

St. Jerome Church

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

Getting ready for singing at Religious Ed Congress

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, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &

Wed. 6:30pm with Our **Lady of Perpetual Help** prayers 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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Business Manager: Juanita Rivera-Wiemken 310 348-8212 x303

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sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

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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

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: Noretta 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

“And who is my neighbor?” Sadly we still ask this question to rationalize or justify unacceptable, immoral behavior for if “they” are not human (sadly a question raised regarding native peoples during the Spanish Conquest ... along with the church's response of attacking this claim by baptizing and coming into communion with these people) or that they are somehow “less” human (the stain and scandal of the three-fifths “compromise”). Until we are able to look into the eyes of even those we consider “less than,” an enemy or adversary, and recognize a child of God who is my brother or sister... we are continuing this blindness.

St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit Priest, knew his neighbor, his sister and brother to be those least who the world used, abused and discarded. As one of my patrons you hear me mention his name during the Eucharistic Prayer. You might question his inclusion as a part of Black History month, but Peter is the patron of African missions and of interracial justice, due to his work with slaves in Colombia.

Peter Claver was born in 1581 to an upper class, cash poor family in Verdu, Spain. After earning his first degree in Barcelona, he entered the Jesuits in 1601. While studying philosophy Claver was encouraged to go to the missions in America. When he completed his philosophy studies and it was time for his two to three year fulltime ministry experience before theological studies and ordination, Peter agreed and was sent to Cartagena, Colombia arriving in 1610. After completing this time of service and his Theological studies in Bogotá, Peter was ordained in 1616.

Fr. Peter was assigned to Cartagena... one of the two ports where slaves from Africa arrived to be sold in South America. Between the years 1616 and 1650, Peter Claver worked daily to minister to the needs of the 10,000 slaves who arrived each year.

I won't focus on the squalor, disease, stench and inhumane conditions he found on board these ships but Peter would not leave an arriving vessel until every person held in that ship's hold received some measure of care and compassion. He brought with him fruits, biscuits, and sweets which he had begged for. Peter used his skill as a doctor to tend to their wounds. Eventually he found translators to come with him and assist him in treating these men, woman and children not as property, but as human.

“We must speak to them with our hands before we speak to them with our lips.”

Peter gave them a short instruction in the Catholic faith and baptized as many as he could. As they were Catholic, Peter was able to get pressure on slave owners to give humane treatment to fellow Christians and allow them to partake of the sacraments. Peter Claver baptized more than 300,000 slaves by 1651, when he was sickened by the plague.

In the last years of his life Peter was too ill to leave his room. In 1654 Peter was anointed with the oil of the Sacrament of “Extreme Unction.” (Please note that at this time the “Sacrament of the Sick” was generally reserved for the final hours of life.) When the news of his approaching death got out, people crowded into his room to see him for the last time. Peter died September 7, 1654. St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888. His memorial is celebrated on September 9.

St. Peter Claver's influence continues today through the Knights of Peter Claver. The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States. The Knights of Peter Claver organization were founded in 1909 in Mobile, Alabama. The organization was founded by the Josephites, a Catholic order whose mission was to serve Catholic African Americans.

By 1910, the Knights of Peter Claver had branches in Norfolk and Richmond, Virginia; Nashville, Tennessee; and several towns in Mississippi. They later spread to the North as well and became a national presence by 1946. Today their headquarters is located in New Orleans.

In the 1930's the Knights worked to support black priests and help keep them in the United States rather than being sent to Africa as missionaries. They recognized that the Catholic community needed priests of color to serve in parishes and positions of leadership not just in foreign lands but also here in the United States. In the 1940's they worked to end segregation in the Catholic Churches. During the civil rights movement, the Knights also worked with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Urban League.

The Knights and their Ladies Auxiliary continue to render service to God and His Holy Church, render aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and promote social and intellectual association among its members.

Our young people very much need the good example of Christian men and women continuing to live lives which promote mutual friendship, unity and Christian charity.

"Parish Staff Sunday"

This Sunday is our monthly "Parish Staff Sunday." Our office staff is available in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask question regarding weddings, baptism, faculty usage or about having a mass said for your special intention. We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.

Congratulations!

We congratulate our parishioner, Ms. Jackie Purdy who was honored with "The Keeper of the Flame Award," by Bishop Edward Clark last Saturday at the Black History Mass, sponsored by The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization. This special award honors those who have kept the "Flame of Evangelization" burning in their parishes. Jackie shares her Catholic knowledge and faith with the (RCIA) Christian Initiation of Adults who are preparing to become Catholic. She serves as an Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan and assists with our funeral/bereavement ministry. She has been a member of the Commissions and many other various ministries over the years.

We are blessed with Jackie's caring devotion to our community and thank her for keeping the flame burning at St. Jerome Parish!

Together In Mission 2019

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. We need the help of all our families to reach this year's goal. We come to you to offer support to the poorest of Archdiocesan parishes and schools. Our goal this year is **\$78,103**.

If you received your Pledge Form in the mail, **please complete it and place it in the Collection basket; or you may return it by mail directly to the Annual appeal office.** God bless you for your generosity!

Fingerprinting At St. Jerome

In compliance with Safeguard the Children program mandated by the USCCB, we scheduled a Fingerprinting session at St. Jerome on **Saturday, March 23rd, in the parish hall, 10am to 4:30pm**

This is a requirement for all staff and volunteers at both the church and the school.

Please remember to sign up by calling the rectory during business hours at 310-348-8212.

Last Weekend's Collection

Feb. 16th and 17th 2019: \$10,063.50 (Envelopes)

Feb. 17th and 18th 2018: \$16,475.00 (Envelopes)

Feb. 16th and 17th 2019: \$1,060.00 (Building Fund)

Feb. 17th and 18th 2018: \$1,218.00 (Building Find)

Correction for Feb. 9th & 10th, 2019

Envelopes: \$12,240.00 (not \$15,210.00, as previously stated)

Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 25th: Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Feb. 27th: 12-4pm cards and social.

Annual Membership: \$7.00 only!!

For more information, call Allene at 310 216-7354

First Friday Adoration

On **Friday, March 1, 2019**, immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until the celebration of Benediction at 10am.



Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**. We would like to 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.**

We have the **MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION** 2019 booklets available at Coffee and Donuts on Sunday Mornings and at Rectory. The cost is \$2

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 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 give meaning to our penitential acts. The roots of fasting go back to Jesus who fasted for 40 days before starting his public ministry.

Fasting 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 the eating of meat. All persons who have completed their 14th year (day after one's 14th birthday) are bound by the 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).**

The Religious Education Congress

Three days of adult education will enrich and revitalize you! **March 22-24 Anaheim Convention Center**. All are welcome to attend! . Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the LA Archdiocese, the Congress offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment. More than 300 workshops - from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - plus morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of midday and evening concerts.

Register at www.RECongress.org or call 213-637-7348.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 02/23—5:30pm FB Raymond C Dudley & Raymond E. Dudley (M)
 Sun. 02/24—7:30am SJ The Marco Rojo & Norma Rojo Family (SI)
 9:00am FV Yolanda Mercer (M)
 11:00am FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 5:30pm FV Joseph Clark (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 02/25—8:00am FV Sr. Pauline Daries (SI)
 Tues. 02/26—8:00am FB For Religious Vocations (SI)
 Wed. 02/27—8:00am FB Rachel Fernandez (M)
 Thurs. 02/28—8:00am FV Ivery Toussant (M)
 Fri. 03/01—8:00am FV Raymond Chris Dudley & Julie McClean (M)
 Sat. 03/02—8:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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



Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris
Hank Grady	Miguel Garcia	Theresa Henderson
Baby Colby Holen	George Koury	Frances Lalan
Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault	Jerry Neubauer
Debra Parish	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.	



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. 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. Everyone is welcome!

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 or you may visit the school office to pick one up.



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



Coffee and Donuts

The 5th Grade & Kindergarten Classes will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us!

Ash Wednesday is March 6th!

We have The Magnificat LENTEN COMPANION 2019 booklets available at Coffee and Donuts on Sunday Mornings and at the Rectory. The cost is \$2.

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.catholicclimatecovenant.org
<http://crs.org/public-policy/climate-change.cfm>

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 please call 310-677-5597.