

St. Jerome Church

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Make straight His paths. Literally done!

**5550 THORNBURN STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
WWW.STJEROMELAX.ORG 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

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

JustFaith, Engaging Spirituality, Social Justice/Clue 714 602-6122

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775

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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 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

Lent: a time to add and subtract while offering ourselves to Jesus that in His hands He may multiply and divide (share) what we give Him.

What am I adding? On Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 I will be providing coffee and a chance for parishioners to fellowship and to ask me questions. Please note that although I may be helpful regarding what the church teaches and challenges us to practice, I cannot help you with understanding how to fill out your income tax or how to cook anything other than coffee.

You might consider adding "Coffee with a Cleric" on Tuesdays during Lent, or the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena on Wednesday morning and evening, or Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm or join with others to pray the rosary following weekday masses. We also have a healthy, amazing Rice or Soup dinner on Friday evenings during Lent with the proceeds going to Operation Rice Bowl.

What am I subtracting? I am giving up ice cream, beef and pork for Lent. We subtract to work on discipline to deny things we really like. Fighting temptation in things that are not sinful is good practice for things which are.

You might consider subtracting cellphones from dinner or maybe the evening? Why not be more present to those you are breaking bread with? An active cellphone during meals implies that those you are dining with really aren't important. Also, if you dine alone, why not listen to religious music, scripture or an inspirational talk? Listening gives God the opportunity to speak to us.

God does the multiplying. I teach our school children to play guitar, ukulele, mandolin, bass and banjo. My students "pay" for these lessons by practicing their instruments, singing at mass, teaching others how to play and saying a prayer for me each day I am teaching them. I must admit my pride and joy at them sharing their talents and time at our Sunday 9am mass.

You might consider offering to help at our monthly soup kitchen, helping at the Friday evening meal, help-

ing at our church "spring cleaning," getting involved in visiting the homebound, or offering to help an elderly neighbor get to church or confession. As light of the world we need to volunteer time, talent and energy that others may SEE our good works and give glory to our Father. There are so many people and places which would appreciate your gift of service. Place your loaves in Jesus' hands and you will be amazed and rewarded through what He is able to do with you. Donating a pint of blood can make a life-saving difference.

Dividing? I will admit I forced this one in. Yet, you never know what act of mercy, compassion or prayer may reach out to the hearts and lives of others that they may come to realize that God loves them and your effort though the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy may convict them and open their hearts to be evangelized and accept Jesus' invitation to become one with Him.

We are called and chosen by God. God has made each of us on purpose for His purpose. Each of the baptized have been chosen to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We are His hand, feet and voice in this world. Yet, one doesn't really know who they are until they have found their gift and privilege of service in Jesus' mission.

Our vocation and mission is to Live the Gospel! "Everything a baptized person does, each day, should be related to the corporal or spiritual works of mercy." These are the Spiritual Works of Mercy: Counsel the doubtful, Instruct the ignorant, Admonish the sinner, Comfort the sorrowful, Forgive injuries, Bear wrongs patiently, Pray for the living and the dead. These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: 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 service to the Lord will fall into these areas. It is not that I am doing them all, each day... but that each day I am intentionally working to make God's Kingdom more fully present and visible. After all, we are the LIGHT of the world.

Have a blessed Lent!

Dear Friends,

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Deacon Guy and H el ene in the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and of the 20th anniversary of Guy's ordination to the Order of Deacon, at the eleven o'clock Mass this Sunday, presided by Msgr. Priebe. Reception to follow in the parish hall.



Your presence will honor them and they will be delighted to see you again and to welcome you in the parish hall.



Congratulations!

We offer sincere congratulations to **Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy** who are celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary.** May God bless them!

ASH WEDNESDAY: The season of Lent begins this **February 26, 2020.** We invite you to make this Lent a time of real spiritual growth for your family and our parish community. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday: 8:00am, 12 Noon and 7:00pm... and Ashes are available at the rectory during office hours. We encourage all our parishioners to use "**The Little Black Book,**" a daily six minute reflections of on the Passion. **Books are available this weekend for \$2 each while supplies last.**



The Stations occur every Friday During Lent at 7:00pm in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be heard during Stations.

Encounter Lent

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the vestibule of the church on Ash Wednesday after Mass (Feb. 26th.) During the 40 days of Lent as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Rice Dish or Soup Dinner Fridays!

Please join us for our Friday Lenten Dinners during Lent to encounter the Families from different countries that "Operation Rice Bowls" supports. Our Parish community will be offering a wonderful meal every Friday during lent. The meals will be sponsored by different parishioners and or ministries within our parish. **While there is not a set fee for the meal, any donation will be greatly appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bow Fund.

Our first Lenten meal is this Friday, February 28th from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

Senior Center

Mon. Feb. 25: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Feb. 26: 1pm Ash Wednesday Service

**MEMBERSHIP TIME— only \$10 (annual membership)
New Members Always Welcomed!**

For more information, please call 310 216-7354

Fast and Abstinence

The Church calls upon its members to put themselves in union with the suffering of Christ by acts of personal sacrifice. Because Friday was the day of Jesus' suffering and death, the Church asks Catholics to **abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting from food for periods of time and abstaining from meat on designated days inserts us into the suffering of Jesus, who in turn gives meaning to our penitential acts. The roots of fasting go back to Jesus who fasted for 40 days before starting his public ministry.

Fast Regulations: Fasting allows only **one full meal and 2 lighter meals in the course of the day,** and prohibits eating solid foods between meals. All adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.

Abstinence Regulations: Abstinence forbids the eating of meat. **All persons who have completed their 14th year** (day after one's 14th birthday) are bound by the law of abstinence. In the USA, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence; all other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (only).

TUESDAY MORNING "COFFEE WITH A CLERIC"

9:15 TO 9:45

We will meet by the Virgin of Guadalupe statue at around 9:10 and then proceed to our gathering place in the rectory.



Are You Interested in Visiting the Homebound and Sick?

To paraphrase Father Bill from his February 10th homily: Be the salt of the earth! Be the light of the world! Be active! If we are in the body of Christ then we should have some degree of relationship to fellow parishioners.

The Angel ministry visits the homebound, the sick, the dying. These people are lonely; they need us to contribute our time and services to keep them involved in our parish by visits, delivering communion, listening to their stories, and just checking on them regularly. The ministry begun over a year ago and has grown from 5 seniors to now 25 men and women whom we visit.

We need more volunteers in order to be able to provide much needed services. We desperately need others who are willing to commit 1-2 hours, once or twice a month. We guarantee that you will find this to be a gift of love for them and for yourself!

Please call Kathy Fitzpatrick at 310-703-2519. You never know when you might need the Angels' services God bless you,
The Angels Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 02/22—5:30pm FB Eric Steven Thai Sevilla (SI)
Sun. 02/23—7:30am SJ Willa Mae Majors (M)
9:00am FM Eileen Ramlochan (M)
11:00am FG Deacon Guy & Helene Wauthy (SI)
5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 02/24—8:00am FB Fr. Fernando Suarez (M)
Tues. 02/25—8:00am FB Magdalena De Dios (M)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed. 02/26—8:00am FB Norma Tanalega (M)
Noon FM Ivan Houston (SI)
7:00pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

Thurs. 02/27—8:00am FM Nestor Flores (M)

Fri. 02/28—8:00am FB Ivery Toussant (M)

Sat. 02/29—8:00am FB Francisco Jimenez (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FM, 7:30am SJ, 9am FB, 11am FB, 5:30pm FM

Fr. Bill (FB) Jesuit (SJ) Fr. Michael (FM) 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	Xavier Galindo	Mark Gauerke
Anne Gingras	Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado
Ivan Houston	Monique Isaac	Eileen LaCasse
Tom Lenert	John Marcello	John McCreary
Louise Meehan	Caroline Metz	Allene Muccia
Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes	Maria Ross
Genny Sotto-Camor	Betty Spindler	Gary Steed
Bernard Strickland	Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana	
Cynthia Flores Zapata		

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Janet R. Garcia and

Cindy Licon

May they rest in peace.

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. Pease 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. Make time. You will be blessed.

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 Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, March 21st, 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!**

The Cathedral Gift Shop at the Cathedral Of Our Lady of the Angels

Spring is time filled with First Communion, Confirmation, Graduations and other joyous events. Come in and visit the Cathedral Gift Shop for gift sets, missals, medals, crosses, frames, Bibles, candles and more. We are at your service for all your sacramental needs.

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213 680-5277 www.cathedralgiftshop.com

Save The Date

St. Jerome's International Festival

Saturday, May 30, 2020

11:00am to 4:00pm

International Food Booths

Beer, Wine & Margarita Garden

Car Show, Kids Bouncer

Games, Raffles, Silent Auction,

School Open House

Sponsors & additional International
Food booths desired

Fraud Alert: Please ignore any texts or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill, or any staff 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!