

St. Jerome Church



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022

Our African Choir next sings on the first Sunday of the month at the 10am Mass.

Sign ups for First Communion and Confirmation are open now!

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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 Schedule

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Word
8/14/2022

August's Special Collections
St. Vincent de Paul Envelopes: **TODAY**
2nd Collection !
Building Fund: August 21st

From the book of Jeremiah (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10)

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 40

(ANTIPHON)

**Here I am, Lord, here I am.
I come to do your will.**

From the letter to the Hebrews (Heb 12:1-4)

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that

lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

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

Gospel Verse: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

From the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 12:49-53)

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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

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We welcome the new member of God's Family!

Congratulations to the family of

Mireya Serenity Melancon

who is baptized this day.

Let us pray for them.

Let us set a good example for them.



Fr. Bill's Musings

I worry about what young people are being taught "in the world." Times have changed. Back in the 1950's and 60's even public schools had prayer, Christian values, and the Ten Commandments as the background of school life. 65% of Catholics who had children in Religious Education (CCD) in those days regularly attended church services. (75% for Catholics who had children in Catholic Schools.)

We now live in an "anti-God" culture. Some Christians, especially in college, feel awkward to admit their faith. I know Jesus told us we would be blessed when we are persecuted for the sake of His name, but the promise doesn't make the experience easier. People who hate the truth, call those who speak it, "haters." Saying we will pray for people or a situation is mocked. Christian is often a punch line, an accusation or an insult.

Teachers in government schools have a curriculum which repeatedly pushes some popular college theories which are contrary to Catholic teachings. Some teachers to those as young as kindergarten begin painting those who disagree with this calculated indoctrination (including parents and grandparents) as ignorant and contributing to evil.

In this toxic culture I guess we shouldn't be too surprised that national surveys today say only 2% of Catholics who have children in Religious Education regularly attend church services. (29% for Catholics who have children in Catholic Schools.)

Catholic School's do help shape lives. As a proud graduate and as a teacher of thirty years I know this. Catholic schools promote the formation of the whole person... including the spiritual and moral. Students are trained to live knowingly as children of God. They are formed in Catholic values and are trained to discern regarding American culture and seeking truth. They are taught how to take an active part in living our values in the world. They learn that the integration of faith and life is a life-long process of conversion and growth. Our students live in an atmosphere permeated with encounters with Christ and the Spirit of Gospel love. Our children's consciences are formed in a way that they know they are called to be living witnesses of God's love by the way they act, to learn to recognize what is good (discernment) and how to integrate what is good into their lives. I pray they learn that living the faith doesn't make things easy, but does make things possible.

Graduates of Catholic elementary schools are more than six times as likely to regularly attend mass. They are twice as likely to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They are 42% more likely to graduate from high school and 250% more likely to graduate from college.

Every child has a right to a great education. Saint Jerome is a great school. It is a home away from home and a place where God's family is visibly present. If you have a child or grandchild who might benefit from our school, let's see what we can do to make it happen.

Finally, I do ask you to pray for our children, their families and all teachers. Prayer may not make things easy, but does help make things possible.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Jerome Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to serving the poor of St. Jerome Parish and our local community. We are supported by your generous donations. **This weekend is the Annual Envelope Sunday.** Donations in the past have helped the Society support parishioners in need as well as the families of St Jerome School, the St. Jerome Soup Kitchen, Mother of Sorrows jacket drive, local pregnant teens and the Alexandria House which assists single mothers attain financial security and move into permanent housing.

Please consider a financial donation to keep this vital support alive in our Parish. Donations can be made in the **Purple bordered Envelopes** provided or by dropping a donation at the Rectory. If you are searching for community involvement and solutions in our parish our Society would gladly welcome new participation. For more information, please contact Moris J. Bernstein at **310 908-9204.**

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

Boys Home of the West Raffle Tickets Soon!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in support of Rancho San Antonio "Boys Home of the West" in Chatsworth on **August 28th!** Rancho was established to stimulate spiritual and moral fiber in young men in detention, encouraging them to make themselves useful to the community and to themselves. Proceeds from this raffle will help Rancho continue their wonder work with these young men. Through your generosity, we can continue to provide opportunities for our youth!

The Creed and other Mass Parts

GLORY TO GOD: Mass of St. Anastasia

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! And on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Music

8am, 10am and 5pm Mass

Gathering: SOUL ON FIRE by Matt Maher

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire. Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire.

1: Lord, restore the joy I had I have wandered, bring me back. In this darkness lead me through until all I see is You, yeah!

Gifts: THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD by Tony Alonso

1: Through every generation, you nourish and sustain your people blessed and broken through every joy and pain. You weave our many stories as one, though many parts. You shape us as one body within your sacred heart:

That all may have life, that all may be one, that all we believe and all we become may be for the glory, the greater glory, may be for the glory of God.

2: You open hearts to knowledge and fill our minds with grace, reveal your sacred presence in every time and place. You fill the earth with heaven, and earth sings back your praise. Your love ignites our passions to set the world ablaze:

3: So lead us from this table and shape us as your own, to give as you have given, to share the love you've shown, to work for peace and justice, to love you tenderly, to walk forever humbly with you and all we see:

Communion 1: CORNERSTONE by Rueben Morgan

1: My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of All.

2: When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

Communion 2: MEMORIAL by Ike Ndolo

1: Come to the feast all you wounded and weak. Come and receive the Bread of Life, Bread of Life. Come to the feast, from the greatest to the least. Drink, and believe the Blood of Life, the Blood of Life.

And the memory of who I was fades away in the arms of love. Watch my fears come undone, like a thief on the run from the unrelenting heart of God.

2: Come to the table, all you broken and unable. We're beggars to be made whole again, made whole again. And come to the table empty handed and grateful, taste and see the godness of the Lamb, the Great I Am.

2nd Collection: MORE LIKE JESUS by Brooke Ligertwood

1: You came to the world you created, trading your crown for a cross. You willingly died, your innocent life paid the cost.

2: Counting your status as nothing, the King of all kings came to serve. Washing my feet, covering me with your love.

If more of you means less of me, take everything. Yes, all of you is all I need, take everything.

3: You are my life and my treasure, the One that I can't live without. Here at your feet, my desires and dreams, I lay down. Here at your feet, my desires and dreams, I lay down.

Bridge: O, Lord, change me like only you can. Here with my heart in your hands. Father, I pray make me more like Jesus. This world is dying to know who you are. You've shown us the way to your heart. Father, I pray make me more like Jesus.

Sending: ALL THAT IS HIDDEN by Bernadette Farrell

1: If you would follow me, follow where life will lead: do not look for me among the dead, for I am hidden in pain, risen in love; there is no harvest without sowing of grain.

All that is hidden will be made clear. All that is dark now will be revealed. What you have heard in the dark proclaim in the light; what you hear in whispers proclaim from the housetops.

2: If you would honor me, honor the least of these: you will not find me dressed in finery. My Word cries out to be heard; breaks through the world: my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.

Children's Choir's Music

Noon Mass

Gathering: FOR YOU ARE MY GOD by John Foley, SJ

**For you are my God;
You alone are my joy.
Defend me, O Lord.**

1. You give marvelous comrades to me: the faithful who dwell in Your land. Those who choose alien gods have chosen an alien band.

2. You are my portion and cup; It is You that I claim for my prize. Your heritage is my delight, the lot you have given to me.

Gifts: THE SUMMONS by John L. Bell

1: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4: Will you love the you, you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5: Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Communion 1: WE BELONG TO YOU by Trevor Thompson

**We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, We belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising: We belong to you.**

1. In the waters of your mercy, When the old becomes the new, Souls united in the myst'ry: We belong to you.

2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into All who seek to find their purpose: We belong to you.

3. When we share the bread you've broken, With the many and the few, We are blessed and we are broken; We belong to you.

4. We are called to share your word, Lord, In all we say and all we do. As our journey moves us onward, We belong to you.

Communion 2: SEEK YE FIRST by Karen Lafferty

1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2: Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

3: You do not not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Sending: MY GOD AND MY ALL by Fr. Bill Bolton

**My God and My All, how I long to love you,
And give you my heart, and give you my soul.**

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And give you my heart, and give you my soul.**

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Do you have a friend or family member who might be interested in being baptized? Do you know anyone wishing to become Catholic? (It can be you!) Or have you or another not made their *First Communion* or *Confirmation*?

You are invited to the **St. Jerome RCIA Program**. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin in the Fall. We meet for an hour a week at 7pm on Zoom. The Sacraments will be discussed in detail as well as other topics such as the bible, prayer, and the Holy Spirit.

If you have questions, you can ask Fr. Bill about the RCIA. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the rectory and leave your name, phone and e-mail as we are forming our group for this Easter.

Are you homebound?

Do you need communion brought to you?

Do you need transportation to see your doctor?

Do you need prayers?

St. Jerome's Angel's Ministry is available to aid our parishioners.

For information you may contact any one of these ministers:

Kathy Fitzpatrick Lola McAplin-Grant Jackie Purdy
Vicky Kearney Vida Floyd Peggy Muldrow-Peppers,
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Or call Kathy at (310) 703-2519

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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

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Suzy Cadet

(aunt of Roxane Clerie-Hayes)

George Rachford

(former long time parishioner and husband of Marilyn Rachford)

Benny Munoz

(Long time parishioner and husband of Marie Munoz, RIP)

Dr. Godofredo Lim

(brother of Annie Yap)

Eufemia Del Rosario

(St. Jerome Parishioner)

Eileen Ritt

(Along with deceased husband, Howard, among founding members of our parish)

May they rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Mary Bolton	David Bajot	Craig Brown
Bill Botch	Luis Restrepo	Natalie Tun
Pat Reggie	Mary Tun	Eileen LaCasse
Ronnie Hill	Ricky Cardona	Elizabeth Ezeani
Agatha Ezeani	Joan Flynn	Elvira Lara
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Matthew Nickels	Autumn Yates	Arthemio Castillo
Suzette Barden	Paul Swanson	Jane Lorentzen
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Christopher Martinez	Jan Holt	Florida Toussant
Louise Meehan	Robert Gonzales	Stephanie Kearny
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David Kruzek	Linda Devanny	

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Gerie Anderson	Angelica Domingo	Chika Okafor
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Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
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