

St. Jerome Church



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

Celebrating the gift of priesthood.
Congratulations, Fr. Uchi!

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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

Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgy of the Word

12/5/2021

December's Special Collections

School Support: **TODAY**

Retirement for Religious: December 12

Building Fund: December 19

From the book of Jeremiah

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 126

The Lord has done great things for us;
We are filled with joy.

SEASONAL RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25

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

From the letter of Paul to the Philippians (Phil 1:4-6, 8-11)

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in

knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Verse:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

From the Gospel according to Luke

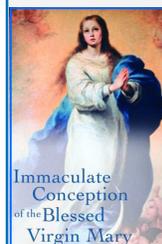
(Lk 3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

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The Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

We celebrate Mary's preservation from original sin from the moment of conception.

Vigil Mass is Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm

Wednesday, December 8th

Masses offered at 8:00am and Noon

Fr. Bill's Musings

We may have fewer Christmas parties scheduled this year, but Advent remains a season to get ready for meeting Christ, our Savior.

On Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm we will have our Vigil Mass for THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. On Wednesday, December 8th we have mass at 8am and noon. Adoration and OLPH Novena will be as usual.

On Tuesday, December 14th we will have our annual ADVENT ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE. It will begin at noon at our outdoor Adoration Chapel at the parking lot. The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments. If you have cancer and receiving treatments, please let this sacrament be a part of your program. If you are going to have surgery which requires general anesthesia, please let the Anointing of the Sick be one step in your pre-op. If you struggle with a chronic condition, please consider including the Anointing of the Sick quarterly as a part of your pain regiment. If you need a

cane or walker to move safely about, please include a quarterly Anointing of the Sick to help you stay focused. If you are struggling with depression or anxiety come to the Lord and receive His healing grace to assist in your struggles. Additionally, the Anointing of the Sick brings with it the forgiveness of sins. Please note that people with contagious diseases are asked to call the rectory and arrange a private Anointing of the Sick.

According to Canon Law: To receive the Sacrament the person needs to be a baptized Catholic who has reached the age of reason, and has begun to be in danger from illness or the infirmities of age, or have become sick again or underwent a further crisis. It should be noted that the danger need only have begun to exist. The person does not have to be "in extremis" (in imminent danger of dying).

On Friday, December 17th at 7pm we will be celebrating our SIMBANG GABI MASS. Our Filipino Choir will be leading our sacred songs as we near Christmas. Food, of course, will be provided following mass.

On Tuesday, December 21st we will have our ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE 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. The date and time are being finalized. (The Thanksgiving Meal was AMAZING and I and my mother are grateful.)

On Friday, December 24th we will have two vigil services. The CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES will be at 4pm and 9pm. On Saturday, December 25th we will have three morning masses at 8am, 10am and noon. There will be NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Sunday, December 26th will be our normal Sunday schedule: 8am, 10am, noon and 5pm.

Coffee & Donuts are available today following the 8am and 10am Mass. 

St. Jerome's School Collection



Today the second collection will help support our children attending our Catholic School. Each month please use the yellow "School Support" envelopes to help our catholic families and their children have access to a great education. Parents should have a choice. Help them.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. Our children are our future.

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DECEMBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

We welcome the new members of God's Family! Congratulations to the family of

Miles Christopher Pearson

who is baptized this day.

Let us pray for them.

Let us set a good example for them.



Thank you for supporting

St. Jerome School's Holiday Fundraisers!

The Pick-up date was Saturday, December 4th. I understand there are still a few trees and wreaths that are available. Stop by the school for a great tree and a great deal. Merry Christmas!

Music

8am Mass

ADVENT LITANY – James Drollinger

O bring us your Light, Judgement and Right, Justice shall flow-er 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 mighti-ly; 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 Canticum 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.

CHRIST THE LORD – Sarah Hart & Robert Feduccia

1. Darkness hangs, the world is aching, Yearning for the com-ing light. In his rising, hope awaking, Love has come to steal the night. In our hearts true east we're facing, Toward the coming of our Lord. Morning rising, gloom now fleeing; Christ returned! His word is true!

2. As we wait with hope for rescue, Love descends and all is well. Prophets tell, "Your God is with us. Heaven's gift, Em-manuel." He is here, but hid as lowly In the poor and mystery. Where the bread and wine are offered He is here: our God and King.

3. Parting clouds reveal his wonder: Mighty King in victory. Trembling earth and rolling thunder, Blazing sun and quaking sea. Now he comes, our King, in glory; Saints rejoice and dark-ness flees. Rising rays of light his chariot, Christ the Lord has made us free.

4. On us now the Son is shining, Lifting us to his embrace. Shame is cursed, no more confounding; Lift your head and know his face. Love incarnate, breath indwelling, Now in truth is truth made known. We are his and he forever Is our God and he alone.

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A VOICE CRIES OUT – Michael Joncas

(REFRAIN)

**A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare a way for the Lord!"**

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"

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READY THE WAY – Bob Hurd

1. "Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Ready the way of the Lord!"

2. "Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry mountain be humbled; let ev'ry valley be filled."

(REFRAIN)

**Here is your God, coming with your vindication.
Look and behold the saving power of God.**

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Music

10am 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 peo-ple, Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness. 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, shelter-ing 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
Noon Mass

SAVE US, O LORD (See 10am music and words)

COMFORT MY PEOPLE – Sr. Marianne Missetich SNJM

1. Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly, speak tenderly.

2. Fear not to gather all my people, says your God. Speak tenderly, speak tenderly.

(REFRAIN)

Cry out the Good News, make a highway for our God. Fill in all the valleys, make a straight way for our God.

3. Carry the burden of my people, says your God. Speak tenderly, speak tenderly.

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BREAD OF LIFE – Bernadette Farrell

(REFRAIN)

Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

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COME TO US, O GOD – Barbara Bridge

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

GREAT IS THE LORD – Suzanne Toolan

(REFRAIN)

Great is the Lord, worthy of praise, tell all nations God is King! Spread the news of God's love!

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Music
5pm Mass

ADVENT LITANY (See 8am music and words)

YOU WILL KNOW by Paul Melley

1: Take off your shoes; this is holy ground you walk on. Open your eyes, this is holy fire you see. Show me your face, a reflection of my glory, and you will know who I am.

2: Take off in flight; this is holy ground that lifts you. Open your arms; this is holy wind you feel. Show me your tears, flowing down your face in rivers, and you will know who I am. You will know that I have healed you. You will know who I am, I am your God.

I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST by Tom Booth

Refrain:

I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve. I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all to you.

1: How many times must he call my name, and show to me that he is God. And as a servant he calls to me: "you must serve too."

2: Christ my teacher and healer, teach my heart and heal my soul. And as I walk this road with you: teach me to love.

3. And as I look upon your cross, so must I die with you. And with the death of my own desires, I shall rise with you.

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.

COME TO US - (See Noon music and words)

SAVE US O LORD - (See 10am music and words)

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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

St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-it Up 2021



One again, Food Pantry LAX and St. Jerome Church are sponsoring the Christmas Bag It-Up program.

List of items available online or at office.

If it's inconvenient to fill a bag, donations to the Food Pantry LAX will help with this effort.

Please return the bags to the hall **TODAY**
Sunday, December 5th. Thank you!

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

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

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)

Henry Robert Morett

(Brother of Sr. Marie Virginia)

May they rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Johnny Sy	Kimberly Smith	David Bajot
Craig Brown	Bill Botch	Luis Restrepo
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Eileen LaCasse	Ronnie Hill	Ricky Cardona
Elizabeth Ezeani	Agatha Ezeani	Kathy Fitzpatrick
Joan Flynn	Mark Gonzales	Elvira Lara
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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.

A FOND FAREWELL FROM OUR LITURGY DIRECTOR

Dear St Jerome Community:

After 33 years of service to St Jerome, and about 15 years as Director of Music & Liturgy, I will be stepping down at the end of this calendar year. I have been privileged to work under 6 different St Jerome pastors - all of whom have been so good to me, as well as some wonderfully gifted and supportive Music Ministers. I feel like we have done some really great things over the years!



It is my pleasure to announce that on January 1, 2022, our Adult Choir Director, Hannah Madril, will officially assume the role of Director of Liturgy & Music. She brings a wonderfully compassionate and pastoral energy to this role, and will shape the St Jerome Musical & Liturgical landscape with style and creativity. I know you all will give her the same support you have given me.

Thank you for all the love, blessings, and friendship through the years. We will see each other down the road!

Fondly,
Jim Drollinger

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 12/05

8am:SJ Phillip Ramlochan (D)
10am:FV Dudley Sweeney (D)
Noon:FB Socorro Pepito Sotto (D)
5pm:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 12/06

8am:FB Robert Lee Lucien III &
Robert Lee Lucien Sr. (D)

Tuesday: 12/07

8am:FV Robert Lee Lucien III &
Robert Lee Lucien Sr. &
Cybil Prosper (D)

7pm:FB For All Catholic Priests (T)

Wednesday: 12/08

8am:FB Nancy Wagas (T)
Noon:FB Vincent Butt (D)

Thursday: 12/09

8am:FB Etelvina Medina (SI)

Friday: 12/10

8am:FV Edison Guthrie (SI)

Saturday: 12/11

8am:FB Marian Witkowski (D)

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

To book a mass:

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

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021

As we come to the last month of the year please consider a donation to Together in Mission. Our 2021 Together in Mission Goal is \$70,008.00

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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.

Funeral Mass

Winston Haylock

Tuesday, December 7th

11am at Holy Cross Cemetary



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