

# St. Jerome Church



**Corpus Christi Sunday**  
**June 23, 2019**

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

**"Give them some food yourselves."**  
 Some of our parish ministers who attend the Sunday evening mass

## 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

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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

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

The relics of Saint John Paul II and Saint Maximilian Kolbe reminded me of a truth: The only two people I know who don't have a skeleton hidden in their closet are Jesus and Mary. The rest of us have dirty laundry which might vary from embarrassing and perhaps disappointing to deplorable. St. Paul reminds us: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Jesus also reminds us, "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the rooftops."

Jesus might have known that our Smartphones, Facebook, Google and the Federal Government (NSA) document everything. They make Santa Claus look amateurish. So, yes, "Every move you make, every rule you break, they are watching you." But actually, Jesus was reminding us that God sees and knows everything... and loves us anyway. We can lie to others, but we and God know the truth... and we will be judged even on the things we may think no one else knows about.

We shouldn't be surprised that even heroes or saints we look up to for aspects of courage and virtue, have feet of clay... a weakness or some sin which they so needed God's mercy and grace. In fact, often their struggle with this weakness is what makes them more relatable, imitable and human. Keep in mind, when we dig into any person's past, none are as perfect or heroic as their statues, portraits and repeated stories would suggest. Saint Maximilian Kolbe's pre-war writings include things we would understand as anti-Semitic, but this doesn't take away from his heroic actions and offering up his life to save others in the Nazi concentration camp. And although I love Saint John Paul II and felt power coming from his relic... I know of some of the things done, even as pope, which he came to regret.

In face of revelations, which might have been common practice or even common knowledge in the past, we are tempted to "throw out the baby with the bathwater" and knock over their monuments. They have a shortcoming which has not been used nor taught as an example to follow. (And who doesn't?) Because their statue, portrait or stories are placed before us as an example, some, like the Taliban have gone out of their way to destroy monuments. From their perspective these statues, temples and monuments honor false gods or people who did not (or could not because they predate Islam) submit to Allah and his

prophet, so they must be erased from memory. Isn't it a shame they couldn't be used as a lesson to see how far people have come? And why can't we focus on the good they offered or difference they made which led to their being honored?

If a sinless past is required, almost all statues (other than Jesus and Mary) will need to be removed. Egypt, Greece, China and Mexico would be devoid of historic treasures. Most schools, libraries and streets will need to be renamed. Some cities will also need new designations such as the capital of Ohio (Columbus) being changed to Indigenous People, Ohio? Perhaps we need to call places by number and letter rather than honoring significant people's names?

We need role models and good examples. Thomas isn't a saint because he doubted, but that he came to believe. If St. Augustine can turn it around with God's help, why can't I? If St. Peter can deny Jesus, and be forgiven, why can't I? If a working-class boy (St. John Bosco) can overcome numerous challenges to become a priest and become a good shepherd for the young, why can't I?

Please note that none of these Saints is perfect, but God worked through and with them anyway. And these men and women were VERY aware of their own flaws and need for God's assistance. Keep in mind that the closer one gets to the light, the longer your shadow. Saints do sometimes make poor or bad decisions, but they learn from them and don't give up on asking for God's forgiveness, mercy and grace. Saints when they fall on their face, grasp Jesus' hand and continue to try to follow Him.

News of an article titled "Martin Luther King and #MeToo" got me thinking about this topic. Although I can't speak to the article's accuracy, I know that Martin Luther King, Jr. is like us, human. Those qualities and things about him and others which are good, kind, beautiful and true, let us study and imitate.

And anyone's shortcomings and failures? Like I said earlier, only Jesus and Mary don't have skeletons... maybe that's why they were lifted to heaven. "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (judge), for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20) Also, from Matthew 7:1-2, "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

Be gentle when you look down on or condemn others... knowing that ALL will come to light.

### Thank You For Participating in "SB 360 Sunday"

The Bishops of California are urging Catholics to oppose SB 360, a California bill that seeks to force priests to disclose information heard in the Sacrament of Confession. We know that can never happen. Priests will never disclose what they hear in confession. We oppose the government interfering in our right to practice our faith. The bill was passed from the Senate to the Assembly for committee hearings and vote.

**Thank you for signing the letters to the California Assembly members last Sunday. They are on the way for direct delivery to the Assembly in Sacramento.** See the Archdiocese website for more information at [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org).

### Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend we will support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Francis needs these funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. Please find special envelopes in the pews and on the tables. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:dmuoneke@gmail.com)

### Eucharist Ministers Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested and in good standing with the Catholic Church, please consider this wonderful ministry. Call **Tina Gustavson at 310 649-1474**.



### Immigration Ministry

**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Mt 25:35**

Have you ever wondered what God's plan for you is and how you could make a difference in this world? Members of St. Jerome's Immigration Ministry strive to become more educated about the Catholic Church's teaching on immigration and therefore have a more informed understanding about an issue that is so relevant in our time. If you have questions or want more information--or hear God calling you to this ministry, Please call Noreta Jose at 310 367-6557.

### Senior Center

**Mon. Jun. 24:** 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

**Wed. Jun. 26:** 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

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

### Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

**Steven and Carla Aguilera**

who have become married in the Catholic Church.

May God bless them!



### St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

**The following parishioners have their free picture from Liftouch at the rectory for pick up during business hours:**

Beverly Bell	Devron Carter	Felicia Coye
Dietrich Davis	Alfreda Demery	Mark Gibbs
Vanessa Lanoix	Tom Lenert	Paul Liles
Laura Lockwood	Mitch Means	John Muller
Antoinette Njle	Carolyn Pyles	Saman Quatto
Roxy Roberson	John Saldanha	Denise Ridley-Davis
Janet Sparrow	Cathy St. John	Nathan Thibodeaux
Brian Washington	Theresa Welsh	Marian Witkowski

### 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**.

### Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting, SCRC

The St Jerome Catholic Charismatic Group meets at **7:00pm on Fridays** for fellowship and prayers. You are invited to join us in the school building. For more information, contact

Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at **323 294-1940** or email at [dmuoneke@gmail.com](mailto:dmuoneke@gmail.com)



### Together In Mission

We are in this together—the mission of helping our fellow brothers and sisters and we are asked to share the light of Christ with others. Every gift regardless of the size matters. For those 51 donors that have already pledged \$15,470, we gratefully thank you for helping us reach 20% of our goal.

**Unfortunately this leaves us \$62,633 short of our 2019 parish goal of \$78,103.** If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. Find an envelope in the vestibule, or make your pledge online at <https://ourmissionla.org>

You are living your faith through your actions when your support Together in Mission. Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. 06/22—5:30pm FB Father's Day Novena (T)  
 Sun. 06/23—7:30am SJ Kathy Fitzpatrick  
 and Lola McAlpin Grant (SI)  
 9:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)  
 11:00am FV John & Johnanna Asoera (M)  
 5:30pm FB Father's Day Novena (T)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mon. 06/24—8:00am FV Charles Ezeokoli (M)  
 Tues. 06/25—8:00am FB The Soup Kitchen Volunteers  
 and Guests (SI)  
 Wed. 06/26—8:00am FB Tom Brady (M)  
 Thurs. 06/27—8:00am FV Eileen LaCasse,  
 Anne Gingras & Breheda Harris (SI)  
 Fri. 06/28—8:00am FV Pat & Al Menezes (SI)  
 Sat. 06/29—8:00am FB Kathleen Harris,  
 Mary Lou MacDonald & Carlos Bautista (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**

Frank Albert	Carlos Bautista	Darlene Bejnar
Mark Bejnar	James Bennett	Senen Blanco
Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt	Steve Clarke
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Michael Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble
Anne Gingras	Breheda Harris	Kathleen Harris
Baby Kaden	George Koury	Eileen LaCasse
Thomas McDonough	Louise Meehan	MaryLou MacDonald
Pat Menezes	Allene Muccia	Betty Spindler
Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries	

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



**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](http://www.stj-jeromeschool.org)

or call 310 670-1678

During the summer please leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call.

Thank you!

### St. Vincent de Paul Bundle

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot on **Sunday, July 14th— 8am to 1:30pm.**



Please bring any useable items that will help assist needy individuals: clothing, shoes, linens, books, household goods, and small appliances. There is also needed for furniture and larger appliances.

A free pick up at your home for larger items is available by calling **323 224-6280.**

### One Can, Yes We Can!

Food Pantry LAX needs ongoing supplies of canned and packaged food! You can bring your donations to Mass each week, and leave them in the baskets in vestibule. (Please, no glass jars or items that require refrigeration.) Food pantry clients include families, seniors and homeless people. Individual serving sizes are always welcome, as well as small toiletries like hotel shampoos, lotions, etc. To help you remember: *One Can, Yes We Can!*



The Pantry also accepts donations of fresh produce from your gardens and fruit trees. Rather than dropping these off at church, you may take fresh fruits and vegetables directly to the Pantry at 355 East Beach Ave, Inglewood, on Tuesday or Friday between 8 am and 10 am.

If you or somebody you know in Inglewood, Westchester, El Segundo, or Hawthorne needs help getting enough food during the month, visit LAX Food Pantry. Service hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am - 12 noon.

**For more information, call 310-677-5597.**



**Mark Your Calendar:**

**November 9th and 10th**

**St. Jerome's 2019 Holiday Craft Faire**



**Fraud Alert:** Please ignore any texts or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill or Fr. Valentine is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.

**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!