

St. Jerome Church

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

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ST. JEROME ANNUAL Mardi Gras & RAFFLE

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

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

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FEATURING ZYDECO MUDBUGS | DJ
WITH A CELEBRITY SPECIAL GUEST



DONATIONS

BEFORE MONDAY, FEB. 11, 2019
\$35.00 ONE TICKET OR \$60.00 TWO TICKETS

AFTER MONDAY, FEB. 11, 2019
\$45.00 ONE TICKET OR \$80.00 TWO TICKETS

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From Fr. Bill

I believe it was mid October 1978. We religious brothers were gathered in the seminary around the television waiting to find out if the smoke was going to be black or white. (Twitter wasn't a thing yet.) I was a minority among a group of Italians who were wondering which Italian bishop or cardinal had been elected pope. The announcer said, "It is a Bishop Botiwa." A rosary snapped and its beads scattered across the floor. The announcer then stated, "He's not an Italian. I think he is from Africa." It turned out the announcer was wrong. The name was Karol Wojtyla and he was the first pope from Poland. What I didn't realize at that point was that the Catholic Church had already had three popes from Africa from the Berber peoples.

The first African Pope is Saint Victor I, Pope and Martyr. He was chosen in 189 to be the bishop of Rome, the 14th Pope ("papa"- daddy). He died in late 198 or early 199. At the time the Pope's name wasn't proclaimed the way it is now. At the same time, the Roman authorities made efforts to eliminate all Catholic writings and records... hence the uncertainty of the exact date. Keep in mind that before 300, most popes (as well as many bishops) died as martyrs... hunted, tortured and killed by the civil authorities. (This gives back-story to why unmarried men became selected as bishops... and pope.)

Bishops of Rome worked closely with their deacons whose primary responsibility at the time was the care of the poor, widows and orphans. (Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, called them the church's treasure.) Pope Victor quickly realized that although the language of business and the educated was Greek, the language of the poor and working peoples in Rome was Latin. Victor took the step of having the mass in Rome celebrated in the language of the common people, Latin. Victor wanted not just the upper-class to be able to understand and to learn the truths and practices of the faith. It may surprise you to know Latin had been the language of church liturgy in Africa from the beginning but needed to be imported into Rome with a new pope. This radical step did upset many, but also broadened and strengthened the faith of the faithful who had the shadow of death constantly on their horizon. Everyone in the community had family and friends who had been executed for the faith.

Two other things we know about Victor. Bishops have the responsibility of ensuring fidelity to the gospel they

have received. Additionally, the pope settled disputes among bishops. Theodotus of Byzantium was teaching and insisted that Jesus was only a man and could only be considered God's son through adoption. Victor had Theodotus excluded from the church (excommunicated) as he was denying Apostolic Tradition.

Victor was also involved in the discussion/argument about when to celebrate Easter. You may not realize that Passover and all Jewish Feasts move around to different days of the week. (Sabbath is always Sabbath.) Some Christian communities in Asia Minor continued to have the Lord's Supper on the Jewish Celebration of Passover night... and their community's Easter wasn't being celebrated on Sunday with the other Christians communities. The apostles had made clear that Christ was crucified on the day before the Sabbath (Good Friday) and rose on the first day of the week (Easter Sunday). Victor pushed hard for a "Catholic" (universal) celebration of the Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday and concluding on Easter. Although to this day the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrations rarely falls on the same week... throughout the Christian world the Last Supper is a Thursday night thing, and celebrating the Lord's Passion is a Friday thing and, of course, Easter Sunday.

Some things (e.g. which Sunday to celebrate Easter) we can agree to disagree on, but some things (e.g. Jesus is truly God and truly man) we can not disagree on as Christians. Christianity is something worth living for... and worth dying for.

The other two Berber popes were Saint Pope Miltiades (311-413) and Saint Pope Gelasius I (492-496). Perhaps there would have been more but for the Arab invasion (began in 647) and conquest of North African (completed 709). This brutal conquest and occupation, with forced resettlements, as well as an approach to the native people gave them little choice regarding conversion. Despite the persecutions (including public beheadings, mutilations and burnings) and enslavement, we know that Berber Christian communities survived in Algeria until at least the 12th century and in Tunisia until the early 15th century. The Coptic Christian communities did manage to survive this oppression in Egypt and the Sudan.

By the time the French arrived in North Africa in 1830, the Muslim suppression of over one thousand years had extinguished the faith among the native peoples of North Africa.

Together In Mission 2019

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday for Together in Mission. 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. What we can give to them will enable them to continue for another year to serve God's people. 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!

ST. JEROME SCHOOL RAFFLE

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

1st Place Prize \$2,500

2nd Place Prize \$1,500

3rd Place Prize \$1,000



Raffle Price: \$2.00 a ticket
\$20.00 a book

Mardi Gras Dinner Party

February 23rd—from 7pm to 11pm

Donations: \$45 or \$80 for two

**PURCHASE YOUR WINING TICKET AFTER
MASS OR AT THE SCHOOL**



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. All are welcome!

For more information, contact

Steve Picard at sjpicard526@att.net or

Alan Bernstein at 310.645.5355.

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**

Last Weekend's Collection

Feb. 09th and 10th 2019: \$15,210.00 (Envelopes)

Feb. 10th and 11th 2018: \$15,519.00 (Envelopes)

Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 18th: Closed for Presidents Day.

Wed., Feb. 20th: 12-4pm cards and social

Annual Membership: \$7.00 only!!

For more information, call Allene at 310 216-7354



Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

**Abel Nicholas Gonzales and
Harry Thomas Hiroo Moriarty**

who were baptized into the Christian Community.

May God bless them!



Presidents Day

The Rectory will be closed this

Monday, February 18, 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! If you have never attended before, you are assured of a wonderful experience. 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. Early registration / discounted fee until February 22.

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.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Know when words are warning signs Some predators will use comments and conversations to groom potential victims. Be on guard any time an adult is talking to a child about sex, no matter how they're presenting it (hygiene, reproduction, etc.) Physical flattery can be another red flag - predators sometimes try to make children feel good about themselves by commenting on their physical appearance. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "When are Words Warning Signs?," visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 02/16—5:30pm FV	Donald Whitten (M)
Sun. 02/17—7:30am SJ	St. Jerome Parishioner (SI)
9:00am FV	Lucio Quevedo (M)
11:00am FB	The Asoera Family (SI)
5:30pm FB	Luisa Mesina (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 02/18—8:00am FB	Carol Waddington (M)
Tues. 02/19—8:00am FV	George Koury (SI)
Wed. 02/20—8:00am FV	Fr. Valentine & Fr. Bill (SI)
Thurs.02/21—8:00am FV	Juanita & John Wiemken & family (SI)
Fri. 02/22—8:00am FV	Eric Steven Sevilla (SI)
Sat. 02/23—8:00am FV	Rene Tobar (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB 7:30am FV, 9am SJ, 11am FB, 5:30pm FV
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
Robert Mallillin	Bill Medina	Bob Migneault
Jerry Neubauer	Debra Parish	Angela Parks
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

Arturo Espinosa and

Theodore Miller

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.

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.

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Thank you for your generous support to our Soup Kitchen held each month. If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to St. Jerome. Note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. **Thank you!**

Knights Of Columbus New Orleans Fish Dinner



We invite everyone to our New Orleans Fish Dinner—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. Plenty of parking in the rear. Dinner proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

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.