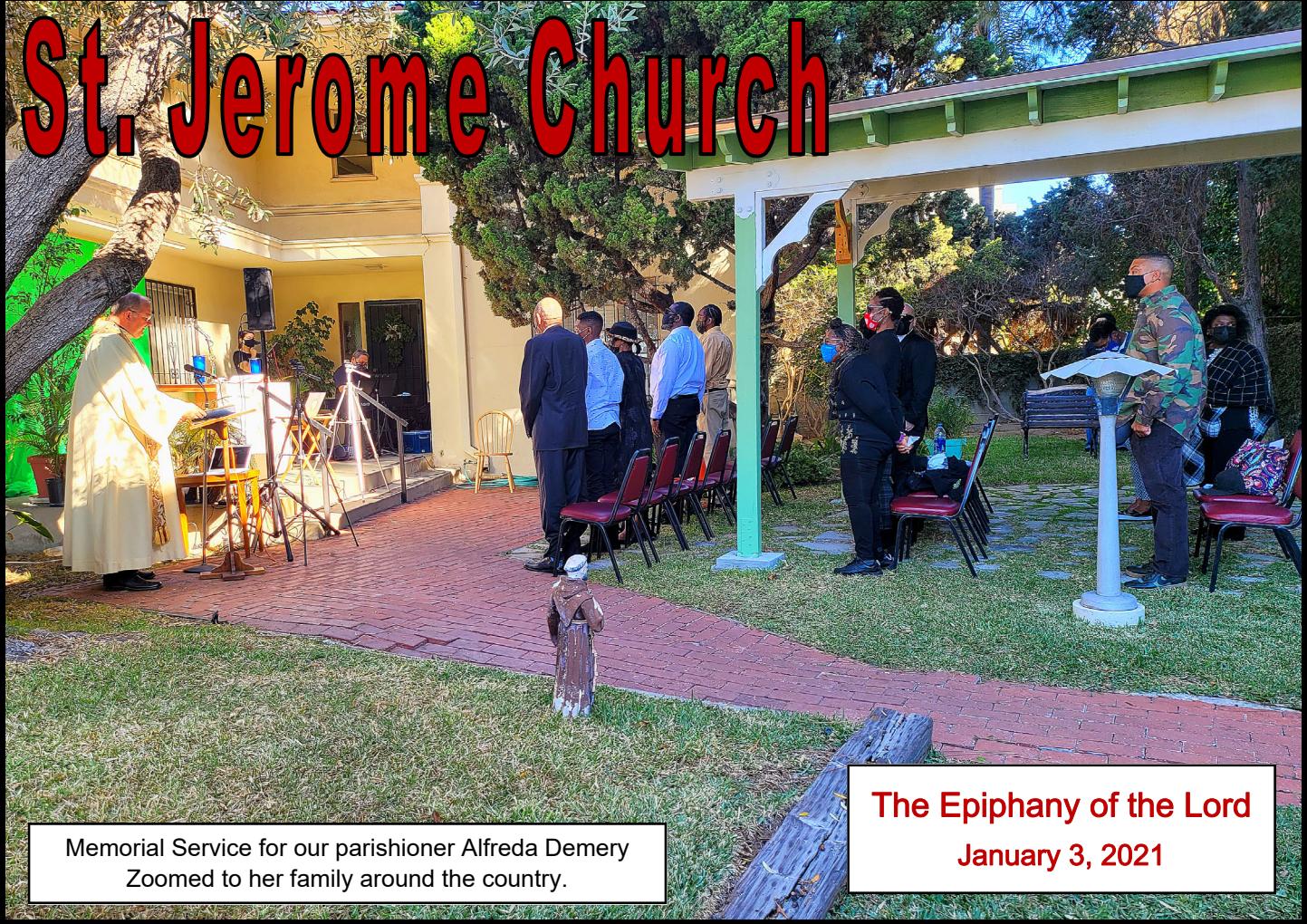


St. Jerome Church



Memorial Service for our parishioner Alfreda Demery
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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

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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**
At the “Outside Adoration Chapel”

All regularly scheduled masses will be on Zoom
Meeting ID: 661-442-999. Password: 162-954

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

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

From Fr. Bill

Happy New Year!

"Father, will we be opening the church soon?"

If this year has taught me anything, it has taught me the uncertainty of our current reality.

I look forward to reopening the church building for services, HOWEVER, I selfishly and prudently plan to wait until the majority of us have the opportunity to receive a vaccine for covid. So, I do ask for your prayer and patience in this area.

That we are currently able to celebrate Eucharist and the other sacraments does push me toward the side of caution... and that people are able to visit and adore the Blessed Sacrament also matters to me.

Funerals are likely to be the first services we will have return to church as these services are the ones most hindered by wind, weather and traffic noises. But I will listen to the families and their concerns in coming to any decisions regarding where their loved one's services are held... but this now is an option.

Obedience. The word comes from the Latin "obedire" meaning to listen or pay attention to... the behavior we have toward the one we must obey. We all have to be obedient to what we are able to physically do. The spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak. Eventually, all of us become unable to do physically what we could as young adults. We learn to adapt. We learn to work smarter and wiser. We encourage and enable others to assist us in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ we have been given. But with time and maturity... the ordinary becomes more difficult and sometimes requires extra-ordinary efforts. We realize there are some stairs we can no longer scale and tasks which we can no longer do to our standards and expectations.

Joseph was obedient and protected his family by going to Egypt. I hope my patience and careful planning will help protect our St. Jerome Family as we continue journeying together in faith.

In religious life it is the choice to hear in the voice of their superior, where God is calling them and what He might be calling them to do. In diocesan priesthood we make a promise of obedience to the chief shepherd (the bishop) of the local church.

I remember as I began my journey to priesthood, an eighteen year old in the seminary, that I figured the most challenging thing involved would be the promise to be chaste. Chastity is a way of being loving and available to those to whom you are sent. It requires striving to welcome and respect each person in a non-exclusive, wanting what is truly best for them kind of way. Certain activities and behaviors are definitely not appropriate as they focus more on my desires than helping others to know, love and serve God. I am called to be brother to those in my life.

People I respect gave practical suggestions for living a chaste life: "Semper tres, numquam duo." (Always groups, never only as a pair) "If you have to sneak or hide it, you already know you shouldn't be doing it." However, my professors disagreed that chastity would be the most difficult for those called to a life of committed service to the Lord. Almost every priest, sister or brother who taught us identified obedience as the greatest challenge. Jesus sweat drops of blood over obedience, not chastity.

Chastity opens us up to loving friendships and being family. Obedience means saying goodbye and letting go of all those you have loved and served. The familiar is left behind. What has become home and family is left behind. Every new assignment is becoming a different part of a different (but the same) family. Obedience is a dying to self with faith, hope and trust in the bishop in whose diocese we have agreed to and submitted ourselves to serve.

Obedience, disobedience and sin: Please use the precious gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help begin this new year well. Jesus is the one we should be listening to and choosing to serve. Confessions are available on Saturdays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

St. Jerome's School Collection



Today the second Collection will help support our children attending our Catholic 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... not just for the privileged few.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Our children are our future.

"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.

National Migration Week Changed to Sept. 20th-26th

For nearly forty years, National Migration Week has been celebrated the week after the Epiphany in when we have in mind the Holy Family's Flight Into Egypt.

In 2019, Pope Francis moved the World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the last Sunday of September. The U.S. Bishops have decided to move National Migration Week to the last week in September in order to better align the National and World Days

National Migration Week will be celebrated September 20-26, 2021, with the Vatican's World Day of Migrants and Refugees taking place on Sunday the 26th .

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).

January's Special Collections

School Collection: January 3rd

Building Fund: January 17th

Envelopes are located at the "Outside Chapel," near the donation box.

THE EPIPHANY: Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE: Saint Paul speaks of the "stewardship of God's grace" to which he was called. Like Saint Paul, each of us is to be a steward of God's grace. A steward is one who is entrusted with something that belongs to another. The steward bears responsibility for what is entrusted to him or her. Saint Paul understands that his encounter with the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ carry with them a sacred responsibility, to bring the news of salvation to all. We do this by nurturing a faithful and faith-filled heart, responding to God's grace through the attitudes and actions that make up our daily lives.

BEARING GIFTS :The magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to the Lord? You might have the gift of patience or understanding and bring this gift in your interactions with others. You might have a talent for bringing new ideas and creative insights into situations at home, work, parish, or your city. You might have a gift for helping people to work together for a great cause or purpose. All of these gifts have been given to you by God, to be used for God's purposes, for God's greater glory. All of these are glimpses of God's grace, and like Saint Paul, you are called to be a good steward of them, as a sign of Christ's life within you. You bring your gifts to the Lord by using them well, sharing



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The Epiphany of the Lord Worship Aid

1/3/2021

THE FIRST NOËL – Traditional English Carol

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

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From the book of Isaiah

(Is 60:1-6)

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps72

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

From the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

Gospel Verse

(Mt 2:2)

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

From the Gospel according to Matthew

(Mt. 2: 1-12)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with

Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

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Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven a far;
Heav'ly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

What Child Is This?

1. What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.

**This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.**

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;



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“Year of St. Joseph”



By Vatican News: Pope Francis describes St. Joseph a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, and accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this they resemble St. Joseph “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, “who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself as a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



Nelly Maria Olivares de Infante

(aunt of Engelberto Zapata)



May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick

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Remember all those who work in healthcare,

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Sunday: 01/03

8am:FB St. Jerome Parishioner (SI)

10am:FM Kelvin & Lori Charles &
Latecha Hubert (SI)

5pm:FB Nelly Maria Olivares de Infante (D)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 01/04

8am:FM Vickie Race (D)

Tuesday: 01/05

8am:FB Mary Elizabeth Behan-Dein (D)

Wednesday: 01/06

8am:FB Victoria Neri (SI)

Thursday: 01/07

8am: FB Carmen & Bob Bosnak (D)

Friday: 01/08

8am:FB William Crafts (D)

Saturday: 01/09

8am:FB All Souls In Purgatory (D)

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S CELEBRANTS:

8:00am FB 10am FB 5pm FM

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

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