RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Wed) Mass - 8am
Easter Sunday Masses - 8pm (Vigil), 7am, 9am, 11am, **No 5:30** mass
Confessions - This week only Thursday 8:30am to 10am
Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &
This week only **No Our Lady of Perpetual Help** in the evening.
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**
Business Manager:Juanita Rivera-Wiemken 310 348-8212 x303
For calendar request email: juanitarw@gmail.com
Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Ijeoma Oti 310 348-8212 x313
sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

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

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 213 841-6775
sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com
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

"But, Father, this sounds like cannibalism."

I won't argue this young person's observation. In point of fact, in John's gospel (chapter 6) Jesus' statement about eating his flesh and drinking his blood causes many of the disciples to turn away as he retells them at least three different way this difficult to understand thing: "I am the bread of life";" My flesh is the life-giving bread"; "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His blood you shall not have life within you."

We need to be aware of the practices of making covenants and their associated sacrifices. *Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.*" (Matthew 26:27-28) Please note that the word choice "many" was not meant to limit, but to recognize that some people will refuse to enter into the new covenant. It is not a shortage of God's mercy, rather man's refusal to accept.

A Covenant is a formal commitment by two or more parties. It established a life-long agreement. (Yes, the sacrament of Matrimony is a covenant.) Covenants included the god(s) of the parties as they were seen to be the overseer of the covenant and the insurer of faithfulness.

An animal was sacrificed. Blood was sprinkled over the parties involved to mark them. Portions of the animal were eaten by the parties as well as a portion that was offered to the god(s) and burnt on the altar of sacrifice. "If I fail to keep faithful to this covenant, may what has happened to this sacrifice be done to me." Killing a person who failed to keep a covenant (e.g. stoning those who commit adultery) was considered a god sanctioned kill as the parties had brought god(s) in to be one of the witnesses… and the violator, not god, had broken the covenant.

In Egypt a covenant is entered into by the LORD and the Jewish people. Lambs are sacrificed. Meals are shared. Blood marks the doors of the homes of those who have entered into this life-long relationship. The angel of death passes-over their homes. (English: Paschal, Greek: "pascha", Aramaic: "pasḥā", and Hebrew: "pesaḥ", all of which mean passing-over or "Passover.") This "passing-over" leads directly to the Hebrew people's escape from Egypt and "passing over" the Red Sea. These people are led from slavery to freedom. They have escaped death and are called to live a new life in covenant with the LORD who has saved them. The terms of this Covenant are founded on the Ten Commandments and sealed with blood and sacrifices at Mount Sinai.

I can't fault the Jewish people for failing to fully live up to the covenant as my own mortal sins violate our covenant with God and His church.

The food of the Paschal Feast includes bread, wine and the Lamb of sacrifice. "Behold, the Lamb of God."

We have failed to keep the covenant. Jesus, the obedient and sinless one, steps forward offering himself to fulfill the old covenant (violation paid for by death) and to establish a new covenant. "Let his blood be on us and on our children." Those who are baptized (entering into His death), marked with the Sign of the Cross as well as the Oil of Sacred Chrism and share the meal of the sacrifice enter into this New Covenant establish for us by Jesus, the Son of God.

The empty tomb… His Resurrection is the sign, the seal of God's approval to this New Covenant.

At mass we renew our commitment to this New Covenant. We publicly witness to our being one in the Lord. We eat His flesh, as He commanded. We drink His blood, as He commanded. We are made one through, with and in the Lord in our sharing in this sacrificial meal… in both symbolic and literal terms… become truly one with Him and those with whom we share this meal.

The Paschal Mystery, which we celebrate at each mass, is an entering into the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We enter the event which transcends space and time. We enter into the New Covenant, its promises and gifts. We do not deserve these but are mercifully and loving offered them, if we are willing to accept the invitation to become one with the Lord.

Yes, it sounds like cannibalism, but is a much deeper. We are constantly becoming one with the Lord and with all the members of His Body… whom we are called to feed. Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Let's care for each other as Jesus wishes us to.

A special word of gratitude to all who have helped make Lent and Holy Week memorable. May God bless you and your family throughout this Easter Season!

Congratulation!

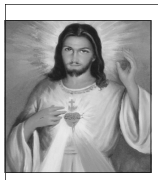
We Congratulate our neophytes who were welcomed into the Christian family at the Easter Vigil. They have been preparing for their Christian Initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA.) The church and its members also are born again as witness to the neophytes' reception of the sacraments of initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The faith journeys of these newest members, supported by the community and guided by the process of the RCIA, are not the end of their becoming a Christian, but merely the beginning.

Operation Rice Bowl

We prayed, fasted and gave alms and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need.

Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl donations to Church. Please make donations by check made payable to: St Jerome Church for the amount you wish to donate. Place the check in a separate envelope indicating funds are for Operation Rice bowl. Thank you for your generosity!

Divine Mercy Sunday



Please join us celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, on **April 28th. We will gather at 10:15am in the hall praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a Rosary procession to the church. We will then celebrate the 11:00am mass.** A good confession is encouraged in preparation of celebration of the Feast. There are pamphlets in the back of the church which explain how to pray the novena and the chaplet.

The Church throughout the world will be celebrating in a similar way because Christ himself, through Saint Maria Faustina, has promised extraordinary graces.

Restorative (Detention) Justice Ministry

Have you ever visited anyone in prison? You are invited to join the Restorative Justice (Detention) Ministry to visit kids in Central Juvenile Hall. It will be an eye-opening experience for you! After the visit, if you like the experience and want to be of service to these kids, you can then become a member of St Jerome Detention Ministry. Volunteers are needed to visit, talk, and listen to these kids.

The first Sunday of the month we invite those who wish to visit Central Juvenile Hall for the first time to join us. For more information, please contact Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at **323 294-1940,** or by emailing **dmuoneke@gmail.com**

Due to early holiday printing of our bulletin, collection amounts will be posted in a later bulletin.

Senior Center

Mon. April 22: 12-4pm, Rosary, Cards and Social.
Wed. April 24: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.
For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.

Earth Day-April 22nd

This years' Earth Day campaign reminds us to "Protect Our Species" All living things have a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species: bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales and more. The global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity. During the month of April volunteers will cleanup locations across the U.S. to make a tangible impact on waste in our environments. For more information visit **www.earthday.org**

St. Jerome Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study will begin a 7-week study titled "The Spirituality of St. Paul" on **Tuesday evening, April 30**, **from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center.** The study will run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The cost is $30 for course materials. Next to Jesus, St. Paul was the most influential person on the thought and teachings of the early Christian Church. Even today, almost all the Second Readings on Sundays are taken from one of the many letters of St. Paul.

Join us on Tuesday evenings as we explore some of Paul's writings and encounter his tremendous love for Jesus and the followers of Jesus.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard** at **sjpicard526@att.net** or **Alan Bernstein** at **310.645.5355** All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring a friend.

Altar Servers Training

Altar Servers are important ministers of our Eucharistic Celebration. **If your child is of the age of 3rd Grade or older, has received their first Communion and would like to be trained to serve, contact Kathy Fitzpatrick at 310 703-2519.**

Safeguard The Children

Protect young people from cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can happen at any time, on any online platform. It can take many forms – cruel direct messages, threatening emails, mean texts, shared photos, and more. Victims of cyber-bullying often suffer from anxiety and depression, and their self-esteem can be diminished. They may be reluctant to talk about bullying, so parents need to be on top of all their children's online activities. Asking questions and getting information about popular apps and sites will help, too.

To read the full VIRTUS® article "Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers" visit: http://www.la-archdiocese. org/org/protecting/Pages/ VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 04/20—8:00pm FB	**St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)**
Sun. 04/21—7:00am SJ	**Edward Wong (M)**
9:00am FV	**Arturo Melchor (M)**
11:00am FB	**Robert Martin (M)**

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 04/22—8:00am FV	**Matthew, Morgan & Magan McClean (SI)**
Tues. 04/23—8:00am FB	**Robert Lee Lucien III (M)**
Wed. 04/24—8:00am FB	**Wilfredo Balatico (SI)**
Thurs.04/25—8:00am FV	**Joyce Holt & Family (SI)**
Fri. 04/26—8:00am FV	**Marie Munoz & Louise J. Meehan (M)**
Sat. 04/27—8:00am FV	**Barbara McDonald & Family (SI)**

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 11am FV, 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	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli
Kathy Fitzpatrick	Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris
Hank Grady	Miguel Garcia	George Koury
Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault	Maria Navaro
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

Edward Wong

[brother of Jeneice Houze]

May he rest in peace

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Services for Frances Lalan will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery on the following dates and times:

Thurs., April 25: Rosary—4:30pm/Viewing 4pm—8pm

Fri., April 26: Funeral Mass-12:30pm/Risen Christ Chapel

(Please call Cemetery to confirm at 310 836-5500)

Listen to a 24 hour Catholic Radio Station

AM Station 930—Immaculate Heart Radio

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.

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.
School Break: 4-22-19 thru 4-26-19

St. Jerome School is holding a clothing and shoe drive. The bins for you to drop off your donations will be in the school parking lot from Monday, April 29th thru Friday, May 3rd.

The more bags we collect..the more money we'll raise!!

Tips for collecting extra bags:
Garage Sales: ask to have seller donate what they do not sell. **Dry Cleaners:** see it there are any items that have not been collected.
Lost and Found: schools, workplaces, churches.
33 Gallon Bags: recommended for best results.
For more info call Michele Johnson 949-246-0248

First Communion Celebration

Sunday, May 5th at the 11am Mass

Keep our children and their families in special prayer as these little ones receive

Catholics Care about climate change and it time to take action together! Take the pledge to:

Learn about and educate others about the Causes and moral dimensions of climate change.

Assess how I as an individual, my family, parish and school contribute to climate change by energy use, consumption, waste, etc.

Advocate for Catholic principles of solidarity and stewardship of God's creation in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

Visit: www.catholicccclimatecovenant.org
http:crs.org/public-policy/climate-change.cfm

If you're interested to join the Creation Sustainability Ministry, contact Jacqueline Welsh at 310 283-8258.

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 all those who took pictures during April!

We will have another week for pictures in May and will let you know the dates soon. Stay tuned!