

Es posible que ustedes no sepan que OLQP es el primer y único cementerio católico en la Diócesis de San Bernardino. Este ministerio se enfoca en asesorar a las familias de su derecho y privilegio de ser enterrados en un cementerio Católico. Queremos que reciban la **"Guía de Referencia Familiar en Caso de Emergencia"**. Este folleto ayudará a su familia a pasar las primeras 24 a 48 horas en caso de accidente, enfermedad o muerte.

FAVOR DE LLAMAR AL
(951) 385-0290
PARA RECIBIR GRATIS UN FERG

El Grupo de Oración

Milagro de Dios los invita a asistir todos los viernes durante el tiempo de Cuaresma a escuchar el tema de

Las Siete Últimas Palabras de Jesús

Las reuniones se llevará a cabo los viernes a las 7PM en el Salón de Santa Mónica.

Todos son bienvenidos



ALL are invited to a
Lenten Spiritual Journey

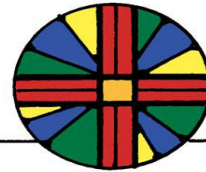
Christian Life Program

St. Mel Catholic Church,
4140 Corona Ave, Norco, CA
(Mother Teresa Room)
Saturdays March 4th-18th, 2023
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
(Lunch provided)

"Families are to become, through
Christ, the light of the world."
- St. Pope John Paul II

 **COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://tinyurl.com/U3CLP>



Reconciliation Service

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LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

We will be celebrating our
Lenten Service on
Wednesday, March 8th At 7 PM.



Oficio de Reconciliación

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SERVICIO CUARESMAL DE RECONCILIACION

Estaremos celebrando nuestro
servicio cuaresmal
el miércoles, 8 de marzo a las 7PM

NORCO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH



CASINO NIGHT CHARITY FUNDRAISER



DOORS OPEN 6PM

• EVERYONE OVER 21 WELCOME •

ST. MEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
4140 CORONA AVE. NORCO

• APPETIZERS & DRINKS ARE INCLUDED •

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 6 PM
Lent Season
Beginning February 24, 2023



El Via Crucis
Viernes 6 PM
Tiempo de Cuaresma
Comenzando
el 24 de Febrero del 2023



Eucharistic minister training will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 10AM in the church. This training is for English Eucharistic Ministers and also those who are interested in joining this great ministry and serving the Lord.

For more information contact Scott Wynn
Wynnsnorco@gmail.com

2023 DDF ANNUAL APPEAL



Goal	\$57,500.00
Gifts received	4,283.00
Members	16

**Our Diocesan Goal for 2023 is
\$57,500.00**

**Every penny received over our
goal is returned to our parish.**



Pray For...

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER / OREMOS UNOS POR OTROS

Your prayers are requested for / Sus oraciones son solicitadas para

Argentina Hurtado, Jaime Gonzalez, David Lopez, Nora Hernandez, Sophia Zaragoza, Jesus Oliveres, Juanita Bernabe, Maria Guadalupe Cipriano, Saul Macias, Raul Magana, Jeff & Wendy Wilcox, Jessica Quintero, Diane Ash, Dean Chase, Leticia Velasquez, Juan Sanchez, Allen Castro, Linda Schmidt, Lorillane Napierala, Marlene Elkady, Salvador Manzo and all in our parish who are ill, suffering or in special need of our Lord's mercy and comfort at this time.

NEW REGISTRATION or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN o cambio de dirección

Complete this form & drop in collection basket or return to Parish Office.

Favor de llenar esta forma y dejarla en la canasta de la colecta o tráigala a la Oficina Parroquial.

NAME / NOMBRE: _____ PHONE / TELEFONO: _____

ADDRESS / DOMICILIO: _____

**San Bernardino & Riverside Counties
Catholic Charities/Caridades Católicas
Center of Hope/Centro de Esperanza
3020 Madison Street, Riverside, CA 92504**

**Family & Community Assistance Programs
Programas de Asistencia Familiar y de
La Comunidad**

Information & Referral, Case Management Basic
Needs, Emergency Assistance
Información y Referencias,
Asistencia Básica/Emergencia Necesaria
(951) 689-1803

Counseling Programs/Programa de Consejería
Individual, Couple, Family Counseling, Support
Groups, Parent Education
Pareja, Consejería Familiar, Grupos de Apoyo,
Educación para Padres
(909) 763-4970

**Citizenship & Immigration Programs
Programa de Ciudadanía y Inmigración**
Citizenship Applications, Immigration Consultations,
Adjustment of Status, Work Permits
Aplicaciones de Ciudadanía, Consultas de
Inmigración, Ajuste de Estatus,
Permisos de Trabajo
(909) 388-1239

**San Bernardino Respect Life
and Pastoral Care
website: www.sbrlpc.org**

On this website you will find resources on topics
involving Respect Life and Pastoral Care, including
upcoming events

Marriage Counseling: catholicpsychconsult.com

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD
by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer,
call the toll free *Sexual Misconduct Hotline*
at **1-888-206-9090**

REPORTE EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR
por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o
voluntario, llame a la *Línea Directa de Conducta*
Sexual Inapropiada al
1-888-206-9090

MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

Catechetical Ministries

Director Religious Education...Emily Guilherme....
Youth Minister.....Cathy Gutierrez.....

Liturgical Ministries/Ministerios Litúrgicos

Altar Servers/Monaguillos

Alejandro & Carolyn Gonzalez (English & Spanish).....

Choirs/Coros

Letty Ramirez.....
Jose Gutierrez.....
Ralph & Angela Lopez.....
Vicki Woods.....
Viridiana Alba.....
Samuel Ruvalcaba.....

Eucharistic Ministers/Ministros de Eucaristía

Ryan Spivey/Sat 5PM.....
Carlos & Cristi Rosales/Sun 8AM.....
Salvador Amador/9:30 AM & 1PM.....
Scott Wynn/Sun 11:30AM.....
Ray & Rose Villanueva/Sun 5PM.....

Lectors/Lectores

Lizett Barlow & Chris Smith/English.....
Noemi Amador/Spanish.....

Ushers/Ujieres

Tony Cannon/8AM.....
Sulmira Flores/9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 1PM

Pastoral Ministries/Ministerios Pastorales

AlAnon Family Group.....
Alpha..... Tim Smith.....
Arts & Environment..... Norma Partida.....
Ballet Folklorico.....Luana Moreno.....
Bible Study.....Pat Balough.....
Communion Sick & Homebound...Luisa Holter.....
Open In Spirit To God.....Bob & Mina Perkovic.....
Divina Misericordia.....Carlos & Rosalia Sanchez.....
Encuentro Matrimonial...Edgar & Arcenia Oliva.....
Food Pantry.....Gabby Otwell.....
Filipino Ministry.....Rey & Lita Reyes.....
Finance Council.....Veronica Martinez.....
Grupo de Oración.....Martin & Adela Avila.....
Hospitality.....Alex De La Hoya.....
Knights of Columbus.....Jesus Martinez.....
Mission Advancement (DDF)Norma Delgado.....
Narcóticos AnónimosJuan Sanchez M.....
Pastoral CouncilRay Villanueva.....
Palabra Viva/Estudio Bíblico.....Esperanza Avina.....
Pro-Life Ministry/Pro-Vida.....Francisco Lopez.....
Projector Ministry.....Alex & Mitzy Reyes.....
Psicología con Jesus.....Silvia Arboleda.....
Quinceañeras.....Mary Silva.....
Safety & Emergency Coordinator...Bob Hopkins.....
Senior Ladies of Divine Mercy.....Debbie Martinez...
Visitas a los Enfermos.....Salvador Amador.....
WebsiteNoemi Amador.....
Young Adult Group.....Marcus Padilla.....

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A

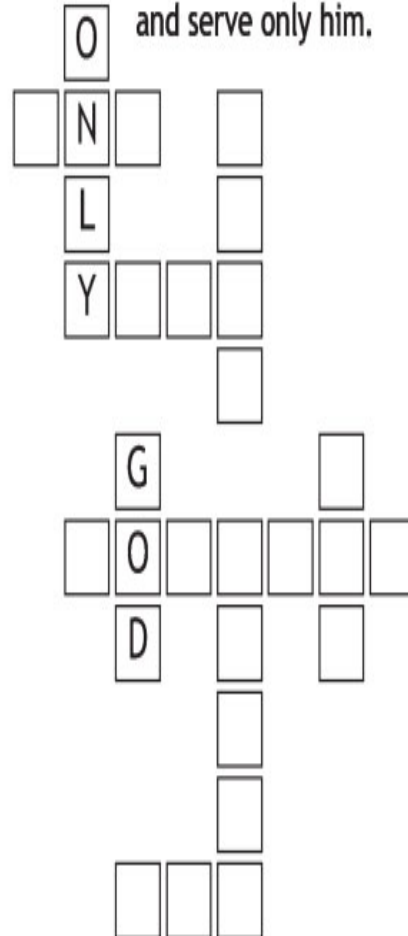
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

1st Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.**



MISSION

One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.