

St. Jerome Church

First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019

The Desert: Place of Tempting and Prayer



Jackie Purdy: Keeper of the Flame Award Winner

5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday - 10am-1:30pm

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 213 841-6775
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SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Sunday Masses - 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &

Wed. 6:30pm with Our **Lady of Perpetual Help** prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of **Our Lady**—Thursday 1:15pm

First Friday- Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

RECTORY STAFF

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton 424-543-4681

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe 424 209-9961

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

JustFaith, Engaging Spirituality, Social Justice/Clue 714 602-6122

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SCHEDULING SERVICES (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

Funerals: contact the rectory to set date and time

Anniversaries, Quinceañera, Memorials: call the rectory

Weddings - Call the rectory 6 months in advance to set the date.

Youth Ministry (Teens) and Confirmation

Religious Education and Sacramental Prep for Children

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): 310-348-8212

St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr): 310-670-1678

www.st-jeromeschool.org Principal: Mr. Tom MacDonald

SCRC Prayer Mtg (7pm Fri): Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Senior Center: (ext. 314) Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:

Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Fitzpatrick 310-703-2519

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Knights of Peter Claver: Devron Carter 310-256-0101

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall 323-295-2432

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein 310-908-9204

LIFE, CHARITY, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRIES

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Soup Kitchen (Every 3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

Our mission is to SHARE God's message with all people, to OFFER support to those in need, to PROMOTE Christian values and commitment to the family, to FOSTER a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to DEEPEN spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

From Fr. Bill

"Father, why do we have "school support" and "building fund" envelopes?"

Donations generally fall into two categories: restricted and unrestricted.

Collections which have a "specified" envelope are restricted. That is 100% of these funds are to be used for this purpose. Funds collected for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Mission Collection, Flowers as well as school and building fund fall into this category.

The general parish envelope and loose cash that are collected on Sundays and Holy Days are "unrestricted." These are used for operating expenses such as heating, water, utilities, building maintenance, salaries, taxes, insurance and benefits. 90% of unrestricted funds received in the weekly collection are for St. Jerome use and discretion. Unrestricted funds can be used for flowers, building projects and the school... but these funds get counted into our Archdiocesan "taxable" income. 10% of unrestricted funds are given to the Archdiocese to support their programs and services. (Yes, even churches tithe!) Additionally, this 10% from the prior year is how the Archdiocese determines each parish's Together In Mission goal.

By the way our church's Ladies Restroom will be refurbished and renewed before Easter.

"Father, do you know where I might find reasonably priced room or apartment?"

At least once a month I encounter a parishioner who wants to continue living near St. Jerome but through a combination of property tax increases, rent increases, fixed income, fuel tax increases, utility and other cost increases... has discovered (even when they have already paid off their mortgage) that they consistently have more month than money.

"Land rich and pocketbook poor" they can sell their home and briefly qualify as the top 1% with both state and federal taxes eating their limited assets... and come to find, as many middle class families have discovered, that they must severely downsize (if they can find an affordable place) or they must move away to a county or state where this one-time visit to the top tax-bracket might leave them with a home and additional monies in the bank.

These are major reasons why LAUSD has lost over 250,000 students in just over 15 years. It isn't that children have flooded into charter and private schools... but many fami-

lies with children have been squeezed inland or out of state. California needs continued immigration to maintain its federal clout (53 representatives) in the midst of its ongoing business and middle-class exodus. These additional people are considered essential for the upcoming 2020 census to maintain and perhaps increase our percentage of members in the House of Representatives.

At the same time high-paying tech jobs (not to mention our desirable beaches and climate) continue to pressure housing and apartment costs... which raise our assessments... which raise our property taxes... which (as it continues) pushes more working people out of their homes toward living in their cars or on the street.

It is no wonder that even as our property values spike and our disposable income shrinks that an individual's ability to support the church gets squeezed. For those facing tough decisions as these, I want to thank you for the generous financial support you have given to our St. Jerome Catholic Church. Even the poor widow's two copper coins make a difference... and Jesus knows the sacrifice and commitment you are making in your weekly offering.

For those of you who are experiencing a season of abundance and blessing... I ask you to prayerfully reflect and consider re-evaluating what you are donating to charity and our parish church. In Jewish Tradition God was offered the first fruits... not what was left-over. I know my parents and many others who give 10% to the Lord: charities and church. "The gift you have received, you are to give as a gift." The blessings you receive are not just for you, but for helping build up the body of Christ.

If one's donations are only from their surplus and require little or no sacrifice, I challenge you to prayerfully consider the difference you can make by reaching deeper and actually be able to "feel" your donation. It is after all a part of your SACRIFICE, an offering given as a sign of your response to the God who has given you life and freely given HIS.

"The just one's sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten. In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. " Sirach 35: 9-12

Are you giving Jesus the minimum wage? If not, please let your weekly contribution be at least what you get paid for an hour's labor. I know that isn't 10% but it isn't a bad starting point to help one develop their spirit of generosity and gratitude.

Fingerprinting & VIRTUS Training at St. Jerome

In compliance with Safeguard the Children program mandated by the USCCB, we scheduled a **Fingerprinting session and VIRTUS training at St. Jerome on Saturday, March 23rd, in the parish hall.**

- Fingerprinting—10am to 4:30pm
- “Keeping the promise Alive” (recertification only)—10am to 11:30am
- “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” is the 3 hour session for 1st time VIRTUS Training—1pm to 4pm

This is a requirement for all staff and volunteers at both the church and the school.

Please remember to sign up by calling the rectory during business hours at 310-348-8212.

Operation Rice Bowl



In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family, and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit csrricebowl.org for more

Lenten Supper Fridays!

Please join us for Friday Dinners during Lent to gather together and support “Operation Rice Bowl.” The meals are sponsored by different groups within our parish. While there is not a set fee for the meal, **any donation will be great appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bowl Fund.

See you this Friday in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 6:45pm!

Stations of the Cross And Confession



The Stations occur every Friday during Lent at **7:00pm** in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be heard during Stations from 7pm to 8pm. If scheduled confession times don't work for you, you may call the to schedule an appointment.

“Spring Cleaning of our Church”

Saturday, March 16th following the 8am Mass. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Service hours can be earned for students.



Last Weekend's Collection

March 2nd and 3rd, 2019: \$17,578.88 (Envelopes)

March 2nd and 3rd, 2018: \$19,722.72 (Envelopes)

March 2nd and 3rd, 2019: \$2,363.00 (School)

March 3rd and 4th, 2018: \$2,275.00 (School)

Senior Center

The Senior Center will be closed through March 20th! Please join us again on Monday, March 25th, 12-4pm.

For more information, please call the Rectory Office at 310 348-8212.

What: Praying the Psalms—What Every Catholic Should Know About the Liturgy of the Hours

When: Thursday, March 28th, from 7:30pm to 9pm.

Where: The Parish Hall

Admission: A can of food to be donated to the the Food Pantry, LAX

Want a new way to pray? Learn a revered part of the Church's liturgical tradition that is still unknown to most Catholics. Using today's Evening Prayer as our starting point, we will pray together as we visit the history and theology, the challenges and possibilities of The Prayer of the Church.

Steve Picard earned an MA in Theology from Loyola Marymount University, and holds certification from the Catholic Bible Institute. He has facilitated the bible study program at St. Jerome for 20 years. As a member of the Catholic Bible Institute program team he trains parish bible study facilitators for parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Congratulations!

We offer sincere congratulations to **Trino and Celina Reynoso** who are celebrating their **25th Wedding Anniversary.** May God bless them!



Congratulations!

We congratulate our parishioner, Ms. Jackie Purdy who was honored with “The Keeper of the Flame Award,” by Bishop Edward Clark at the Black History Mass, sponsored by The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization. This special award honors those who have kept the “Flame of Evangelization” burning in their parishes. Jackie shares her Catholic knowledge and faith with the (RCIA) Christian Initiation of Adults who are preparing to become Catholic. She serves as an Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan and assists with our funeral ministry. She has been a member of the Commissions and many other various ministries over the years.

We are blessed with Jackie's caring devotion to our community and thank her for keeping the flame burning at St. Jerome Parish!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Our next dinner is every Friday during Lent. Enjoy our traditional fresh Alaskan Cod or Shrimp, delicately deep



fried in a light batter, with either a baked potato, French Fries or Onion Rings along with Cole Slaw and a Roll.

Adults are \$12.00 & children \$8.00. Dinner served between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Take-outs available. Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310.821-2324

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 03/09—5:30pm FV Celina & Trino Reynoso (SI)
Sun. 03/10—7:30am FB Cecile Bordenave (M)
 9:00am SJ St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 11:00am FV Mary Mallillin (M)
 5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parish
 Council Members (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 03/11—8:00am FV St. Jerome Liturgy Committee (SI)
Tues. 03/12—8:00am FB Mary Mallillin (M)
Wed. 03/13—8:00am FB Ivery Tousant (M)
Thurs.03/14—8:00am FV John & Juanita Wiemken (SI)
Fri. 03/15—8:00am FV Thomas R. Polverari &
 Thomas E. Polverari (M)
Sat. 03/16—8:00am FV The Engaging Spirituality
 Group (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 11am FB, 5:30pm FB
Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)
Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan
Bobbie Campbell	Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega
Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli	Kathy Fitzpatrick
Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris	Hank Grady
Miguel Garcia	Baby Colby Holen	George Koury
Frances Lalan	Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault
Jerry Neubauer	Angela Parks	Chela Perez
Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Germaine Nickels-Chau	Sr. Betty Nickels, O.P.	

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Josie Jackson, Sandy Mitchel,

Cynthia Rexicker, Alex Yao

May they rest in peace

Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help



Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The novena is intended to ask for a particular favor or blessing or to give thanks for blessings received.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
Lectors:	Cathy Fitzpatrick	310-337-6929
Music:	Jim Drollinger	310-617-2465
Ushers:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474

St. Jerome School

St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8. Applications may be downloaded from our website or you may visit the school office to pick one up.



Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org
or call 310 670-1678.



Coffee and Donuts

The Fourth Grade Class will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

We have **The Magnificat LENTEN COMPANION 2019** booklets available on the **Welcome Table**, at the front entrance of the Church . **The cost is \$2.**

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, March 16th;**
from 10:30am to 12 noon.

If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. **Thank you!**



The Religious Education Congress

Three days of adult education will enrich and revitalize you! **March 22-24 Anaheim Convention Center.** All are welcome to attend! Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the LA Archdiocese, the Congress offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

**Register at www.RECongress.org or
Call 213-637-7348.**

Boys Home of the West Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in support of Rancho San Antonio "Boys Home of the West" in Chatsworth on the **weekend of March 23rd & 24th.** Rancho was established to stimulate spiritual and moral fiber in young men in detention, encouraging them to make themselves useful to the community and to themselves. Proceeds from this raffle will help Rancho continue their wonderful work with these young men. Through your generosity, we can continue to provide opportunities for our youth!

Lenten Mission Invitation

" A Journey to Joy"

Bringing Scripture to Life, with Drama and Humor

When: March 28th, 29th, & 30th- 7PM

Where: St. Anastasia Catholic Church

7390 W/ Manchester Ave. Los Angeles 90045

Cost: Free Admission