

St. Jerome Church



Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

St. Jerome Catholic Church
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday by phone or email
8:30am–noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday and Saturday—Closed
Sunday—8:30am—Noon; Rectory Garden Area

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) - 8am
At the “Outside Adoration Chapel” & on Zoom
Followed by Drive-in Adoration until 3:15pm.
Rain or shine we will have mass and adoration

Sunday Mass
“Drive-in Masses” — **8am, 10am and 5pm**
“Sunday Mass in the Church” — **Noon**
All outdoor masses will be on Zoom
Meeting ID: 661-442-999. Password: 162-954
If you need to use our "wi-fi" we have limited bandwidth at
"St. Jerome Guest Outdoor" password SJguest2020

Confessions: Saturday 1:30pm to 2:30pm
In the Rectory Garden Area
Also by appointment on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Virtual Holy Hour - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Friday Evening Charismatic Prayer Meeting
It begins at 7pm. All are welcome to be renewed and refreshed.
Meeting ID: 870-2775-1085 Password: 821-822

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

ST. PERPETUA AND ST. FELICITY



I can't remember not knowing the names of Perpetua and Felicity. Even when the mass was in Latin I recall hearing their names which continue to be found in our First Eucharistic Prayer and the Litany of the Saints. Saints Perpetua and Felicity give me comfort and encouragement in a world which seeks to belittle believers and deny God.

St. Perpetua is well known because she kept a diary during her last days which was hand copied, distributed and read in Christian communities facing the constant threat of arrest and execution for their failure to offer sacrifices to the Emperor as god. Her diary, along with an eyewitness's account of her death, is one of the oldest, most reliable histories of a martyr's sufferings.

Perpetua's diary records the events that took place in Carthage, Africa, in the year 202, when Emperor Severus issued a decree forbidding anyone to be baptized and become Christian. (Muslims in some nations still face this threat.) At the time the twenty-two-year-old Perpetua (a well-educated noblewoman) made the decision to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian. She became a catechumen and studied to become Christian.

Perpetua was arrested along with four other catechumens, including Felicity, her slave woman, who was about to give birth to a child. Perpetua's father, a wealthy pagan, pleaded with her for the sake of her infant son to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods so she could be free. She refused, "Father do you see this water jar, or whatever it is, standing here? Could one call it by any other name than what it is? Well, in the same way I cannot be called by any other name than what I am—a Christian." This response angered her father and he attacked her.

Perpetua was baptized before being taken to prison. The prison itself was so crowded with people that the heat was suffocating. There was little light and Perpetua "had never known such darkness."

The soldiers who arrested and guarded them handled them roughly. Perpetua had no trouble admitting she was very afraid, but during all this horror, her greatest anxiety came from being separated from her baby. Felicity was even worse off as Felicity suffered the stifling heat and overcrowding while being eight months pregnant.

The guards were bribed (most likely by Perpetua's father) to place Perpetua and Felicity in a better part of the prison. There, her mother and brother were able to visit Perpetua and bring her baby to her. Perpetua recalled, "my prison suddenly became a palace for me." Her father also came to visit her, begging her to give in, kissing her hands, and throwing himself at her feet. She told him, "We lie not in our own power but in the power of God."

When Perpetua and the others were taken to be examined and sentenced, her father followed, pleading with her and the judge. The judge encouraged Perpetua to change her mind, but when she stood fast, she was sentenced with the others to be thrown to the wild beasts as entertainment during the celebration in honor of the Emperor's birthday. Their deaths would be scheduled along with sports events and various games.

Felicity was now in torment. It was against the law for pregnant women to be executed. Felicity was afraid that she would not give birth before the day set for their execution... that she would have to watch her friends' martyrdom and then remain imprisoned... without Perpetua... until her child was born.

Thankfully, two days before the execution, Felicity went into labor. The guards made fun of her pain, saying, "If you think you suffer now, how will stand it when you face the wild beasts?" Felicity gently responded, "Now I'm the one who is suffering, but in the arena, another will be in me suffering for me because I will be suffering for him."

On the day of their execution, the martyrs left their prison "joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven" and entered the arena. The men were sent in first and were attacked and killed by bears and leopards. The women were thrown in and attacked, but the crowd cried out that they had had enough. The women were given a brief reprieve before they were put back into the arena to face the gladiators. Perpetua called out to the Christians present, "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another. Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you." Perpetua and Felicity stood side by side and were beheaded.

As a consequence of the grace and dignity with which Perpetua and Felicity faced death, the warden of the prison became a believer.

Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of mothers and expectant mothers. Their feast day is celebrated on March 7.

Operation Rice Bowl

On Ash Wednesday we began the Annual Operation Rice Bowl Program in which we pray, make sacrifices and give as generously to help our brother and sister around the world who need our care.

Watch, hear and reflect about stories CRS provides to vulnerable families around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org



Hope from Madagascar:

Madagascar is the second largest island country in the world and the national language is Salama.

Families in Madagascar are building household gardens that maintain nutrient-rich soil and stay productive during winter months.

At the end of the Lenten season, you can make your Rice Bowl donation by cash or check payable to St. Jerome church and place it in a envelope marked: ricebowl. Please do not bring loose coin. **You can donate online at: crsricebowl.org/give**

Fast and Abstinence

As Friday was the day of Jesus' suffering and death, the Church asks Catholics to **abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent. ABSTINANCE** forbids the eating of meat for those who are of age of 14 years and older.

On GOOD FRIDAY we FAST. Fasting means eating no more than one full meal and 2 lighter meals for the day. No snacking is allowed, but fluid does not break the fast. Adults are bound to fast till beginning their 60th year.



St. Jerome Bible Study is holding a study of the Gospel According to Mark via Zoom thru March 16th, from 7:30pm to 9pm.

The study is running on Tuesday evenings. The commentary and study guide can be purchased from Little Rock Scripture Study.

For more information see the parish website at www.stjeromelax.org/biblestudy. To register, contact Steve Picard at sjpicard526@att.net. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

"Parish Staff Sunday"

Our office staff is available every Sunday in the Garden Area which is located behind the rectory. You are welcome to stop by to ask question regarding baptisms, parish registration, or about having a mass said for your special intention. You can also purchase Candles for \$5.00 each.

We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.



Stations of the Cross at St. Jerome are open daily for you to walk, pray and reflect!

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021

Surprise! Due to the pandemic Together in Mission 2021 Annual appeal will be rescheduled to another date. No Pledge Forms were mailed. If you wish to make a donation in helping the less fortunate Catholic parishes and schools, you can donate online at: www.ourmissionla.org



Black History Month

The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization (AACCCE) serves African American Catholics within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is committed to building a faith community that is truly Black, authentically Catholic. **For more information, please call 323-777-2106 or visit: aaccfe@sbglobal.net**



You are invited to peacefully pray with 40 Days for Life Participants in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Lawndale. We pray for an end to abortion for we are often the last hope for women going in to have an abortion. Our vigil starts February 17 through March 28. For more information and especially if you would like to pray with us, contact Teressa Syta 310 592-4213 or register at www.40daysforlife.com/Lawndale/.

We now have a regularly scheduled mass at noon on Sundays INSIDE the church. This "zoomless" mass will have the basic rules of masks, appropriate social distancing, and sanitizing before and after mass. Attendance will be limited so tickets are available seven days before the service at the rectory office or with Roxanne this Sunday at her outdoor table.

Our 2021 BREAKING BREAD BOOK which we use in church is now for sale. It includes all Sunday readings, all weekday responses and our most commonly used Catholic Hymns. The price is \$10 dollars!. See Parish staff to get a copy for the upcoming church year.

These opportunities continue!

Drive-in-Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 8am to 3:15pm Monday through Saturday.



Our Friday Evening Prayer Group meets at 7pm. This charismatic group continues to pray for us and invites all to be open to the Spirit of Jesus allowing themselves to be refreshed and renewed.

(Meeting ID: **870-2775-1085**. Password: **821-822**).

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The Second Sunday of Lent

2/28/2021



WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL – Paul Benoit

1. Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

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A reading from the book of Genesis (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the

LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps116 – James Drollinger

(ANTIPHON)

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
2. O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
3. My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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From the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Rom 8:31b-34)

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse:

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

From the Gospel according to Mark (Mk 9:2-10)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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YOU ARE THE LIGHT – Sarah Hart

1. You are the light that stands alone
in depth of night and eye of storm.
Where shadows fall, you enter in;
ignite with hope what dark has dimmed.
And though our eyes may fail to see,
it is the heart that's given sight
through night and storm, to trust in you.
Upon our path you are the light.
2. You are the word that's written deep
within the hearts of all who long
for endless days beyond the skies,
for peace on earth, a kingdom come.
We sing the name that heals our souls,
and share the way, the truth, the life.
For hearts that long, both lost and found,
we speak the word: you are the light.
3. O you are God who spoke the dawn;
the savior son who came in flesh
to be a lamp for wand'ring hearts,

to steal our darkness by your death.
And as you rose, you gave us peace,
your Spirit gift to kindly lead.
Sweet mystery, how true you guide.
We look to you; you are the light.

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THE LORD IS MY LIGHT – Christopher Walker

(Refrain)

The Lord is my light. The Lord is my help.
The Lord is my salvation.

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SACRED SILENCE – Tom Booth, Jeremy Pixler, Anthony Kuner

(Refrain)

Sacred silence, holy ocean,
Gentle water, washing over me;
Help me listen, Holy Spirit.
Come and speak to me.

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IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY – (Ricky Manalo, CSP)

(Refrain)

In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.

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1. PARCE DOMINE

Parce Domine, Parce populo tuo:
Ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

Spare us, Lord, spare your people: Be not angry with us forever.

2. HOSEA – Gregory Norbet

1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall
So must we, to other's call.

Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.

2. The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

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Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

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FRAUD ALERT:

Please ignore any text or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill is asking you to send gift cards or money.
This is a scam.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of extended to the family and friends of

Eleanor Gilmore

(St. Jerome Parishioner)



Paul Asoera

(brother of Mary Asoera)



William (Bill) Barry

(husband of Kathleen Barry,
2nd SJS Graduating Class)

Lawrence Sottosanti

(Son of Michelle Sottosanti,
prior St Jerome School Secretary)

Tom Ward

(St. Jerome Parishioner)

May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick

Geri Anderson	Mary Bolton	David Bajot
Janice Dennis	Elaine McCreary	Rosi Bogle
Deacon Scott Palmer	Pat Reggie	Jaime Brazile
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Joan Flynn	Xavier Galindo	Carlos Galo
Jesus Garber	Mark Gauerke	Jimmy Glenn
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Tom Lenert	Lorraine Clark	Willy Maldonado
Kristin Kazyak	Suzanne Neubauer	Frank Nickels
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Sam Quatto	Glen Bordenave	Maria Ross
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Perdana Tamzil	Arnold Tena	Natalie Tun
David Gullett	Latesha Hubert	Linda La Casse
Cynthia Flores Zapata		Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana
Luis Eduardo Restrepo		Abigail Cubbit

Remember all those who work in healthcare,

especially:	Angelica Domingo	Chika Okafor
Mary Asoera	Josie Bennett	Dorothy Ikeri
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Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
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Daniel Brousseau	Kerry Kasl	Heather Kearney
Christina Olumba	Virginia Waters	Ramin Modabber
Stephanie Vandiver Kearney		Monica Modabber

Scheduling Services (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory
Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule
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.

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers: Tina Gustavson 310-649-1474
Music: Jim Drollingher 310-617-2465
Ushers: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Education and Fellowship

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Youth Ministry (Teens) and Confirmation
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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
Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study: Zoom
Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287
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

Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy-*Retired* 714-602-6122
Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258
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Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212
Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245
Soup Kitchen: Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

ZOOM id For all Masses: 661-442-999

Password: 162-954

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 02/28

8am: FM Ivery Toussant (D)
10am: FB Eileen Ramlochan (D)
Noon: FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
5pm: FB Joe Clark (D)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 03/01

8am: FM Cynthia Rexicker (D)

Tuesday: 03/02

8am: FB Sikere Irerieh (D)

Wednesday: 03/03

8am: FB Marilou Johnson (SI)

Thursday: 03/04

8am: FB Mary Bolton (SI)

Friday: 03/05

8am: FB Elaine Collantes (SI)

Saturday: 03/06

8am: FB Ethan Swanson (SI)
(birthday)

Dead (D) Thanksgiving (T) Special Intention (SI)

NEXT WEEKEND'S CELEBRANTS:

8am FB, 10am FM, Noon FB, 5pm FB

Fr. Bill Bolton (FB) Fr. Michael Tang (FM)

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