

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph G. Fonti, S.T.L., Pastor  
Rev. Italo Barozzi, In Residence  
Msgr. Kevin B. Noone, In Residence  
Deacon Joseph A. Freda

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday - 9:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. (Vigil)  
Sunday - 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. (Italian),  
10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

### September - June

Monday - Friday: 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M.

### July - Labor Day

Monday - Friday: 8:00 A.M.

## CONFESSION

Saturday 11:00 - 12:00 P.M.  
and by appointment at the Rectory.

## ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

154-24 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354  
(718) 539-8211 Fax (718) 539-6563  
[www.stmelsacademy.org](http://www.stmelsacademy.org)  
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Kelsey Sheldon

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Paula Migliore  
Faith Formation Office - (718) 461-9840

## BAPTISMS

Call the Rectory Office for information at least one month in advance.

## MARRIAGES

Call the Rectory Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners into the family of St. Mel. Stop in at the Rectory to register, ask questions and meet the priests who gladly serve you.

## PASTORAL CARE TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass - please do not hesitate to contact the Rectory -718-886-0201. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NOVENA

Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.  
Blessed Sacrament Devotions:  
First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

## EVANGELIZATION

If you know of any Catholic, who is not attending Church or receiving the Sacraments and desires help in returning, please call or refer them to one of the priests at 718-886-0201. All information is confidential.

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Weekends by Appointment Only  
Emergencies any time.



It was just a matter of time.

Like many of the streets in Flushing/Whitestone, ours is about to undergo construction.

Unsure of how long the bright orange cones and metal grating will remain in front of the church, they are there as part of the city's ongoing effort to improve the sewer system in the neighborhood.

I am grateful to Vickie Paladino's Office for helping me connect with the NYC DDC (Department of Design and Construction). I spoke with a Community Construction Liaison about our daily use of the church. He assured me that work crews will respect our spiritual needs especially during the hours of worship and when there is a funeral.

Moving forward, please be careful – coming to church and to school - as the sidewalk at the corners of 154<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave will be closed during construction.

The Church is also involved in an “ongoing” work: The Fight for the Life of the Unborn!

This coming Friday – January 19<sup>th</sup> – is the March for Life in DC.

For 51 years Catholics have joined other pro-life citizens in bearing witness to the value of every human life born and unborn.

While this admirable and necessary work of the Church may seem like our neighborhood's construction work to be endless, the pro-life movement has seen in recent days advancements and triumphant.

United in prayer, we remain hopeful that one day a greater Respect for Life will return to our country.

It's just a matter of time.

Father Fonti

## WHY WILL WE CONTINUE TO MARCH?

Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year, and that number is expected to decrease only by roughly 200,000 each year in a post-*Roe* America. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but now cannot be taken for granted. Last, our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state March for Life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

Taken from the March for Life website

## Mass Intentions - January 14, 2024

**SAT 1/13**

5:00 Ugo Ciacco

**SUN 1/14**

7:30 Madeline Bauer (Living)

9:00 Francesco Baldo

Jenny, Mateo, Santina, Gigetto, & Gigetta Calabro

The People of The Parish

10:30 Donald Halmy

12:00 Dumica—Marko—Marijan Simicic

**MON 1/15**

9:00 Eugene & Robert Burns

**TUES 1/16**

7:00 Anthony Rubinich

9:00 Michealangelo DeVincentis

**WED. 1/17**

7:00 Frances, Gus, & James Malichek

9:00 Vito Maffei

**THURS. 1/18**

7:00 Remegio Veljak

9:00 Marie Hohenstein

**FRI. 1/19**

7:00 Victor & Ida Riglione

9:00 Frank Rappa

**SAT 1/20**

9:00 Filippo Peragine

Ernest Martin

Simon & Sophia An (Living)

In Gratitude

5:00 Lydia Falivene (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

**SUN 1/21**

7:30 Anthony Grando

9:00 Santa D'Angelo & Maria Bellomo

Gugliemo & Gandolfo Cascio

People of The Parish

10:30 Donald Halmy

12:00 Anton Kraljic



## Bread & Wine

*This week the Bread and Wine  
are donated in Loving  
Memory of:*

***Bartol & Amalia Travaglia***

***Gift Given by: Juliana  
Grzic***



## Altar Candles

*This week the Altar Candles  
are donated in Loving Memory  
of:*

***Philip Venditti***

***Gift Given by: His Children:  
Dolores & Anthony***



## Sanctuary Candles

*This week the Sanctuary  
Candle is donated for the  
Intentions of:*

***Madeline Bauer  
Happy Birthday***

***Gift Given by: Carolyn &  
Bob Sitler***



***Newly Enrolled in the  
Purgatorial Society***

**January, 2024**

***Anthony Rubinich***

***Marie Nicholson***

***Gail Florio***

***Julie Grgurevic***

***Mario Grgurevic***

***Josephine Proietto***

***Calogero Tribastone***

***James Martino***

***Franklin Parodi***

*The Purgatorial Mass is offered on the  
First Friday of each month at 7:00am.  
Enrollment in the Purgatorial Society is  
for the period of one year.*

## *In your prayers...*

*Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amen*

### **We pray for all those who are sick, especially:**

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| • Matt Z.             | • Robert Muller         |
| • Lisa Sperazza       | • Lee Ragusa            |
| • Susan Trezioso      | • Paul Adessa           |
| • Nick Roberto        | • Joanne Perricelli     |
| • Pasqualina Lucciola | • Drenckhahn            |
| • Julia Rollo         | • Dottie Giordano       |
| • Francesca Cecile    | • Siena Rose Romagnuolo |
| • Angelo Ragonese     | • David G.              |
| • Nick O'Donnell      | • Rosa Annibale         |
| • Patricia O'Donnell  | • Patricia White        |
| • Kristian Mendez     | • Mia Elizabeth Skaats  |
| • Jennifer Russo      | • Nicky O'Donnell       |
| • Roseann Orlando     | • Jimmy Caraher         |
| • Barbara Ann Luisi   | • John Holmes           |
| • Tom Sammel          | • Venice Hernandez      |
| • Freda Cassini       | • Eileen McBride        |
| • Jacinta Carolan     | • Cami Yandoli          |
| • Assunta Goldone     | • Lynn Gallagher        |
| • Kruno Pandzic       | • John Paul Yezzo       |
| • Carol Sturm         | • Niki Angelopoulos     |
| • Martha Catul        | • Valerie Albano Krug   |
| • Dominick Fortino    | • Bryan Day             |
| • RoseAnn Dell Apenna | • Theresa Bedell        |
| • Alida Addeo         | • Karen Youdell         |
| • Yolanda Gatti       | • Angela Infantino      |
| • Patricia Parrish    | • Carol VitoBello       |
| • Carmen A. Leites    | • Giovanna Palmese      |
| • Carolynn Freeda     | • Olga Scopa            |
| • Anthony Marino      | • Tom Hummel            |
| • Mario Sumberac      | • Edda Iacona           |
| • Helen Sumberac      | • Bob Mistretta         |
| • George Behringer    | • Patricia Lamagna      |
| • Avery Santiago      | • Lester Kuczynski      |
| • Ari Ortiz           | • Beverly Ilchert       |
| • Susan Caraher       | • Danielle Byrd         |
| • Brian Finnerty      |                         |

**We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:**  
**Valentino Basendella, Joseph DeAnnuntis**

In observance of Martin  
Luther King Jr. Monday, January 15th  
There will only be one Mass at 9:00 AM  
and the rectory office will be closed.



## **A Prayer for Increasing Enrollment in Catholic Schools**

O Good and Gracious God,  
We praise and thank you for the students in our school. It is a sacred privilege to continue the teaching mission of your Son, Jesus. We hear His words in our hearts: "Let the children come to me! Do not hinder them."

Lord, we are doing everything we can so that no child is hindered from coming to our school. We advertise, we market; we strategize and plan. Show us what more do we need to do, Lord?

Listen to our prayers as we ask you, Lord, to remove whatever hinders parents from choosing a Catholic school for their children. Guide their thinking and their decisions. May our desire to form a partnership with them be a source of hope and encouragement. Bless our efforts to meet funding challenges so that we can fulfill our commitment to be a school for all.

Lord, hold Mrs. Barron, our teachers, staff, our students and their families in Your loving, protective embrace.

And thank you for blessing St. Mel's with a hopeful and promising future. Amen.

Parish Partnerships are seriously being considered for our deanery and throughout our diocese. To help us understand the process, I will be publishing in our weekly bulletin our Sunday Mass attendance numbers so that if in the future there is a change made to our Mass schedule, we will understand that the change was not solely predicated on the number of parish priests, but on the data.

**January 7, 2024**  
**Mass Attendance Total = 672**

5:00 PM—133  
7:30 AM—61  
9:00 AM—146  
10:30 AM—172  
12:00 PM—160

## ***Thank you... from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Saint-Marc***

Dear Father Fonti, Father Barozzi, Msgr. Noone, Staff, and Cherished Parishioners of St. Mel's Parish:

First, we give thanks to God for His plan and mercy towards us.

Our hearts overflow with profound gratitude for the extraordinary warmth, love, and steadfast support extended to us as we embark on this beautiful journey with St. Mel's Parish.

Father Fonti, your exceptional initiative and remarkable leadership have paved the way for our seamless integration into this blessed community. Your unwavering dedication in orchestrating every aspect, from arranging our stay to meticulously customizing the building into a convent, reflects your genuine care and consideration for our well-being. Your guidance and support have been a beacon of light for us, and for this, we are deeply grateful.

Our heartfelt thanks extend to the parish of Sacred Heart in Bayside, whose remarkable generosity has furnished our new convent with the furnishings from the former convent of The Sisters of Mercy.

Our gratitude also extends to our friends at St. Fidelis for the invaluable gift of a small tabernacle for our chapel.

A special mention of appreciation goes to our dear Peter Kwiath, whose selfless dedication and generosity of time and talent during the final preparations in our new residence have been instrumental.

We are deeply moved by the warmth and love showered upon us by the parish community. Your open arms and unwavering support have made our arrival a joyous and heartwarming experience. As we embark on this shared journey, we feel blessed to be embraced by such a loving and caring community.

With profound gratitude and prayers,

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Saint-Marc



# At St. Mel's Catholic Academy...



## We are Generous!

### December Students of the Month

Our value of the month of December was Generosity. Here at St. Mel's teaching and living out gospel values is part of our mission. We are especially grateful for all of our students and for their unique gifts and talents. We would like to congratulate the following students for generously sharing their gifts and talents with our St. Mel's community during the month of December:

3KA Joseph Klampfer  
PKA Benjamin Lin  
K1 Catalina Bell  
Gr. 2 Neel KC  
Gr 5 Faith Ziraschi

3KB Lorenzo Urena  
PKB Delancey Munsayac  
K2 Aaron Chang  
Gr. 3 Madeleine Chicavich  
Gr. 6 Christopher Gabaris

3KC Victoria Paratore  
PKC Eliana Rugova  
Gr. 1 Peter Asllani  
Gr. 4 Alexis Almonte

*Congratulations!*

Absent  
Joseph  
Klampfer



Absent  
Delancey  
Munsayac



## The Three kings have arrived...

We celebrated the Epiphany at last Sunday's Family Mass. Christopher, Giovanni and Charles from the Academy and the RE program graced us with their most royal presence.



THE LIGHT OF EPIPHANY HAS SHONE ON US; WE TOO HAVE SEEN A STAR AND FOUND WHAT WE WERE SEARCHING FOR IN THE CHILD BORN 2,100 YEARS AGO. SO WE, LIKE THE MAGI, HAVE THE SAME MISSION: TO LET THE LIGHT OF EPIPHANY SHINE THROUGH US ONTO OUR MODERN WORLD.





**ST. MEL'S**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# OPEN HOUSE



**JANUARY**  
**28TH**  
**11:30AM**

Please join us for our  
annual Open House!

Enrollment for  
2024-2025 School Year  
will begin during  
Catholic Schools Week  
January 28th to  
February 3rd



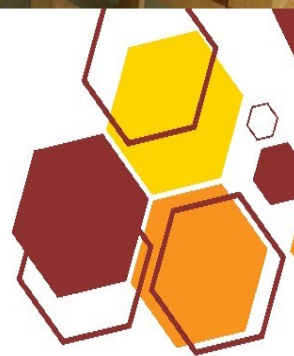
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**Saturday, February 3, 2023**

**7:00pm - 11:00pm**

**St. Mel's O'Malley Hall**

**154-24 26th Avenue**

**Flushing, NY 11354**

**IT'S NAME THAT TUNE  
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songs on your game board when  
you hear them.**

**When you win you call out**

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dessert, coffee/tea, and a**

**door prize ticket**

**BYOB & Snacks**



**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

**FROM THE MAIN OFFICE**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

**ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



**Consider Becoming an Altar  
Server  
at St. Mel's.  
We're on the Lookout for  
New Recruits!**

**Open to Boys & Girls in  
Grades 4-8.**

**Requires Several Training  
Sessions.**

**Contact: Father Fonti**  
[jfonti@stmels-queens.org](mailto:jfonti@stmels-queens.org)

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## NARANON OPEN MEETING

Looking for support?  
A loved one struggling with addiction?

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

JOIN US TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM  
7:30-9:00PM

Lower level of St. Mel School

**Contact: Ann Acquaviva 201-400-7760**  
for more details



**AA Meetings**

**The First Step is always the  
hardest. It's made easier when  
it is not taken alone.**

**St. Mel's hosts 2 Weekly  
Meetings:**

**Mondays – 7:30 PM (Beginners)  
Thursdays – 8:00 PM**

**Meetings are held in Serenity  
Hall. Entrance on 26<sup>th</sup> Ave /  
School Yard**

## St. Mel's Leisure Club



Saint Mel's Leisure Club meets every Monday at 1:30 PM in Father O'Malley Hall. Some come for bingo. Some to play cards or board games. All come for what the Club offers: friendship and camaraderie.



### Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church

Go to: <http://stmelsrchurch.flocknote.com> or you can find the app, Flocknote

This will bring you to the sign up page to enter your name, email address, and mobile phone number. You will be asked to verify your email or mobile number or both if given.

Once you have your information verified you will be asked to create a password.

Then you will just follow the directions on the site.

Once all is complete you will be set up to receive updates from Fr. Fonti.

## A PRAYER FOR POLICE OFFICERS



Almighty God ~

We pray that you watch over  
our police and law officers each day  
as they keep us safe  
in our homes and on our streets.

Dear God, their work is often  
stressful and dangerous  
so we humbly place them in your care.  
We pray that you shield them from harm  
as they carry out their service on our behalf.

Please give these brave men and women  
your Almighty protection and  
unite them safely with their loved ones  
at the end of every day. ~ Amen

### Connect with St Mel using the Free Social App Tabella



Tabella is a fully Catholic app where you can enjoy Catholic content to grow in the faith. The Tabella app is available in English/ Spanish and has the biggest library of Catholic audio devotional content.

If you currently receive parish communications through Flocknote, be sure to download this app to

your phone as it will eventually replace Flocknote for parish communications. This app is very easy to use and when there is a post from us you will get a push notification on your phone.

In the meantime, use all the resources available on this app to nurture your faith.

**Step 1:** Just scan the QR code to the left.

**Step 2:** Find and Follow St Mel Church. Use the Communities tab and search for "11354" Then click the "follow" Button on our church profile. You are now all set.

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# Religious Education Program

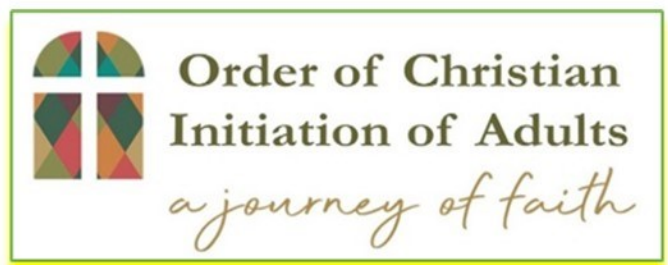
St. Mel's Office of Faith Formation provides Religious Instruction to children in grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 for Grades 1-5 and from 6:30 to 8:00 for Grades 6-8. If you have any questions, please email us at [stmelfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com) and [mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org](mailto:mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org)



## SAVE THE DATE – Sunday January 28, 2024 at 10:30 am Mass

Family Grade Mass for Children from St. Mel's Academy and School of Religion – Grade 5

All are invited for light refreshments and breakfast treats following Mass in O'Malley Hall.



◆ Are you a practicing adult Catholic (18+) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who has been baptized and have received your first Holy Communion?

If you answered yes, to this question, we invite you to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program which would prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. The Adult Confirmation Program presents an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. The program includes presentations, group discussion, reflection, and prayer.

◆ Are you interested in the Catholic faith?

◆ Have you been coming to church for a while but are not Catholic?

◆ Have you been baptized Catholic or validly baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion?

If you answered yes to this question, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA") It is also adapted for older children.

**If you are interested in learning more about these programs, contact the Office of Faith Formation at [stmelfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com) or at 718-461-9840**



### Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

### **Retrouvaille can help.**

**Our Next Weekend is  
January 19-21, 2024  
at The Immaculate Conception  
Seminary, Huntington**

**To register or for more information:  
1-800-470-2230  
HelpOurMarriage.org**

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

**Catholic** in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

### **The Cenacles of Life**

The Cenacles of Life are prayer groups that pray as the Blessed Mother and the Apostles prayed in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They pray – as should all Catholics – to stop the killing of the unborn, sick, and disabled. The goal of the Prayer Group: restore respect for the sanctity of life which has so frighteningly eroded in our country and world. Please come and pray with St. Mel's Cenacle of Life: Thursdays @ 11:00 AM in the church.

I Cenacoli della Vita sono gruppi di preghiera che pregano come pregarono la Madonna e gli Apostoli nel Cenacolo, in attesa dello Spirito Santo a Pentecoste. Pregano—come dovrebbero tutti i cattolici—per fermare l'uccisione di nascituri, malati e disabili. L'obiettivo del gruppo di preghiera: ripristinare il rispetto per la santità della vita che ha così spaventosamente eroso nel nostro Paese e nel mondo. Per favore, venite a pregare con il Cenacolo della Vita di San Mel: giovedì alle 11:00 in chiesa.

### **PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

St. Luke Church

**Meets every 1st Tuesday  
of every month.**



This group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

If you are interested in participating in these meetings **you must** contact **Sister Theresa** at **(718) 746-8531**.

Sister also offers individual Bereavement Counseling Sessions where needed. Please remember to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

**PLEASE  
TURN OFF  
CELL  
PHONES**



*Thank you!*

# Mass in Catholic Church

W W E A K G J I Y G R U T I L C A  
Y D R Y F F I L Y G G U N X M T Y  
Q Q V L I A P C R E P E Y L O H N  
C Y Y A R E J E N J H E T V A A N  
J O G C J M E R E D A E R G S S R  
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PRAYERS

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COMMUNION

GREETING

PEACE

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AMEN

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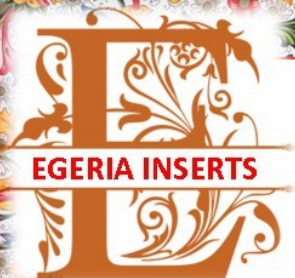
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BODY

GOD

LITURGY



## Liturgical Colors - Red

After white the next festive liturgical color is red. Red symbolizes victory through the shedding of blood (first of our Lord Jesus Christ and then His followers) and the presence and Person of the Holy Spirit. "The color red is used on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and on Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday), on Pentecost Sunday, on celebrations of the Lord's Passion, on the "birthday" feast days of Apostles and Evangelists, and on celebrations of Martyr Saints. (GIRM 346,b)

Since red symbolizes the shedding of blood, besides being used in the celebrations listed above it is also used on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept 14) and other commemorations of the Lord's Passion and the votive Masses of the Holy Cross or Most Precious Blood.

Additionally, the color red also symbolizes the burning fire of God's love particularly manifested in the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. Thus, in addition to Pentecost it is used for the votive Masses of the Holy Spirit as well as for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Remember, a martyr (from the Greek "witness") is someone filled with faith and the Holy Spirit who bears witness to the Living God.

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