

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, January 21, 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)  
Board Chair: Dominick Yezzo  
Principal: Mrs. Amy Barron, M.A., M.S.Ed.

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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.



If you attended Mass this past Wednesday, you heard a familiar story proclaimed: The story of David and Goliath.

A bible favorite of mine since childhood, David's triumph over the "giant" Goliath continues to encourage me in my adult life to believe in the power of the Almighty especially when situations or circumstances seem impossible.

When I served as the Rector-President of Cathedral Prep, I often said that "Cathedral was the David on a block of Goliaths."

With its specialized program as an all-male, all-Catholic high school and minor seminary, Cathedral annually enrolls about 45+ new students. Compared with 600+ students that enroll each year at St. Francis Prep, Cathedral is more Davey than Goliath.

Truth be told, the size and uniqueness of Cathedral Prep does not deter the academic and overall success of our students in and out of the classroom. I know this not only as a former administrator but also, as a proud Cathedral alumnus.

**Next Sunday St. Mel's Catholic Academy kicks off Catholic Schools Week - January 28<sup>th</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup> – with an Open House (11:30 AM).**

Grateful for our Academy's successful rebound after its closure 4 years ago, we have much to celebrate, especially the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class this coming academic year!

So please share our "Good News" and if there are children within your house, come to the Open House / consider enrolling them at St. Mel's.

Whenever you build from the bottom-up, you need many hands; especially hands clasped in prayer.

Join me as together we offer a prayer of gratitude to God The Almighty who makes the impossible possible!

Father Fonti



## Mass Intentions - January 21, 2024

**SAT 1/20**

5:00 Lydia Falivene (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

**SUN 1/21**

7:30 Anthony Grando

9:00 Santa D'Angelo & Maria Bellomo

Guglielmo & Gandolfo Cascio

People of The Parish

10:30 Donald Halmy

12:00 Anton Kraljic

**MON 1/22**

7:00 Helen & John Jacobs & Baby Helen

9:00 Frederick H. Kelly

**TUES 1/23**

7:00 Louis & Raffaella Fonti

9:00 Frank Hohenstein

**WED. 1/24**

7:00 Fr. James Reynolds

9:00 Angelo Mangiafreno

**THURS. 1/25**

7:00 Louis Fonti III

9:00 Jia Zeng (Living)

**FRI. 1/26**

7:00 Ugo & Norma Ciacco

9:00 Danny Marano

**SAT 1/27**

9:00 In Gratitude

5:00 Gloria Ubertini

**SUN 1/28**

7:30 Mary Donovan Thomas

9:00 Anna & Angelo Graci

Antonio Mirabile

Maria Cutaia

People of The Parish

10:30 Ronald Siracusa

12:00 John DiVanna



## Bread & Wine

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

***Jennifer & John Kramer***



## Altar Candles

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

***Angela Vangi***

***Gift Given by: Roseann  
Rohrsen***



## Sanctuary Candles

*This week the Sanctuary  
Candle is donated in Loving  
Memory of:*

***Danny Marono***

***Gift Given by: Carmina  
Mitchell & Francis  
Marano***



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

## December, 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:**  
**Ching Wong, Christopher Battaglia,**  
**Rosa Payyappilly, & Joseph Poomkudy**



The next bundle Saturday will be April 13th. St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the St. Mel's parking lot from 9am—12:00pm.

Lightly used clothing is needed. Thank you for your generosity.

## **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 14, 2024**  
**Mass Attendance Total = 692**

5:00 PM—165  
7:30 AM—86  
9:00 AM—104  
10:30 AM—187  
12:00 PM—150



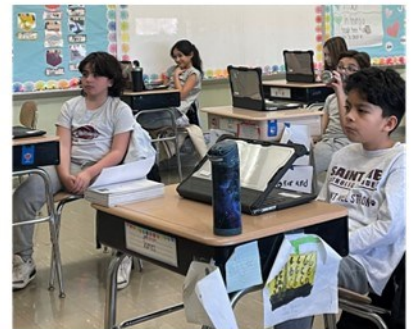


# At St. Mel's Catholic Academy...

## It's a New Year of Learning!



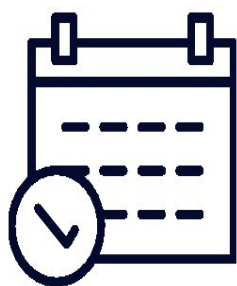
After a bit of a rocky start to the new year with the heating issues we had in the school building, we got right back into the swing of things as soon as we were able to get back into the building, and we picked up right where we left off prior to Christmas vacation. The children were happy to be back, excited to be with their classmates again, they set their goals and resolutions for the new year and are ready to jump into new year of learning. Check them out!!







# 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  
MEETS BINGO!**

**We play the songs, you mark the  
songs on your game board when  
you hear them.**

**When you win you call out**

**BINGO!**

**\$60pp (21 & over only)**

**Includes bingo card, soda/water,  
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



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



**AA Meetings**

**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

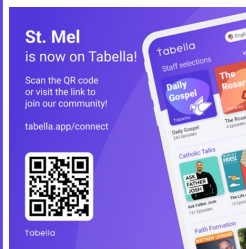


Tabella is a fully Catholic app where you can enjoy Catholic content to grow in the faith. The Tabella app is available in English/ Spanish and has the biggest library of Catholic audio devotional content.

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

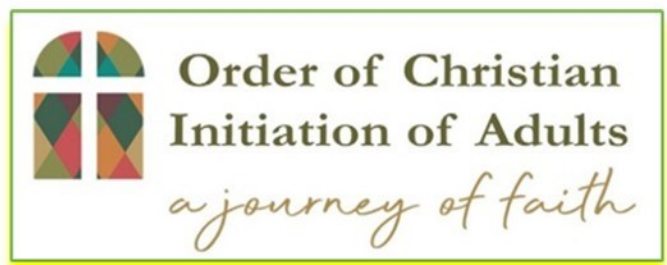
St. Mel's Office of Faith Formation provides Religious Instruction to children in grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 for Grades 1-5 and from 6:30 to 8:00 for Grades 6-8. If you have any questions, please email us at [stmelfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com)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



Our apologies... These names were missing from our Christmas bulbs donation list.

*Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulbs*

*Jim Novak*

*Jessica*

*Stefanie*

*Matthew*

*Lisa*

*Christopher*

*Clare*

*Lilyan Burns*

*Eugene Burns*

*Robert Burns*

*Frank & Lillian Genovese*

*Patrick & Frances Burns*

*Frank Genovese III*

*Rev. Paul Palmiotto*

*Denise Smith*

*Michael J Smith*

*Catherine & Mel Grannell*

*Carmela De Vardo*

*George De Vardo*

*Rose Delligatti*

*Giuseppe Delligatti*

*Mr & Mrs. Agnello*

*Mary Falci*

*Pasquale Falci*

*Mary Agnello*

*Joseph Ocone*

*Josephine Ocone*

*I prayed for you today*

O Almighty Eternal God,  
Look upon the face of Thy Christ,  
and for the love of Him, Who is the Eternal High Priest,  
have pity on Thy priests.  
Remember, O most compassionate God,  
that they are but weak and frail human beings.  
Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is  
in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands.  
Keep them close to Thee,  
lest the enemy prevail against them,  
so that they may never do anything in the slightest  
degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux



### 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!*



# Prayers of the Rosary

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee we do cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

# How to pray the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray "The Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray 3 "Hail Marys."
4. Pray the "Glory Be To The Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery, then pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray 10 "Hail Marys," while meditating on the First Mystery.
7. Pray the "Glory Be To The Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery, then pray the "Our Father." Repeat 6 & 7 and continue with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. After completing the fifth Mystery, pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" on the center medal.



# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

C O L O S S I A N S I G V G Q E T V D G  
 V G I B X E U T G U S I E C J O B Z A B  
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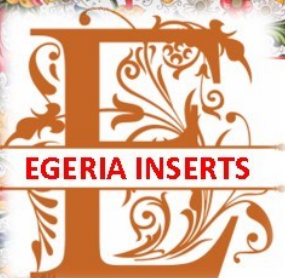
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 LUKE  
 MARK  
 MATTHEW

NUMBERS  
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## Liturgical Colors - Green

Arguably the most often used and seen liturgical color is green. "The color green is used in the Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time." (GIRM 346,c)

Green symbolizes hope and creation which is revealed during the Lord's public ministry: hope in the Person of Jesus and His teachings, and creation as seen in His cosmic significance and simple earthly means of preaching.

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