

St. Jerome Church

By the grace of God I am what I am,
For His grace to me has not been ineffective.

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019**

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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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

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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: 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

As we continue our journey through Black History Month, we focus this week on Saint Benedict the Moor (also known as Benedict the Black). He was born in 1526 near Messina, Italy (On the ball of Sicily where the toe of the boot of Italy is kicking). His parents, Christopher and Diana Manasseri, were Africans who were taken to Italy as slaves and later became Christian.

Because Christopher and Diana had Benedict baptized as an infant, he was legally free from infancy. However, his parents could not pay for any schooling for him. From 6 to 18 years of age, Benedict worked as a field hand. He was a devout, kind, caring and by the time he was 10 years old, he was known as "Santo IL Moro" (the Black Saint)... a nickname that stuck. Becoming an adult Benedict now had to live apart from his parents. For the next 10 years, he earned his living as a day laborer, sharing his meager wages with the poor and devoting much of his leisure time to the care of the sick.

Benedict was often taunted because of his skin-color as well as his parents being slaves. He bore each insult with great dignity. The gentleness of Benedict's replies to his tormentors attracted the attention of Jerome Lanzi, a man who had formed a group to imitate the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Jerome invited Benedict to join his small group of hermits. Shortly, Benedict disposed of his few possessions and joined Jerome's group. After Jerome died, the group chose Benedict as their superior and the community prospered under his leadership.

The Council of Trent (1564) occurred at this point. The Council worked to clarify and reorganize church practices, teachings and structure (very similar to Vatican 2). To create sustainability and accountability, Pope Pius IV directed all independent groups (such as Jerome's) to become affiliated with established religious orders.

Benedict became a Franciscan lay brother. He was assigned as a cook at the Friary of St. Mary of Jesus in Palermo (the far end of the football on Sicily). Despite limited amounts of food, Benedict was known for his resourcefulness in feeding large numbers of people. It was said that food multiplied in his hands. It was reported that angels were seen assisting him in the kitchen. The kitchen gave Benedict many opportunities to perform small acts of charity. Benedict seemed radiant when he was able to be of assistance to others and this glow

seemed most evident when he was at prayer.

In 1578 this gentle, kind, humble brother was again chosen for leadership by his community and was appointed Guardian of the Palermo Friary. That he couldn't read and wasn't formally educated didn't prevent his brothers from recognizing his wisdom and example. Benedict refused this assignment but was ordered under the vow of obedience to accept this new responsibility.

Santo IL Moro's reputation for sanctity spread. Groups of people and clergy sought him out, kissed his hand, and asked for pieces of his habit. When he traveled, he covered his face with his hood to avoid being swarmed by crowds. Benedict was said to have the power to read people's minds, and because of his extraordinary compassion, as well as stories of healings, people from every part of Italy sought him.

Benedict the Moor later became responsible for training young men to become Franciscans. His ability to explain Sacred Scriptures impressed both priests and novices, and his understanding of complex theological questions astonished religious scholars.

As he approached the end of his life Benedict the Moor asked to return to his work in the kitchen. Yet even in the kitchen his days were occupied by visits from the poor seeking alms, the distinguished seeking advice and prayers, and the sick who sought cures.

At the age of 63, Benedict contracted a severe illness. He died at Palermo, at the very hour he had predicted, on April 4, 1589. Yet even after his death people continued to seek intercession from "Santo IL Moro"... Saint Benedict the Black.

In 1592 Benedict's body was exhumed, without signs of decay. (A body's not decomposing is considered a sign of holiness.) In 1611, Spain's King Phillip had a shrine built at the friary church at Palermo. Benedict's incorrupt remains were transferred to the shrine, where they are still venerated by the faithful. (See Bulletin Cover) In 1743 Benedict was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV, and in 1807 he was canonized by Pope Pius VII.

A child of slaves, not given the chance for an education, insulted and ridiculed for his skin color and race... through persistence, hard work and faithfulness rising to be honored, Saint Benedict is the patron saint of Black Catholics in America. His feast is celebrated on April 4th.

Together In Mission 2019

This is a year is a time to have strong faith and not to give up hope. Each year we come to you to offer support to the poorest of Arch-diocesan parishes and schools.

What we can give to them will enable them to continue for another year to serve God's people. In the midst of our own struggles, we can yet try to extend a blessing to those less fortunate than ourselves.

This weekend we invite your generosity to the Together in Mission appeal at St. Jerome. Direct mailing of Together in Mission materials to those who made a pledge last year took place this week. Thank you for bringing your pledge letter with you today. You can place it in the collection baskets or return it by mail to the Mission Together Office. We also have commitment cards here at church for you to use or take with you to complete it at home and return it later.

We have a Parish Goal that reflects the great needs of so many parishes, and we hope you will all help us to reach our goal. With every family willing to help, we hope to reach this goal in your generous "missionary" care and zeal. God bless you for your generosity!



World Marriage Day

Today more than 100 couples will celebrate World Marriage Day by renewing their vows at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at the 10am mass.

World Marriage Day celebrates the beauty, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. In 1993, it received the apostolic blessing of Pope John Paul II. Please continue to pray for God blessings upon all married couples "The union of man and wife is from God" -St. Augustine



St. Jerome Tuesday Night Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study began a study of the Gospel According to Luke (the gospel we will hear at mass on most Sundays in 2019) on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm** in the Religious Education Center. The study will run for 12 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The cost is **\$30** for course materials. In this gospel Luke portrays Jesus as a mighty prophet and Savior of the world who fulfills the expectations of the Old Testament dedicated to prayer and guided by the Spirit.

For more information, contact

Steve Picard at spicard526@att.net or Alan Bernstein at 310.645.5355.

All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Last Weekend's Collection

Feb. 2nd and 3rd 2019:	\$12,577.00 (Envelopes)
Feb. 3rd and 4th 2018:	\$14,487.72 (Envelopes)
Feb. 2nd and 3rd 2019:	\$1,994 (School)
Feb. 3rd and 4th 2018:	\$1,990 (School)

Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 11th: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Feb. 13th: 12-4pm Games for prizes!

Annual Membership: \$7.00 only!!

For more information, call Allene at 310 216-7354

Saint Valentine



History tells us only that several Christians by the name of Valentine were martyred for their faith. One priest was martyred on February 14, 270, during a persecution promoted by Emperor Claudius II. A basilica was dedicated in his honor in 350 in Rome. His annual feast day on February 14th soon became associated with a tradition of boys and girls exchanging a promise of love. This was done in different ways over the centuries and evolved into our present tradition of exchanging Valentines on February 14th, along with gifts and other special signs of love and affection.

"If you would be loved, love and be lovable."

Benjamin Franklin

Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

Nnadozie and Onuoha Ogike

who have become married in the Catholic Church.

May God bless them!



St. Jerome's School will be selling tickets this weekend for the Mardi Gras party on February 23rd—from 7pm to 11pm

Donations:

Before Mon. February 11th: \$35 or \$60 for two

After Mon. February 11th: \$45 or \$80 for two

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group at Visitation Parish will start on **Wednesday, February 20th thru Wednesday, April 24th, from 6-8pm in the Parish Center.** You must to commit to attend all of the 8 consecutive sessions. The Group Facilitator will take you through the process of grieving in easy-to-handle steps. **The cost is \$80** payable upfront to cover the cost of material and guest speakers. Please make **checks payable to Visitation Church.**

To sign up or for more information please call

Candy Blanekenship at 310-338-9043.

Knights Of Columbus New Orleans Fish Dinner

We invite everyone to our New Orleans Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 22nd, served between 5:30pm and 7:30pm.** Enjoy our special New Orleans Menu!

Catfish: \$14, Red Snapper: \$15, Shrimp: \$15,

Catfish & Shrimp Combo: \$16,

Red Snapper & Shrimp Combo \$16

Dinner served with French fries or hushpuppies and cole slaw. Take outs available. The hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310-821-2324.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 02/09—5:30pm FV Ofelia David (SI)
Sun. 02/10—7:30am SJ St. Jerome Parishioner (SI)
9:00am FV George Cone (M)
11:00am FB Fr. Kenneth Ojomah (M)
5:30pm FB JoAnne, Bobby Joe &
Ives, Serg Carli (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 02/11—8:00am FV Francis Fredella (M)
Tues. 02/12—8:00am FB Lucio Quevedo (M)
Wed. 02/13—8:00am FB George Koury (S)
Thurs. 02/14—8:00am FV Julie McClean (M)
Fri. 02/15—8:00am FV Consolacion Wagas (M)
Sat. 02/16—8:00am FB Nancy, Henry, T.J., &
Sean Henry Wagas (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



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
George Koury	Frances Lalan	Robert Mallillin
Bill Medina	Bob Migneault	Jerry Neubauer
Angela Parks	Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto
Betty Spindler	Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker
Sr. Pauline Daries	Germaine Nickels-Chau	
Sr. Betty Nickels, O.P.		

Please remember in your prayers our Youth who will be attending a Confirmation Retreat this weekend, February 8th, 9th & 10th, to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

May God bless them and keep them safe.



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot **This Sunday 8am to 1:30pm**. Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals. There is also need for furniture and larger appliances. Call **323 224-6280** to schedule a free pickup at your home for the larger items.

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, February 16th, from 10:30am to 12 noon.**

If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. **Thank you!**



Date: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Time: 7:00PM - 11:00PM

Place: ST. JEROME PARISH HALL
5560 THORNBURN STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

RAFFLE PRICE
\$2.00 TICKET
\$20.00 BOOK

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1ST | \$2,500
2ND | \$1,500
3RD | \$1,000

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