

St. Jerome Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

Our St. Jerome Adult Choir Picture from 2019

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RECTORY STAFF

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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

In the Church & on Zoom

Followed by Drive-in Adoration until 3:15pm.

Rain or shine we will have mass and adoration

Sunday Mass is in the Church

8am, 10am, Noon and 5pm

The 8am and 10am masses will be on Zoom as well

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

Holy Hour in our Church - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena and Benediction

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgy of the Word

12/19/2021

December's Special Collections

Building Fund: **TODAY**

From the book of Micah (Mi 5:1-4a)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Is 80

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SEASONAL RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25

To You O Lord I Lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

From the letter to the Hebrews (Heb 10:5-10)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Gospel Verse:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

From the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 1:39-45)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

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"Be prepared" isn't just the Boy Scout motto...it is the way prudent Christians live. No one knows the day nor the hour. If you are not in a state of grace...don't wait! Go to confession! **We will celebrate our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 21st beginning at 6pm.**

DECEMBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ben & Linda De Los Santos

49th Anniversary

Peter and Dorothy Saechee

44th Anniversary

Gary and Zeny Pera

35th Anniversary

Craig and Valonda Rucker

31st Anniversary

May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary!

If you would like us to remember your Wedding anniversary please contact Roxanne Shaw

On ~~Tuesday, December 21st~~ **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** we will have our beginning at 6pm. The church will be open with music in the background. Priests will be available at various stations within the church. The service will conclude at 7pm or when the lines for confessions have finished.

Seniors will have a **Christmas Box Dinner** opportunity: **Friday, December 24th** at noon. RSVP's are needed for proper preparation.

Finally, there have always been "grinches" in this world, whether they crawled on their belly in the Garden of Eden, driving a SUV into a crowd of Christmas Parade watchers, or are that relative that causes everyone in the family to shake their head when they hear he is going to be with us.

Please have pity for grinches. They are isolated, feeling empty and alone... and other's happiness only magnifies the barriers between who they are and what God is inviting them to be. Some grinches just keep busy with their toil, gathering the treasures of this world and closing their heart to those who are near. Other grinches brood over the unfairness and strive to infect others with their "great nothing."

Grinches want others to "feel their pain," to dwell in the empty and alone.

1. They want to steal joy so that many will mourn.
2. They want to be remembered and their names known.
3. They want us to be dominated by unnecessary anxiety and fear.
4. They want to quiet song, laughter, celebration and hope.

I will not let the grinches of this world run my life. They are here, but it is up to me whether I respond as a grinch, striking out, or as a child of God, frustrating them with loving-kindness. You can say I live in denial. I say that I choose to live here and now... in this world in which I know we each have a cross to bear... that none need bear alone. There are people with me who I need to journey with. The one's I am called to love are near.

What must I do?

1. **BE PRESENT**... not stuff that can be bought and put in a box... my eyes and ears open... God has us here for a reason and if my head is stuck in the past, or into some isolating technology, I may miss the amazing.
2. **LOOK TO GIVE**... How can I make another's life more worth living TODAY? A hug, a listening ear, a smile, a kind word... both random and intentional acts of loving-kindness give God room to transform myself and others.
3. **APPRECIATE**... All is gift and should not be taken for granted. Use what my grandma called "magic words:" please, thank you, I love you, I'm sorry, I forgive you. Don't miss the gift of a joyful life by being too busy to enjoy. Stop to receive.
4. **HELP CREATE MOMENTS/MEMORIES OF LOVE/JOY**... When THE Grinch, Satan, tries to pull your heart into isolation and self-pity, break out with charity, gentleness and welcoming words.
5. **PRAY**... This is a major way to allow the "great empty" to be His dwelling place and a font of love and compassion.

Please don't limit this way of living to Christmas as this surrenders the rest of the year to the grinches.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Uche and Fr. Bill

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

(8am Morning Mass)

Christmas Vigil Masses

4pm & 9pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day Masses

8am, 10am & Noon

(No Evening Masses)

Music

8am Mass

ADVENT LITANY – James Drollinger

O bring us your Light, Judgement and Right, Justice shall flower in your days. **O come, O come, Emmanuel**

God's promise fulfilled. God's nation to build. The darkness of sin shall fade a-way. **O come, O come, Emmanuel**

Hide not your face. Teach us your ways. Lord, let us walk in your paths.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel.
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.** Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Hymn text: LM with refrain; Latin 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para. in Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; verses, 2, 7, tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Processionale, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I. Litany verses and Penitential Rite © 2007, James Drollinger. Published by OCP. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE # A-735601. All rights reserved.

MY SOUL, IN STILLNESS, WAITS – Marty Haugen

(REFRAIN)

**For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.**

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PATIENCE, PEOPLE – John Foley, SJ

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Patience, people, till the Lord is come.

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COME TO US, O GOD – Barbara Bridge

(REFRAIN)

Come to us, O God. Be the hope within our longing. Dwell within us, O Light of the world: O God-with-us, Emmanuel.

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SOON AND VERY SOON – Andraé Crouch

1. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.
2. No more crying there, We are going to see the King,
No more crying there, We are going to see the King.
No more crying there, We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

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Music

10am & Noon Mass

ADVENT LITANY (See 8am music and words)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT—Bernadette Farrell

1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed.

4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stone.

5: Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come.

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CITY OF GOD – Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing. For the Lord our light and our love has turned the night into day.

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for all people to set their hearts free.

3. God is light; in God there is no darkness. Let us walk in the light. God's children one and all. *O comfort my people make gentle your words, proclaim to my city the day of her birth.*

4. O city of gladness now lift up your voice, proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice

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SAVE US, O LORD – Bob Dufford, SJ

(REFRAIN)

Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

2. How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

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Music

5pm Mass

ADVENT LITANY (See 8am music and words)

Gifts: Let It Be Done Unto Me by Danielle Rose

1: The Lord sent me to Mary as she was praying in the sun. I said, "Hail, Mary, favored one, the Lord is with you. Mary, it is true." She did not understand. She said, "Shall I touch the sky with these small hands?" A peasant girl from Galilee destined to become the Queen of Peace.

PreChorus:

And all the heavens and the earth stand still in silence, waiting for her soul to reply. She is free to choose. God will never abuse the sacred Yes; she cannot be denied.

Refrain:

"Let it be done unto me!" With one small yes the world will be redeemed. What was impossible is now a possibility. "Let it be done unto me!"

2: "Mary, do not be afraid. Behold, you will conceive a son through whom the world is saved. Humility will be your throne, and in your womb our God, our God will find a home." "Oh, Lord, how can this be? I have not given any man my body's purity!" "The Spirit will come down, like once barren Elizabeth can now a child be found!"

Bridge:

She said yes to the Father, yes to the unknown, yes with all her strength, yes to God alone. The first Holy Communion took place that blessed day. Christ came into her body when Mary chose to say, when Mary chose to say:

Communion: Mary, Did You Know? By Mark Lowry

1: Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new; this child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

2: Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod and when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God.

Bridge:

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again; the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

3: Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb? And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am!

EVEN SO COME by Chris Tomlin

Refrain:

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be the church ready for you. Every heart longing for our King, we sing: Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

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Are you homebound or need communion brought to you?
 Do you need transportation to see your doctor?
 Do you need help in getting the covid vaccine?
 Do you need prayers?

St. Jerome's Angel's Ministry is available to assist our parishioners. Visit us after our Sunday 8am Mass for information and assistance. You may also contact one of these ministers:



Kathy Fitzpatrick (310) 703-2519
 Lola McAlpin-Grant Jackie Purdy
 Vicky Kearney Viola Floyd
 Sister Sidhi Adrienne Toth
 Peggy Muldrow-Peppers

The Senior Center is now open
On MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
From Noon to 4pm

Seniors are welcome to join us for cards, games and socializing. For those returning, you have been missed. For those looking for something new to do, even if it's just to see some friendly faces, we can't wait to meet you.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Hoffman at 310-670-7801.



St. Jerome School

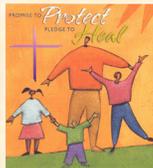
St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8.

Applications may be downloaded from our website.

Visit www.st-jeromeschool.org
 or call 310 670-1678

St. Jerome Adult Choir returned to rehearsals and Masses in November. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night 7pm—9pm, unless stated otherwise. The Adult choir will sing at the 10am Mass on the Second and fourth Sundays of the month. If you have any questions, please email: hmadril@stjeromewestchester.org

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN DID YOU KNOW?



Start paying attention to TikTok. Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms.

For more information about TikTok, read "Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so," by Charles Camosy for Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.

FRAUD ALERT: Please ignore any text or emails you may receive saying that any priest is asking you for "a favor" to send gift cards or money. **This is a scam.**

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Mercedes R. Lopez
 (Mother of Cynthia Grotts)

Frances Hetz
 (Senior Center Member died at 101 years of age)

Shirley Williams
 (Mother of Debbie Striff)

Glen Bordenave
 (Husband of Dora Bordenave)

Tyler Fuller
 (Grandson of Bruce and Maria Aubry)

Winston Haylock
 (Brother of Helen Walker)

Vincent Butt
 (Husband of Jean Butt)

May they rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Johnny Sy	Kimberly Smith	David Bajot
Craig Brown	Bill Botch	Luis Restrepo
Natalie Tun	Pat Reggie	Jaime Brazile
Eileen LaCasse	Ronnie Hill	Ricky Cardona
Elizabeth Ezeani	Agatha Ezeani	Kathy Fitzpatrick
Joan Flynn	Mark Gonzales	Elvira Lara
Gregorio Ramos	Jimmy Glenn	Lindsay Zapata
Mary Lou MacDonald	Zeny Pera	Latesha Hubert
Lorraine Clark	Rosario Antonio	Shannon Kearney
	Delia Rodriguez	Caroline Metz
Linda Morril	Billy Harvard	Anthony Annecharico
Sam Quatto	Maria Ross	Florida Toussant
	Margarita Mendez	Rodney Moore
Perdana Tamzil	Arnold Tena	Carol Igetei
Carina Tapia	Eustace Fray	Jataun Valentine
Fausta Malagon	Jim Delaney	Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana
Angelica Teissere	Abigail Cubbit	Maritza Cardona
Lisa Sweeney	Erica Linis	Belen Castillo

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Gerie Anderson	Angelica Domingo	Chika Okafor
Mary Asoera	Josie Bennett	Dorothy Ikeri
Nancy Wagas	Tess Abraham	Leslie Flores
Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
Liz Ortega	Ambur Peppers	Alisa Moniayo
Daniel Brousseau	Kerry Kasl	Heather Kearney
Christina Olumba	Virginia Waters	Ramin Modabber
Stephanie Vandiver	Kearney	Monica Modabber
Brunilda Smith	Rebecca Mendoza	Jazmine Doctor

"Parish Staff Sunday"

Our office staff is available most Sunday mornings. You are welcome to stop by to ask questions or to arrange baptisms, adding someone's name to one of our prayer lists, parish registration, or about having a mass said. We hope our presence is helpful.

Plan Giving

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez urges everyone to consider leaving a legacy gift to our parishes, schools. There are many ways to structure such a gift in your will or by trust. The trained professionals of the Legacy Society are here to help you. For Legacy Society information contact: Kim Jetton at 213-637-7504

Her address: Director of Plan Giving
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
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Email: plangiving@la-archdiocese.org

Also, a year-end gift to St. Jerome Church will be deeply appreciated. Your gift at Christmas will be especially important to help strengthen our parish's ability to serve well the wonderful families of this community. Thank you for considering this gift.

May God bless our parish community abundantly.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 12/19

8am:FB Gloria Slater (SI)
10am:SJ Michael Dicks (D)
Noon:FB The Oti Family (T)
5pm:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 12/20

8am:FB Filemon Dasco (D)

Tuesday: 12/21

8am:FV Vincent Butt (D)

Wednesday: 12/22

8am:FB Maricela Zapata & Family (SI)

Thursday: 12/23

8am: FB Amelia Figueroa (D)

Friday: 12/24

8am:FB Leo Wagas (SI)
(birthday)

Christmas Eve

4pm:FV The Angel Ministry Members (T)

9pm:FB JoAnne & Bobby Joe &
Yves Serge Carli & John Maillet (D)

Saturday: 12/25—Christmas Day

8am:FB Glen Bordenave (D)

10am: Robert Lee Lucien III &
Robert Lee Lucien Sr. (D)

Noon: Vincent Butt (D)

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

To book a mass:

Call the rectory at 310 384-8212 or
rshaw@stjeromewestcher.org

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 Drollinger 310-617-2465
Ushers: Tony Holloway 323-309-4116

Education and Fellowship

Youth Ministry (CYM) Lara Ratleff Brosmer 213 841-6775
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

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 323-309-4116

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

Retired Senior Deacon Guy & Helene Wauthy 714-602-6122

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Restorative Justice: Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noretta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Soup Kitchen: Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

CURRENT ST. JEROME CHURCH PROTOCOLS

1. You are encouraged to hand sanitize on arrival and departure.
2. Please sit in the benches pointed to by the green arrows. This assists with our current offertory system and allows for social distancing.
3. Currently LA County is asking that both the vaccinated and non-vaccinated wear masks indoors. The diocese is asking people to follow local mandates.
4. As singing is a form of prayer and a sign our union in the Lord, singing at services is encouraged.
5. The Communion Procession will begin from the front row to assist in keeping reasonable spacing. Communion on the tongue, while not encouraged, is permitted. Thank you.



Lighthouse

Memorials & Receptions

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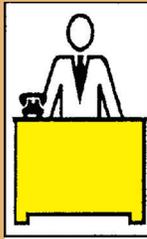
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