

St. Jerome Church



This is my beloved
with whom I am well pleased.

Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 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

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.

"This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased."

Baptism restores the image of God that Original Sin damaged and distorted. We are washed clean of sin and made members of the family of God. We are called to reveal this image of God to lead others to give glory to God, our Father. This is not just a broach we wear, but a living of life in a way that gives testimony to our knowledge and love of Jesus, being transformed through His Spirit, and continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus, through simple acts of presence (being there) and love make it possible for others to experience a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven.

New Year's Resolution? For Christians... not so much. Rather, "Lord, what should I focus on today? How can I better bring your presence into the world TODAY?" At our prayer in the morning we can make our resolution for this day. At prayer in the evening I can examine my conscience and acknowledge victories and recognize lost opportunities to help me fulfill my resolution for the day. The next day I begin again. For example, as I sometimes have tunnel vision, I may focus on smiling and cheerfully greeting each person I meet this day. But again, be aware that each of us have different opportunities and struggles to help make the Kingdom of Heaven present in our daily life.

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are essential offerings we can and should be making our standard operating procedure of daily life. It isn't that we need to be doing all of them each day, but as "Practicing Catholics" these should be an element of our living life. THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs.

1. Counseling the doubtful: Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way. Helping others recognize that I care and that we are not alone is powerful. By the way, where you have struggled and been wounded will be the areas where your counsel will be most authentic and effective.

2. Instructing the ignorant: Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith. I need to be ready to share what brings me joy as a Christian. My way of living can lead others to ask, "What puts that spring in your step?" More than ever our young people need our good example and invitation to join us in service.

3. Admonishing the sinner: This only works if the party I am speaking with believes and knows that I love them and truly

want what is best for them. Do not judge (look down on, label and place in a box), but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ. Also, be humble enough to recognize that as I am not the Immaculate Conception, that my brother or sister may approach me regarding a short falling I may be unaware of. Please note that once the concern has been communicated and they know... becoming a nag is not a very effective strategy in helping them come closer to the Lord. (Honey is more effective than Vinegar.)

4. Comforting the sorrowful: Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

5. Forgiving injuries: Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God. After all, we all fall short of the Glory of God so who am I to cast stones?

6. Bearing wrongs patiently: Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit. When I truly love others and want what is best for them, it is much easier to offer this distraction up and gently set a God example for those we have difficulties with. And remember to pray for those who drive you nuts and make you crazy. Perhaps Jesus might be teaching you something about yourself, as well?

7. Praying for the living and the dead: Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Especially praying with others can be powerful for those we pray with as well as those we are praying for. Invite people to pray with you for those you both love.

Then there are THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY which help us with our neighbor in their physical needs: Feed the hungry, Give Drink to the thirsty, Hospitality to the stranger, Visit the sick, Visit the prisoners, Help bury the dead, Give alms to the poor.

Our practice of faith and service to the Lord will generally fall into these areas. Keep in mind that as the Baptized I am called to reveal God's image as these works of mercy help proclaim His Kingdom. As I take up my cross each day and follow Him, I can make that Kingdom more present within me as well as for the world. Then I can bask in our Father's love and praise as I know He is well pleased with me.

Parish Staff Sunday

Office staff is in the parish hall during **coffee and donuts this Sunday**. Mass Intentions for the 2020 year are available to book now! We will only accept (3) requests at one time and the dates should not be booked in a consecutive week for consideration of others. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask questions regarding weddings, baptism, facility usage.



OneLife LA Walk

OneLife LA will take place on **January 18, 2020**. This annual event in Downtown LA will be celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. See the website for the events scheduled.



The Youth Rally begins at 11am, at La Placita Olvera on Olvera Street. The Walk ends at Los Angeles State Park, the main event locations with the featured speakers, musicians and food! A Requiem Mass for the Unborn will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels at 5pm. To register or for more information please visit: www.onelifela.org



Annual Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast

Please join us at the Proud Bird Restaurant for an exciting morning honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast. You won't want to miss this morning of good food and great fellowship with friends! Tickets are available in the parish office from Fr. Bill and Terry Dicks. The **donation is \$50** and will benefit the African American Pastoral Center. All are welcome, so remember to mark your calendar for **January 18, 2020**.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, along with the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization (AACCFE), invite you to honor commemoration of Dr. King's Dream.



Please join them at the **Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass on Monday, January 20th, 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple St, Los Angeles.**

Last weekend's Sunday Offering

January 4th & 5th, 2020: \$21,571

January 5th & 6th, 2019: \$19,596

January 4th & 5th, 2020: \$2,225 (School Fund)

January 5th & 6th 2019: \$1,285 (School Fund)

Christmas Collection

December 24th & 25th, 2019: \$19,046

December 24th & 25th, 2018: \$20,193

Senior Center

Mon. Jan. 13: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Jan. 15: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

For more information, please call 310 216-7354

Farewell To Fr. Valentine Ibe

On Sunday, January 26th, following all the morning Masses we will have 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!

St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-It Up

Thank you for your generous food donations! Over 150 bags of food was collected for the Food Pantry LAX.



We wish to thank Mr. Johnny Albano and the volunteers who gave their time to make this food drive successful!

The Food Pantry LAX, is located at 355 E. Beach Ave., Inglewood 90302. They distribute food to the community every Tuesday & Fridays from 10am to 12 noon! For more information, call 310-677-5597.

Presentation Of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

We Catholics know that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. On **Saturday, January 18th**, at Pauline Books & Media, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, 90230, **the Vatican's International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World, will be on display from 11am to 2pm and 3pm to 6pm.**

A presentation of scientific studies, miracle stories and the Scriptural basis for our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will be given at **10am and 2pm. Free. For more information, please call 310-397-8676.**

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study will begin a study of the Gospel of Jesus According to Matthew on Tuesday evening, **January 21, from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center.** The study will run for 11 consecutive Tuesday evenings. **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 spicard526@att.net or **Alan Bernstein** at **310.645.5355**. All are welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 01/11—5:30pm FB Dennis Fitzpatrick (M)
Sun. 01/12—7:30am FB The Bah Family (SI)
9:00am SJ St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
11:00am FV Rouhi Ebrahimi (M)
5:30pm FV Dorothy Ezeokli-Ikeri (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 01/13—8:00am FV Anne Gingras (SI)
Tues. 01/14—8:00am FB Susan Guthrie (SI)
Wed. 01/15—8:00am FB Dr. Rene Pacanna (M)
Thurs. 01/16—8:00am SJ Ken Gilbert (M)
Fri. 01/17—8:00am FV All Souls in Purgatory (M)
Sat. 01/18—8:00am FV Allene Muccia (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB, 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 11am FB, 5:30pm FP
Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) 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	Fabian Davis Jr.
Rorrie de la Vega	Agatha Ezeani	Elizabeth Ezeani
Xavier Galindo	Anne Gingras	Michelle Gonzalez
Dindo Honrado	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

Dorothy Hemphill,

Marvin Ozan'

Dolores Schultz

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.

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

JANUARY 24TH-31ST

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL

PLEASE NOTE: CORRECT DATES ARE ABOVE

Register To Vote! Right here at St. Jerome!
Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Right.



Your St. Vincent De Paul Conference right here at St. Jerome has been fully trained to offer *VOTER REGISTRATION*. We are here **THIS weekend to provide registration to our Community for the upcoming 2020 elections. See us after each mass and get registered! We will be happy to help!**

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, January 18, 2020
from 10:30am to Noon



If you wish to donate funds, kindly send your donation to Saint Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please Note: "Soup Kitchen Fund" in the memo section of check. **Thank you!**

SAVE THE DATE
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
MAY 30TH, 2020 !



Sponsors and additional
International food booths desired

Knights of Columbus New Orleans Fish Fry !!!

Authentic Flavorful Seafood!

Delectable Drinks & Desserts!

50/50 Split the Pot Raffle Drawing!

When: Friday, January 24, 2020

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm (BINGO at 7:30pm)

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

8049 W. Manchester Ave, Playa Del Rey.

Parking is in the rear of the hall.

Meal Price: Catfish \$14, Shrimp \$15, Red Snapper \$15,
Catfish + Shrimp \$16, Red Snapper + Shrimp \$16. All Meals
Served With French Fries, Hush Puppies, and Cole Slaw.

Dinner proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

FYI: On Saturday, February 8th following the 5:30pm Mass we will be having an appreciation for those who have volunteered their time and talents for St. Jerome's in 2019. Stop by the hall this Sunday after all morning masses to RSVP.