

St. Jerome Church



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

St. Jerome Catholic Church
5550 Thornburn Street
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310-348-8212

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
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 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgy of the Word
9/5/2021

September's Special Collections
School Support: September 5th
Building Fund: September 19th
Priest Retirement Fund: September 26th

From the book of Deuteronomy (Is 35:4-7a)
Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146
(ANTIPHON)

Praise the Lord, my soul.

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From the letter of James (Jas 2:1-5)
My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please, " while you say to the poor one, "Stand there, " or "Sit at my feet, " have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse:

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

From the Gospel according to Mark (Mk 7:31-37)
Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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St. Jerome Bible Study

In-person and On-line Bible Study Return for the fall!

Tuesday nights will be **IN-PERSON**.

Wednesday nights will be **ONLINE**.



Our fall studies will focus on **the Book of the prophet Jeremiah**. Jeremiah is the Old Testament historical character we perhaps know the most about. He spoke courageously to those in power, and he paid a steep price for speaking God's truth. He is a hero by multiple measures, and is worth hearing today.

In-person Bible Study returns on **Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30pm, in the Religious Education Center**. The study will meet on **11 consecutive Tuesday evenings (through 11/23) from 7:30 to 9pm**. (20 people maximum)

Online Zoom Bible study returns on **Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30pm**. The study will meet on **11 consecutive Wednesday evenings (through 11/24) from 7:30 to 9pm**. (12 people maximum)

Cost is \$25 for study materials.

ADVANCED EMAIL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register or if you have any questions, contact Steve Picard at sjpocard526@att.net, and put "Jeremiah" in the subject line.

No experience necessary. All are welcome to apply but those who delay may lose out.

Last Sunday's Homework: Jeremiah 31:31-34



St. Jerome's School Collection

Today the second collection basket will help support our school.

Each month please remember to use the yellow "School Support" envelopes to help our catholic families and their children have access to a great education which should be their right. When you change one child's life you are helping change the world.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Fr. Bill's Musings

I am grateful to God and the family of Marian Witkowski for Marian having the opportunity to not just receive an anointing for her Last Rites but that she was also able to receive the Holy Eucharist, Viaticum: "Food for the journey." Together with her children we prayed, we sang (Yes, Marian sang Amazing Grace with us.), she received an anointing and along with friends and family received Holy Communion. It was beautiful and a hint of what lies ahead for her.

For unexpected deaths I know this isn't possible but more often than not, when I am called to give someone their Last Rites, it seems that family waited until their beloved can no longer get a last word in or have the opportunity for a final confession. They are unconscious and unresponsive. I do trust God gives them what they need and that at some level they are aware of the blessings they are receiving... but receiving the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus which is an essential aspect of the Last Rites is difficult if not impossible in these circumstances.

I know that Marian's Family received a tremendous blessing to be with her as she received her food for the journey to heaven. I encourage you to take advantage of this gift and not wait until your last chance in this world to share communion with them passes.

I am teaching music at our school this year which means our children are getting double doses of Religion and our faith each week. The kids are excited and glad to be together. I am thankful they are excited about going to mass on Friday mornings in church and being able to sing God's praises. I look forward to their participation at Sunday masses.

We have about 20 families in need of Tuition assistance at St. Jerome School. Though people's generosity 3 of these families have received the help they

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

(RCIA)

The RCIA is for adults who want to become Catholic, for baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic and for Catholics who want to complete the sacraments of initiation (First Communion and Confirmation).

The RCIA is a process of study and reflection on Catholic Christian teachings, practices and traditions. If you are interested to embark on this exciting journey please contact: Fr. Bill and the rectory staff for enrollment in the RCIA.

Sessions are ONLINE beginning Sept. 16th at 7pm.

need... so we have 17 to go. Your monthly donation would greatly help them meet their goals. We will also gladly accept one-time donations.

Some of our lower grades need new area rugs as we have been using the current ones for a few years now and they can only be clean properly for so long without needing replacement. If you would like to purchase one for us, we need 4 total, the size we need is 9' x 12'. Please do NOT send us a carpet of your choosing as we are looking for particular designs (e.g. map of world) that go with our rooms. If you would like to give a monetary donation or gift card from either Target or Amazon that would be greatly appreciated.

We have the most amazing teachers who have been instrumental in making the school a success and keeping it going year after year. Like teachers everywhere, they have used their personal funds to purchase classroom items for the children and have not updated their own needs. Currently, they need new desk chairs to be able to properly conduct their teaching as they spend many hours seated to prepare curriculum for the children. As each person's body is different, we would like to ask for monetary donations or gift cards from Target, Amazon, or Staples for them to be able to purchase the one that would suit their needs best. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to make a general donation to be used wherever most needed you can do so by cash or check and just let us know so we can direct as needed.

Please make checks out to St. Jerome School. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket, appropriately marked, brought to the rectory, or taken to the school.

Thank you for helping our children and their families. What you do for the little ones, you are doing for the Lord.

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Ikenna & Hava Okoro

4th Anniversary

May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary!

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

Labor Day Schedule

In recognition of Labor Day, Monday, September 6th, Daily Mass will be at 8am as usual followed by Adoration.

The Rectory office will be closed. Have a safe and happy and holiday!



Music

8am and 5pm Masses

WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH – Chris Muglia & Jeff Thomas

(REFRAIN)

**Praise the Lord with all your heart,
with all your mind and soul;
with all your strength give praise.
Praise the Lord with all your heart,
with all your mind and soul;
with all your strength give praise.**

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OPEN MY EYES – Jesse Manibusan

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

(BRIDGE)

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we've never known.

4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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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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YOU ARE NEAR – Dan Schutte

**O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.**

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.
2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
Still I'd find you there.
3. You know my heart and its ways,
You who formed me before I was born
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
In my mother's womb.
4. Marvelous to me are your works;
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
You would still be there.

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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."

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

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**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.**

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Music

10am and Noon Mass

CITY OF GOD – Dan Schutte

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.**

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.

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OFFERATORY: THE SUMMONS – KELVINGROVE

**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 pris'ners 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?**

COMMUNION: In This Place – Victoria Thomson/Trevor Thomson

**1: We are all hungry people,
We need shelter and strength.
We are one in our hurting.
We are one in our pain.
In our suffering and sadness,
we are saved by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.**

(Refrain)

We are gathered at table as one in the Lord.

We are gathered as people who are living the Word.

Our hearts and our spirits are nurtured by grace.

It is Jesus who fills us. He is here in this place.

**2: All our lives are a Mystery;
we see not where they lead.
We are asked now to trust you
and we know we must believe.
As our feet become Christ's feet,
we go forth with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.**

**3: Though the world may-ay tell us
to look at ourselves,
We reach out to another
where suffering dwells.
As our hands become Christ's hands,
we are healed by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.**

**4: In the bread that is broken
is the Christ that restores.
As we take, now receive him,
we find love evermore.
As the bread becomes Body,
we are filled with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.**

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RECESSIONAL: Every Day

**From the rising to the setting sun,
Every day for you, Lord.**

**From the rising to the setting sun,
Every day for you, Lord.**

Love has spoken. Spirit of wisdom, breathe on us: We are chosen for you.
Holy Spirit, Spirit of fire, rain down on us: We are chosen for you.

Beautiful perfection. Shining forth from God.

Send us out to glorify you and proclaim your love.

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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

Open Registration For Religious Education

Registration Packets are available online at www.stjeromelax.org/religiouseducation

All classes can be online accessible

Classes start on September 12th

For more information, call 213 841-6775



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

On Tuesday nights from 6 to 8pm beginning Sept 7th and ending on Oct. 12th. (please attend all six sessions.)

Visitation Church's O'Grady Center
6561 W. 88th Street, Westchester

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$60 for books & materials

Masks/vaccines are mandatory; depending on more COVID restrictions, we may do Zoom—TBD.

For info and to register, call Candy Blankenship at 310 338-9043 email: blank8840@gmail.com

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.

FRAUD ALERT:

Please ignore any **text** or **emails** received saying that any priest is asking you "a favor" to send gift cards or money. **This is a scam.**

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Marian Witkowski

(St. Jerome Diamond Parishioner)

Nonye Onwaeze

(Sister of Mr. and Mrs. Onwaeze)

Socorro Pepito Sotto

(Mother of Sarah Surratt)

Josephat Muoneke

(brother of Donatus Muoneke)

Peggy Ellis

(Mother of Monica Ellis)

Leslie Siewiesdki

(friend of Rita Bogan)

May they rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Johnny Sy	Mary Bolton	David Bajot
Craig Brown	Bill Botch	Norm Bogan
Deacon Scott Palmer	Pat Reggie	Jaime Brazile
Vincent Butt	Eileen LaCasse	Ronnie Hill
Elizabeth Ezeani	Agatha Ezeani	Mike Fitzpatrick
Joan Flynn	Mark Gonzales	Elvira Lara
Jesus Garber	Mark Gauerke	Jimmy Glenn
Lindsay Zapata	Zeny Pera	Latesha Hubert
Lorraine Clark	Rosario Antonio	Shannon Kearney
Jovie Wilson	Delia Rodriguez	Caroline Metz
Linda Morril	Billy Harvard	Anthony Annecharico
Sam Quatto	Glen Bordenave	Maria Ross
Pat Bogan	Margarita Mendez	Rodney Moore
Perdana Tamzil	Arnold Tena	Leslie Siewierski
Carina Tapia	Eustance Fray	Jataun Valentine
Fausta Malagon	Laura Speed	Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana
Luis Eduardo Restrepo	Carol Igetei	Abigail Cubbit

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	

"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.

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
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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.** (If needed, masks are available near entrances.)
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.

ZOOM id For all Masses: 661-442-999
Password: 162-954

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 09/05

8am:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
10am:FB Joanne Aquino (T)
Noon:FB Thomas Dahlstrom (SI)
5pm:Fr. Pat Jesus C. Lopez (D)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 09/06

8am:FB Vivian Purdy-Fontenot (D)

Tuesday: 09/07

8am:FV Billy Havard &
Delia Rodriguez (SI)

Wednesday: 09/08

8am:FV Fr. Uche Onyekwelu (SI)

Thursday: 09/09

8am: FV Katrina Villanueva (SI)
(birthday)

Friday: 09/10

8am:FV Peter Hunt (D)

Saturday: 09/11

8am:FB Allene Muccia (D)

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

To book a mass:

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

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