

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019**

**As I have loved you,
So you also should
Love one another.**

St. Jerome Church

5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
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Picture: 2019 Good Friday Way of the Cross

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30am–noon; 1pm–4:30pm

Friday—10am–1:30pm

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

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

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

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena with
Benediction & 6:30pm Adoration with Our Lady of Perpetual Help 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**

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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.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

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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

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

This weekend we have a number of teens and adults being Confirmed by Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Just in case the bishop decides to ask a question (back in the day I was told any of the 213 Baltimore Catechism's Questions might be asked) I have decided to dust off some of the basics that are appropriate for this day.

Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace. (He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." – John 20:22)

The sacrament of Confirmation is the bestowal of that gift given to the Church at Pentecost in the souls of those upon whom the bishop imposes hands and anoints with the oil of Sacred Chrism. At this final sacrament of initiation (baptism, confirmation, communion—the official order until 1910 when modified by St. Pope Pius X to allow children to receive the Eucharist) the bishop prays for those being confirmed to receive the Holy Spirit, to be filled with Sanctifying Grace and the Seven Gifts which help us live as disciples of Jesus.

God offers us these gifts as "standard equipment" which, if accepted and used (our free will), help us to become more Christ-like. The first is called "Wonder and Awe" or "Fear of the Lord." We realize God is greater, more and "Wow!" Recognizing that we are insignificant in comparison, the second is called "Reverence" or "Piety." We pray and honor the God who is. Realizing that He is the one who made all, the third gift is "Knowledge." We study, reflect and learn about God, His creation, and His Church. As we study, pray and reflect about God, ourselves and the world we grow in the fourth gift, "Understanding." As we are better in comprehending human motives, God's laws and consequences to our choices we grow in the gift of "Right Judgment." To help us to follow through on these good choices we are given and build up the gift of "Courage." Finally, having carried our cross, through our experiences and praying and meditating on the adversity of trying to live faithfully, we grow in "Wisdom," being better able to see ourselves and the world through God's eyes.

When we enter a new relationship we often gain a new name. For example, if you are married you become "my husband" or "my wife." And at Baptism we were given our Baptismal name (mine is Francis). At Confirmation as a sign of our new relationship with God and the community to be Jesus' disciples and bring the good news to others we pick a new name of someone who we hope to

imitate (I chose Paul). So the bishop confirms us with this new name and formally acknowledges this new relationship as he says, "Peace be with you" and offers a sign of peace. (Yes, back in the day we got a gentle "slap" ... actually a tap... on the cheek as a reminder of the adversity disciples know comes with taking up our cross and following Jesus.) Loving relationships require sacrifice. I know the rewards are amazing... but when we chose to love, we chose to die to ourselves that others might gain life.

Good tools for discerning our growth in the Holy Spirit and Sanctifying Grace are the fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness, Self-control, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, and Faithfulness. These are the fruits of a life lived in the Spirit of Jesus. Please note that their absence suggests we have not trusted God and learned to surrender to life in His Spirit. "My will be done" (ego-drama) leads to different fruits than putting God and the needs of those He calls us to love before our selfish interests. Disciples strive to live in His Word, look for opportunities to serve (foot washing) and bring Jesus' merciful and loving presence to others. As St. Paul challenges Timothy, "Never grow weary of doing what is right."

The Catholic people of Sri Lanka in the wake of the Easter Sunday Church bombings are giving us good example of doing what is right. From a priest friend of mine, Fr. Tony, who has ministered to the wounded and hospitalized:

Yes, the loss of one person or 359 persons is just heart-rending. Even when I went to clear a parcel two days ago at the post office, people tell me, "You Catholics saved Our Nation from blood-shed by your patience and tolerance. The streets and roads would have been rivers of blood." When one thinks of the hundreds of swords and knives, explosives and anti-aircraft materials that have been found. Some say "We even feel a tinge of jealousy about the way you Catholics have behaved. We wish we could be as patient like you all"

May I urge you to pray the Rosary in groups or individually frequently and attend Holy Mass as often as possible for all of us Sri Lankans that the situation will return to normalcy. Fr. Tony

Let us keep one another in prayer, especially our brothers and sisters in the over one hundred nations in which we Catholics are under persecution. Living as the Confirmed is the path for us to fulfill the hopes God has for us to be holy and happy with Him now and forever. Peace be with you!

“Parish Staff Sunday”

This Sunday is our monthly “Parish Staff Sunday.” Our office staff is available in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask question regarding **weddings, baptism, faculty usage or about having a mass said for your special intention.** We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and



Celebration of Confirmation

We welcome Bishop Gerald E. Wilkerson at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass this weekend for our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our young people have been preparing for the past two years for this important moment, the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation.

We thank Ijeoma Oti, our Confirmation Coordinator, her Assistant, Lara Ratleff and the Confirmation catechists’ team for their dedication to our youth. Let us keep them, our candidates and their sponsors in our prayers.

Thank you for all those who donated to the school’s Shoe & Clothes Drive! We accept heavily used items. You can drop items off at the school until May 19th. Call school at 310 –670-1678



Mark your calendars for the 8th Grade

**★ SHOWCASE! ★
May 29th at 6pm in the parish hall.**

ACCW Mass and Crowning of the Blessed Mother

The LA archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites All women (gentlemen welcome) to attend the Annual Spring Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles on **Tuesday, May 21st. The Crowning of our Blessed Mother will be at 9:45am followed by Mass at 10am.** Celebrant: Msgr. James Gehl.

JOIN OTHER CATHOLIC WOMEN IN PRAYER.

Contact: **Louise Meehan, 310-641-0842**

May is Foster Awareness Month!

Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me.* Perhaps he was thinking of the many children who are in need of foster care in safe, supportive and loving homes? L.A has 34,000 foster children, the highest number in the nation. 21% are under age two.

May is Foster Awareness month and a time to honor those who are already fostering, and to invite others to consider fostering a child. For more information about fostering or to know how you can help see:

www.archla.org/foster or www.fosterall.org

Last Weekend’s Collection:

May 11th and 12th, 2019: \$12,772 (Envelopes)

May 12th and 13th, 2018: \$13,900 (Envelopes)


Senior Center

Mon. May 20: 12-4pm, Rosary, Cards and Social.

Wed. May 21: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.

Rosary Service

You are invited to a Rosary-centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn in Holy Cross Cemetery  **this Sunday, May 19th**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Holy Cross Cemetery is at 5835 W. Slauson Ave. The service will begin at **2pm**, at the **Risen Christ Chapel**, with a procession to the Shrine. For information, contact: **Tom Ullman, (310) 670-0605**



Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Prayer to the Immaculate Queen of Peace

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you shared in His universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed Him King of peace. With loving fervor in our hearts we salute and honor you as Queen of peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified.

We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for leaders as they strive for world peace. Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world.

Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen.

(www.catholic.org/prayers)

Simply The Best

Oberammergau Passion Play, plus Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Hosted by Maritz Leon and Spiritual Director, Fr. Greg Bramlage, Missionaries of the New Evangelization, Diocese of Colorado Springs. **Twelve days from May 18 to May 29, 2020**, including a Papal audience. For more information contact **Maritza Duran-Leon a 310 895-8898.**

Annual Barbecue Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 1st, 11am—4pm.** Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry is preparing:

- \$10 for BBQ Chicken
- \$13 for Pork Ribs
- \$13 for Tri Tip
- \$15 for Chicken and Tri Tip
- \$16 for Chicken and Pork Ribs
- \$16 for Pork Ribs and Tri Tip

This fundraiser provides help to others who may need assistance with rent or utilities. **Purchase your order beginning this weekend!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 05/18—5:30pm FV Leopoldo Ortilla (M)
Sun. 05/19—7:30am SJ St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
9:00am FV Mother's Day Novena (T)
11:00am FB Edward Wong (M)
5:30pm Bishop Our Newly Confirmed (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 05/20—8:00am FV Mother's Day Novena (T)
Tues. 05/21—8:00am FB Augustina Ezeokoli (M)
Wed. 05/22—8:00am FB Louise Meehan (SI)
Thurs. 05/23—8:00am FV Carol Waddington (M)
Fri. 05/24—8:00am FV For Foster Families and
For Children seeking families (SI)
Sat. 05/25—8:00am FB Louise Meehan (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	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Robert Buchanan	Bobbie Campbell	Steve Clarke
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Michael Fitzpatrick	Lordes Flores
Margaret Gamble	Anne Gingras	Hank Grady
Miguel Garcia	Breheda Harris	George Koury
Eileen LaCasse	Mark Ludwig	Louise Meehan
Pat Menezes	Bob Migneault	Allene Muccia-
Maria Navaro	Angela Parks	Chela Perez
Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler
Kondra Tapia		

Mass And Healing Service

Friday June 21, 2019



7pm– 9pm St. Jerome Church

Celebrant: Fr. Patrick Crowley, SSSC

Sponsored by St. Jerome Charismatic Prayer Group.

For more information, please call **Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at 323-294-1940**

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.

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



Coffee and Donuts

Come join us in the parish hall for coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses!

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.

Family Fun Day and Rummage Sale

This weekend

Sunday, May 19, 2019

9am—4pm

Food! Games! Music! Crafts!



St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial through *Life Touch Family Photography* for our 70th Anniversary! Each family that comes for a photograph will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Customer Color Portrait. Thank you to those who took pictures last month!

The photographers will be at the parish again on May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25th

You still have time schedule your appointment this weekend in the parish hall after each morning mass and next week on our website Monday thru Thursday (only) at www.stjeromelax.org

Scroll down to the picture of the couple; click on "Your Invited."

If you elected to have your free picture sent to the rectory for pick up, the photographs will be in the parish hall this Sunday after all the morning masses and in the rectory during the week!

Attention: Parishioners & Ministries

We need your assistance to coordinate and take a group picture of the members in your ministry for the pictorial directory. We also want pictures of special events over the past 10 yrs. to put in the directory.



Please email your pictures by June 30th to Juanita Rivera-Wiemken at juanitarw@gmail.com or Brad Germeroth at zrv1@yahoo.com

Parking lot Awareness: Be the eyes and hands of God for our senior and disabled parishioners. Make sure they get safely to their cars after mass and special events. They are our Diamonds!