

St. Jerome Church

**Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020**

5550 Thornburn Street
www.stjeromelax.org

Los Angeles, CA 90045
310-348-8212

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
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: Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775
Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roxanne Shaw 310 348-8212 x 301
rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org

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 Emily Gonzalez 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) 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

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hal 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

From Fr. Bill

Communion: Observations and Concerns

The son came forward. He looked maybe 8 or 9 years of age. He reverently bowed his head out of respect for the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He put his hands forward palms up with left over right. He was very focused and attentive on the host I was holding up. In response to my "Body of Christ" he gave a clear and distinct "Amen." After I placed the host in his palm, he placed it in his mouth and did a sign of the cross as he proceeded to return to his place in church. He should be in the video for best practices in reception of communion.

Mom was next. She did bow her head. She held out her right hand. She did give a clear "Amen" and then she began walking away... Host still in hand. I stopped her and asked her to place the Host in her mouth. "I know what I'm doing!" she snapped back and finally placed the Host in her mouth with a look of irritation on her face. Ouch!

Perhaps she was distracted. Perhaps she is hurting. And perhaps she may have even taught her son how to receive communion properly (unlikely in my opinion). But when a Eucharistic Minister from the 7:30am Sunday Mass and another from the 11am Sunday Mass shared similar stories about people "Taking and NOT eating" I became aware of the need to address this inappropriate behavior.

Jesus command to "Take and eat" does not mean the Eucharist is a "take-out" meal. We are asked to consume the Eucharist while in church, right after receiving it. I must say that I would never leave the church with the host still in my mouth... let alone in my hand... or pushing it into my pocket. Jesus' real presence should be in us, not on us.

First, I must say that if a person comes up for communion, but seems unaware of how to receive, I will give them a blessing. Please note that I am speaking of people who seem clueless, not those whose technique needs refining.

Second, I watch people to see if they put their Host in their mouth. I have had to stop and remind people. I have had to ask for the host back on more than one occasion.

Third, if I reclaim a Host, or if a Host is dropped or falls to the floor... I consume it. There is no ten second rule when it comes to the Eucharist. As long as it still has the appearance of bread and has been consecrated, it is Jesus!

Fourth, one of the Ushers' and Eucharistic Ministers' responsibilities is to be alert to people who have failed to consume the Host. Giving a reminder to eat the Host might be needed... or as I have done, to ask for the Host back. I would rather a minister do this than to allow someone to leave the church with a

Host for some unknown purpose and reason. If YOU notice someone returning to their place or headed for the exit with Eucharist in their hand... please contact an usher or gently speaking with the person if you are able to.

By the way, if the reason one is trying to take the Eucharist from church is to bring it to a homebound or sick person, then please call the rectory so that we might make arrangements for this person to receive the Pastoral Care they need and deserve. There are people trained and happy to bring Eucharist to these people. Please help us work with you.

Now, after one has reverently received the Eucharist, it is acceptable and appropriate to kneel for a time of fervent personal prayer, however when you have finished these moments or if you find yourself looking around, we do ask that you stand and join the church in singing the communion hymn.

I love to talk. HOWEVER, while in church... other than seeking updates about people we are praying for, or soft-spoken words of advice, concern or gratitude, church is not the place for loud conversations. Yes, it is appropriate to greet people as they arrive, but coffee and donuts is the preferred location for group discussions and intense conversations.

Catholics do not have "Open Communion." Eucharist is for committed, practicing Catholics who are in the state of grace. Although there are rare exceptions such as Orthodox Christians or danger of death circumstances... these are the norms as receiving Eucharist is a public commitment to Jesus and the church He established with His Apostles.

Regarding arriving at mass late, if one arrives late for mass, the rule of thumb is for Sunday Mass you need to have heard the days Gospel to fulfill the Sunday obligation and receive communion (along with fasting and state of grace). This also applies to Holy Days of Obligation.

For weekday masses, I understand the potential traffic nightmare around St. Jerome. If this is the only mass you are attending this day... and you've fasted and are in a state of grace... as your pastor, at St. Jerome's... as you have made the good-faith effort to be here... if you are present for the Our Father during this weekday, please come and partake of the Eucharist. This does not apply to Holy Days of Obligation, nor Sundays, nor days where you are planning to attend mass or have already received the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is an amazing gift from God. We are able to be united and be fed with our Lord and Savior. Cherish this precious treasure and let it nourish each of us as we are sent forth at the end of mass to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth and even the corner store.



Farewell To Fr. Valentine Ibe

Following all the morning Masses this Sunday, we are having a special farewell Reception with light refreshments in the parish hall for Fr. Valentine.

We are deeply grateful for Fr. Valentine's leadership, prayers and friendship over the years at St. Jerome.

His Bishop has instructed him to return to Nigeria for service. Please come to say good-bye and to wish him a wonderfully blessed future!

National Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools. Thirty-two percent of Catholic schools have waiting lists for admission and new schools are opening across the country. Thank you for supporting Catholic schools and our students!

St. Jerome School Open House

We invite you to join faculty and staff of St. Jerome School to tour our campus.

Sunday, January 26th from 10am to 1pm

Enrollment applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available.

Grades Pre-K, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten to Grade 8.

www.st-jeromeschool.org ~ 310 670-1678

Tuesday Evening Bible Study



St. Jerome Bible Study began a study of the Gospel of Jesus According to Matthew. **The study will run for 11 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center. The cost is \$30 for course materials.** Since Matthew is the Gospel we will hear at mass on most Sundays in 2020 this study will be good support for your full, active, and conscious participation each week.

If you have ever wanted to begin reading the Bible but didn't know where to start or were intimidated at the prospect, the Gospel According to Matthew is the very best book to begin reading your Bible. And it is probably the easiest and most accessible book as well.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard** at sjpocard526@att.net or **Alan Bernstein** at 310.645.5355. All are welcome

Last weekend's Sunday Offering

January 18th & 19th, 2020: \$9,827

January 19th & 20th, 2019: \$14,028

January 18th & 19th, 2020: \$2,225 (Building Fund)

January 19th & 20th 2019: \$ 1,285 (Building Fund)

Senior Center

Mon. Jan. 27: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Jan. 29: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

MEMBERSHIP TIME— only \$10 (annual membership)

New Members Always Welcomed!

For more information, please call 310 216-7354

Tolton—From Slave to Priest

Thursday, February 13th, 7pm

A play performed live by Jim Colman



Hosted by American Martyrs Parish—O'Donnell Hall
700 15th St. Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Admission: Adults \$15 Pre-sale/\$20 at the door

Students: \$10 Pre-sale and at the door

Suitable for ages 10 yrs. and up

Tickets & Information: call 310 318-3807,

AmericanMartyrs.org

email Collen Finnegan at metwou@pacbell.net



You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary after each 8am Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass in the church. Also on Thursday at 1:15pm we meet in the church. Please join us!

"Encountering God in Sacred Scripture" by Sr. Patricia Shaules, FSP on **Saturday, February 1st, 10am—4pm** at Pauline Books & Media, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, 90230. In this retreat, we will deepen our awareness of God's presence in Sacred Scripture and will learn several ways of praying with the bible. Mass available at 4pm. **Donation: \$30.** Lunch will be provided. **Please bring your bible and RSVP by calling 310-397-8676 or emailing culvercity@paulinemediacom.**

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday



The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot on **Sunday, February, 9th—8am to 1:30pm.**

Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals: clothing, shoes, linens, books, household goods, and small appliances.

There is also need for furniture, larger appliances, and vehicles which are tax-deductible. A free pickup at your home for larger items is available by calling **323 224-6280. Thank You!**

Give yourself the gift of a **Cornerstone Retreat!** Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat which provides you an opportunity to deepen your faith and enjoy the company of other men in our Christian community. The retreat will be held at Visitation Church, 6561 W. 88th St., Los Angeles, 90045. It will be hosted by Fr. Jim Fagan, Cornerstone alumni and pastor of Visitation.

Register online at <http://visitationchurch-la.com> or pick up a brochure at on the front entrance table.

Men's Cornerstone Retreat: Fri April 24 @6 pm - Sat April 25 @ 8 pm. Info: Mike Rachford 310-216-7989

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 01/25—5:30pm FV Bernard Polzer (M)
Sun. 01/26—7:30am FV Harold Simpson III (M)
9:00am SJ Bernard Strickland (M)
11:00am FV Hortensia Hernandez (M)
5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 01/27—8:00am FV Dolores Schultz (M)
Tues. 01/28—8:00am FB Margaret Landrum (M)
Wed. 01/29—8:00am FV Fr. Valentine Ibe (SI)
Thurs. 01/30—8:00am SJ Baby Madison Lee Swanson (M)
Fri. 01/31—8:00am FV Jennie Bejnar (SI)
Sat. 02/01—8:00am FB Robert Lee Lucien, III (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm SJ, 7:30am SJ, 9am FB, 11am FB, 5:30pm FB
Fr. Bill (FB) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)

Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers for the Sick

Hector G. Amezcua	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Hazel Chu	Kathy Chun	Rorrie de la Vega
Agatha Ezeani	Elizabeth Ezeani	Xavier Galindo
Anne Gingras	Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado
Ivan Houston	Monique Isaac	Eileen LaCasse
Tom Lenert	John Marcello	John McCreary
Louise Meehan	Caroline Metz	Sam Quatto
Eileen Reyes	Cathy St. John	Genny Sotto-Camor
Betty Spindler	Gary Steed	Jennie Waddington
Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana		Cynthia Flores Zapata

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Hortensia Hernandez

(Mother of Joe Hernandez),



Bridget Williams

(Mother of Bria Williams),



Bernard Strickland

May they rest in peace.

Bereavement Support Group

How to Live Your Best Life After Losing Your Beloved

When: Wednesdays 6pm-8pm—starting Feb. 19th thru March 25th

Where: Visitation Church—6561 W. 88th St. & Emerson Westchester, 90045. Held in the School (we will meet in the parking lot to direct you.)

Why: Anyone who has lost a loved one either recently or years ago who have not processed their grief.

Donation: \$80 for books and materials

Contact: Candy Blankenship at 310 338-9043

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.



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



St. Jerome's School Book Fair is taking place in the parish hall today thru January 31st! Come and buy something for your child, grandchild or yourself. Please help support our school!

MARDI GRAS DINNER PARTY

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

7PM—11PM

ST. JEROME PARISH HALL

Early bird purchase by Feb. 10th \$35 each.

After Feb. 10th: \$50 each.

Includes: Dinner, live entertainment with the Zydeco Mudbug, DJ & Dancing!

Additional cost for Homemade Peach Cobbler, Praline Candy, Kings Cake. Full cash bar. Raffles and Door Prizes
Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each! Tickets on sale after most Sunday masses! Or call the school at 310 670-1678

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Peter Claver

St. Jerome Court 402

will be hosting a

Soul Food Lunch

Sunday, February 9th

after 9 & 11 am Masses

Jambalaya

Salad

Corn Muffins

\$7.00

Desserts sold separately

FYI: The Appreciation Celebration for those who have volunteered their time and talents for St. Jerome's in 2019 has been rescheduled to **March 7th**, following the 5:30pm mass. **We ask all ministry coordinators to contact the rectory with names and contact information of all our**