

The Craft Faire, hope you were there!

St. Jerome Church



5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

Thirty -Third Sunday Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018

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. 8:45am & 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

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 323 207-9821
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: Allene Muccia 310-348-8212

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

Tuesday Morning (10:15-11:15am) Bible Study in the Sr. Center

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

November invites Americans to celebrate "Thanksgiving." It is a time to count our blessings... but for Christians, as in most things, it is a call to much more.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit." St. Paul vexes me in with these words from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. This man on his journey toward execution proclaims that the excuse of self-pity and blame are not in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. When we face adversity, it is an opportunity to adapt and change. When we encounter suffering, it is an opportunity to comfort, assist and uplift. When we are blessed, it is an opportunity to share. As Christians we are challenged to quit making excuses and to continue making a difference.

It really isn't St. Paul's fault. He is sharing what he has learned of the Christ as we hear in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus giving thanks about His body to be broken, Jesus giving thanks about His blood to be poured out, given the way He suffered and faced death, makes most of our whining and self-pity ring hollow. St. Paul recognized that how we deal with suffering is a tremendous opportunity in giving testimony to the power of the cross, how I bear mine and our belief in its transforming power: Resurrection. ("Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8:34-35)

Here are five behaviors which can help us live in this Spirit of Thanksgiving called for by the gospels.

First, try to keep things in perspective and stop comparing, especially with those people living perfect lives on Social Media! Some people seem constantly anxious. Just about everything which happens in the world (and sometimes to them) causes them to be angry and to feel personally wounded or hurt. Take a step back. I realize that Social Media amplifies everything. (Studies have determined that reducing or eliminating Social Media helps people fighting depression and anxiety.) We need to focus on what we have, to give thanks and use it! To focus on what we don't have kindles envy, jealousy and anger. For the record, even those living in poverty in the United States today have access to better health care, education,

diet and shelter than royalty in the 19th century. (Castles are cold, drafty places to live... they bled people to reduce fevers... had no antibiotics and no vaccines... we have eliminated the great killer, small pox, as well as vitamin deficiencies which cause blindness) Remember, what is the worst thing which could happen in this situation? For most of us we are actually incredibly blessed.

Second, make time to remember and count your blessings. Focus on the good, the kind and the true. I have so many unearned blessings (being raised in America, my parents' and grandparents' sacrifices and example, Jesus helping love me into existence and sacrificing His life for me) which so outweigh the undeserved bad things I have experienced. (Most of the bad things in my life are the result of my poor choices, lack of timely effort, self-destructive behavior or self-fulfilling prophecies.)

Third, "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." (Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh) Failure, adversity and challenges give us the opportunity to develop our gifts, find our strengths, and help us discover our path in life.

Four, be honest with yourself. Sadly, we deceive our children when we tell them, "You can be anything you want to be." Hard work can get you farther than people seem to realize, but without the necessary gifts and talents... some dreams are out of reach. Being an NBA player? No amount of effort on my part could have made that happen for me. Focus on what God has given you and build with that. I encounter people who delude themselves regarding vocal and musical talent. It is painful to realize they don't recognize how bad they really are. (Somethings should be put under a bushel basket and not put out to be seen and heard.) I am thankful that my dreams didn't get in the way of God's plan for me. Yes, in this case "Father Knows Best." God has given me what I need. My task is to discover what He has given to me.

Finally, although I can not control every circumstance in my life, there are very few things in which I cannot control how I react or respond. "Here is where I am, now what am I going to do with it?" Learning to control my temper is one lesson of adolescence I am grateful I improved upon. It helped me not to be solely reactive in life, but to develop patience and persistence. Pray, reflect and learn from your experiences of life. Wisdom is gained through loss and suffering... which leads me to one of my favorite prayers: "Lord, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference."

Have a thankful Thanksgiving!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend is the annual Campaign for Human Development collection. This collection helps to support many people across our country in developing work projects which will lift them out of poverty into self-sustaining work. Special envelopes are in the pews and on the tables for this collection. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22nd our St. Jerome community will gather for the **Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 9:00am.**

We join with our entire nation in thanking God for the abundant blessings bestowed on our people throughout the generations. We invite all parishioners to bring some items of canned and packaged foods for families of our Food Pantry, LAX this time of the year.

At the **9:00am** Liturgy, please keep your food donations with you in the pew until all are invited to PROCESS forward at the time of the Offertory to present them at the altar. Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory office will be closed from Thursday, November 22nd thru Sunday, November 25th. We wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving!



Jacket & Toys for Mother Of Sorrows



Jackets are needed this year for the students at Mother of Sorrows School. The estimated cost for each jacket is \$40.00. Envelopes are on the church tables for these monetary donations. Please make out checks to St. Jerome Church with a notation on your check "**MOS jackets/toys**".

Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please contact Arnold Tena at (310) 649 6129.

Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and for Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



St. Jerome Tuesday Night Bible Study



On Tuesday, November 27, at 7:30pm in the Religious Education Center we will begin a brief, four-week bible study focused on the scripture readings for each Sunday in Advent. This study intends to prepare us for the celebration of Christmas by carefully breaking open the biblical readings the Church has selected for us for this year's Sundays of Advent. All meetings are on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00pm in the St. Jerome Religious Education Center. Bring a friend. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Cost is \$15 for the Workbook. For more information, consult the St. Jerome Parish website bible study page (stjeromelax.org, Ministries link) or Steve Picard, at sjpicard526@att.net.

Senior Center

Mon., Nov. 19: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Nov. 21: Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!



Ho Ho Ho, time to mark your calendars for the Senior Christmas Luncheon on Wed. Dec. 12th.

Join us for delicious food and fun! **Call Allene at 310 216-7354.**



St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen On Thanksgiving Day!

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy in our parish on **Thursday, November 22 10:30am to 12 noon.**

If you are unable to give of your time, but would like to contribute to help serve the poor in our community, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send your check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support!



Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting, SCRC

The St Jerome Catholic Charismatic Group meets at **7 pm 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



O God we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Fr. Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical.

His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Fr. Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Fr. Tolton by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen

To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Tolton's name, please write: The Office of the Cardinal, Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 11/17—5:30pm FV Maureen Marcello (M)
Sun. 11/18—7:30am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
9:00am SJ Uchenna Oti (SI)
11:00am FB Mr. Tesfamariam Desta (M)
5:30pm FB All Souls Remembrance (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 11/19—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
Tues. 11/20—8am FB All Souls Remembrance (M)
Wed. 11/21—8am FB All Souls Remembrance (M)
Thurs. 11/22—9am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
Fri. 11/23—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
Sat. 11/24—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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



Mary Alcuran	Rebecca Bank	James Bennett
Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan	Dionne Delahoussaye
Rorrie de la Vega	Valarie Dudley	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Lordes Flores	Mary Gibson
G. Johnson Family	Frances Lalan	Eileen La Casse
Benjamin Lopez	Robert Mallillin	Thomas Mc Donough
Bob Migneault	Eurydice Mundy	Jerry Neubauer
Guillermo Ortega	Angela Parks	Dorothy Polk
Sam Quatto	Carlos Rodriguez	George Rodriguez
Larry Smith	Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Anthony Arnold



[brother of Pamela Haylock]



May he rest in peace.

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!



Listen to a 24 hour Catholic Radio Station
AM Station 930—Immaculate Heart Radio

Morning Scripture Study

Come join us in the Senior Center every Tuesday Morning from 10:15am to 11:15am, as we feast on the words in the Readings and Psalm for the upcoming Sunday at Mass. No experience necessary. Prayers for the sick and special intentions follow the study.

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. Please call

310-670-1678 or visit **www.stj-jeromeschool.org**



Coffee and Donuts

St. Jerome's 6th Grade Class will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

Parish Christmas Party

You and your family are invited to the Parish Hall for food, caroling and even a little comedy on **December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!** You

might attend the 5:30pm Mass and join us afterward for dinner fun! Come and experience the Joy of the Christmas season with us. Don't miss this opportunity to



get to know your fellow parishioners. Come join the FUN!

St. Jerome's School Holiday Tamales & Pie Fundraiser

Place your order now for delicious Marie Calendar's Pies and homemade Tamales. Avoid the lines Complete order form below and **return it to the School Office** with the payment **by Friday, December 7th. Orders will be also accepted during Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9th.**

Tamale and pie **pick-up on Monday, December 24th** from **10am-12pm inside the St. Jerome Parish Hall.**

For Questions Contact:

Judy Ross at judyross27@gmail.com or Marcie Alvarez at Marcie.alvarez@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Tamales: Sold by the dozen, \$20 per dozen, indicate how many dozen(s) below:

_____ Chicken with red sauce / Pollo en salsa roja
_____ Chicken with green sauce / Pollo en salsa verde
_____ Cheese & green chile (vegetarian) / Queso con rajas

Pies: Indicate quantity for each pie. \$12 each.

_____ Apple _____ Berry _____ Custard _____ Peach _____

_____ Pumpkin _____ Razzleberry _____ No sugar apple _____

_____ French apple _____ Lemon Meringue _____

Total # of Pies ordered _____

Total # of dozen(s) of Tamales ordered \$ _____

(Make checks payable to St. Jerome School)