

St. Jerome Church



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**Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019**

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

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

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

A little pinch of ash cascaded down her nose.

I know that on the day of her baptism the priest, her parents and grandparents had traced out the sign of the cross on her forehead. “The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of His cross.”

I recall that less than two weeks before she and her husband had received the Anointing of the Sick along with several others at a Tuesday morning mass. Prayed over... hands imposed... Oil of the Sick placed as a cross on her forehead and hands.

“Father, they don’t know if she’ll make it through the night.”

But I saw her on Ash Wednesday! I heard that she was going to see her doctor about something... and then heard that she had been checked into the hospital for tests... and now... on Saturday...

The wedding procession exited from the church toward our Rosary Garden for pictures. Not to belittle the suffering and obstacles of those who are bi-polar, but priests generally careen from people’s happiest moments (Baptism, First Communion, Marriage) to people’s most disheartening moments (Serious illness, approaching death, loss of a beloved). I’ve never had Four Weddings and a Funeral in one day, but I have experienced the whiplash of a wedding, a funeral and a wedding on the same Saturday. (I must admit that the wedding following the funeral was the greater challenge for me.)

I don’t need Google or Wayz anymore to help me reach the Kaiser Hospital on Cadillac. I went up to the ICU. From a distance I thought I saw her cleaning the glass walled roomette. I remember thinking, “What is she doing out of bed cleaning?” It wasn’t her roomette. It wasn’t her.

I had hoped she would be able to receive Viaticum, food for the way, the Eucharist. The Eucharist would be near, but she did not appear responsive. I spoke loudly.

(“Father, you always speak loudly!”) Studies have found that people are able to hear and able to recall some things heard when unconscious or in a coma. “ Marie, its Fr. Bill from St. Jerome. I’m here to anoint you and give you absolution.”

I am so used to hearing her voice that I wouldn’t have been surprised if she had joined me doing the Sign of the Cross and responded with, “And with your spirit.” Only the machines in the room seemed to respond.

I chose a reading from the gospel of John. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

It was more difficult for me than giving my dad the Last Rites. The handwriting had been on the wall and his last two years had surpassed his doctors’ best expectations... but with Marie... it was a shock to see such a determined woman now so helpless and dependent.

Marie volunteered between eight to twelve hours each week at the rectory. Marie has been our chief collection counter for the last few years. She has been a pillar for me (along with Benny, her husband) for us at St. Jerome.

After the Our Father I sang a verse of Amazing Grace and noticed Marie’s sister and brother-in-law respectfully praying just outside the doorway.

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Things which had seemed so important now come into perspective. “Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing with you that you have received — only what you have given.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

Her forehead glistened with the cross made of the oil she had been anointed with. As I left the words of baptism came to my mind. “Marie, I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross.”

Marie Ryan-Munoz belonged to Him and went to Our Father’s house on Monday morning, March 11th, around 11am. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fingerprinting & VIRTUS Training at St. Jerome

In compliance with Safeguard the Children program mandated by the USCCB, we scheduled a **Fingerprinting session and VIRTUS training at St. Jerome on Saturday, March 23rd, in the parish hall.**

- Fingerprinting—10am to 4:30pm
- “Keeping the promise Alive” (recertification only)—10am to 11:30am
- “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” is the 3 hour session for 1st time VIRTUS Training—1pm to 4pm

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.

Operation Rice Bowl



In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Lenten Supper Fridays!

Please join us for Friday Dinners during Lent to gather together and support “Operation Rice Bowl.” The meals are sponsored by different groups within our parish. While there is not a set fee for the meal, **any donation will be great appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bowl Fund.

See you this Friday in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 6:45pm!



Stations of the Cross And Confession

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 from 7pm to 8pm. If scheduled confession times don't work for you, you may call the to schedule an appointment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Our next dinner is every Friday during Lent. Enjoy our fresh Alaskan Cod or Shrimp, delicately deep fried in a light batter, with either a baked potato, French Fries or Onion Rings along with Cole Slaw and a Roll. **Adults are \$12.00 & children \$8.00.** Dinner served between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Take-outs available. Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310.821-2324



Due to the passing of our collection counter, Marie Munoz, the collection amounts will be posted in a later bulletin.

Senior Center

The Senior Center will be closed through March 20th! Please join us again on Monday, March 25th, 12-4pm.

For more information, please call the Rectory Office at 310 348-8212.

What: Praying the Psalms—What Every Catholic Should Know About the Liturgy of the Hours

When: Thursday, March 28th, from 7:30pm to 9pm.

Where: The Parish Hall

Admission: A can of food to be donated to the the Food Pantry, LAX

Want a new way to pray? Learn a revered part of the Church’s liturgical tradition that is still unknown to most Catholics. Using today’s Evening Prayer as our starting point, we will pray together as we visit the history and theology, the challenges and possibilities of The Prayer of the Church.

Steve Picard earned an MA in Theology from Loyola Marymount University, and holds certification from the Catholic Bible Institute. He has facilitated the bible study program at St. Jerome for 20 years. As a member of the Catholic Bible Institute program team he trains parish bible study facilitators for parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

James and Martina Sain

who have become married in the Catholic Church.

May God bless them!



Our Light Our Legacy, 130 Years of Education Young Women

St. Mary’s Academy, the oldest all girls Catholic High School in Los Angeles, is celebrating its 130th Birthday. To celebrate this historic event, we are hosting a fundraising Gala for the first time. The event will be **April 13, 2019**, at the Millennium Biltmore in Downtown Los Angeles. Proceeds will support the Scholarship and Tuition Fund. For more information, please call St. Mary’s at **310 674-8470**, or go to bidpal.net/sma130.net

St. Jerome’s 70th Anniversary

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial through *Life Touch Family Photography* for our 70th Anniversary! Each family/house hold that comes for a photograph and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Customer Color Portrait.

We will let you know the dates when the photographers will be at our parish to take your pictures.

We need volunteers to help schedule appointments. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call Roxanne at the rectory at **310 348-8212**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 03/16—5:30pm FV Marie Munoz (M)
Sun. 03/17—7:30am SJ Harold Simpson III (M)
9:00am FV Pat & Sarah Surratt (SI)
11:00am FB Mary Rose Muoneke Nnaike (M)
5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 03/18—8:00am FV Harold Simpson III (M)
Tues. 03/19—8:00am FB Marie & Benny Munoz (SI)
Wed. 03/20—8:00am FB Paul McKay (M)
Thurs. 03/21—8:00am FV For Religious Vocations (SI)
Fri. 03/22—8:00am FV Ivery Toussant (M)
Sat. 03/23—8:00am FB Monique & Dorothy Polk (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
Bobbie Campbell Josephine Cullison Rorrie de la Vega
Elizabeth Ezeana Chris Ezeokoli Kathy Fitzpatrick
Lordes Flores Anne Gingris Hank Grady
Miguel Garcia Baby Colby Holen George Koury
Frances Lalan Mark Ludwig Bob Migneault
Jerry Neubauer 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.

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



**Marie Munoz and
Victor Mcelhaney**



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. 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 Hospitality Group will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

Save The Date

St. Jerome School & Parish Fund Day
Sunday, April 7, 2019

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.

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

Boys Home of the West Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in support of Rancho San Antonio "Boys Home of the West" in Chatsworth on the **weekend of March 23rd & 24th**. Rancho was established to stimulate spiritual and moral fiber in young men in detention, encouraging them to make themselves useful to the community and to themselves. Proceeds from this raffle will help Rancho continue their wonder work with these young men. Through your generosity, we can continue to provide opportunities for our youth!

Lenten Mission Invitation

"A Journey to Joy"

Bringing Scripture to Life, with Drama and Humor

When: March 28th, 29th, & 30th- 7PM

Where: St. Anastasia Catholic Church

7390 W/ Manchester Ave. Los Angeles 90045

Cost: Free Admission

Mark Your Calendar:

November 9th and 10th

St. Jerome's 2019 Holiday Craft Faire