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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 Times 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 church Also by appointment

### Mass and Novena Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother Holy Hour in our Church - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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

# Fifth Sunday of Easter Liturgy of the Word

From the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:26-31) When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps118

This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.

From the first letter of John (1 Jn 3:18-24) Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus **APRIL'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Jose & Lillian Arias** 37 YEARS

Aki & Cathy Edgerton 10 YEARS May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary! Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Verse:** Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

From the Gospel according to John (Jn 15:1-8) Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States, second typical edition, Copyright © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confratemin of Christian Doctrine, Psalm refrain © 1968, 1981, 1997, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

Want to learn about Mass?

# We will have "A Slow Motion Mass" **TODAY**, April 28th at **5pm** St . Jerome's Church

As we go through this mass, the different parts of the service will be explored and explained in order to help the faithful more fully, actively and consciously participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist. All are welcome.

#### Fr. Bill's Musings

Jury Duty? I wish I could claim I was being called back because I did a great job last time, but this is a responsibility for all American citizens. I may be unavailable this week as I fulfil this obligation. If you see Fr. Peter at a weekday mass this week when you expect Fr. Bill, know that I would rather be with you than driving to LA to try to find parking and get into the court house. Rights do come with responsibilities.

Please do pray for our children and teens. Next weekend they will be having their First Communions on Saturday and Confirmation on Sunday. Bishop Clark will be presiding at the Confirmation Mass which will be Sunday at 5pm. Please note that this mass is likely to be longer than usual.

Regarding Confirmation, Jesus gives His followers what we need as "standard equipment" (the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit) which, if accepted and used, help us to live the challenge of staying connected with Him and being His disciples.

The first is called **Wonder and Awe** or "Fear of the Lord." We realize God is greater, more and "Wow!" Who am I? We are like grains of sand and yet our creator loves us... loves me... so very much. His fingerprints are visible in all His creation from the majesty of the stars at night to His plants, flowers and all the creatures of land, sea and sky.

Recognizing that we are insignificant in comparison, the second is called **Reverence** or "Piety." We pray and honor the God who is. This is our response to His world that He has given us, the family He has placed us in, and the life He has given us. Reverence (hyper-dulia) is due to God alone. Reverence (Dulia) is due to all which God loves. Our Blessed Mother and His Saints are due this reverence. Our grandparents and parents are due reverence. Even His creation is due reverence. Reverence is respecting all of the gifts and people that God has brought into our life.

Realizing that He is the one who made all, the third gift is **Knowledge**. We study, reflect and learn about God, His creation, and His Church. Our ability to pass on knowledge and experience from one generation to the next is a precious treasure. Our ability to discover and gain new insights we believe will ultimately lead us to a deeper appreciation for the One who set forth this universe with all its laws and forces.

As we study, pray and reflect about God, ourselves and the world we grow in the fourth gift, **Understanding**. We can sympathize and empathize with others. We grow in appreciation and respect for the challenges which others face. We can see the connectedness of how one person's actions effect not just themselves, but the community... and in essence all creation. We are called not to be isolated but in a collaborative union which cares for the weak and the little ones. We are all in this together with selfishness and sin being the flaw tearing the fabric of God's hopes for us.

As we are better in comprehending human motives, God's laws and consequences to our choices we grow in the gift of **Right Judgment**. Just because I can do something doesn't mean I should. Even if I believe I won't "get caught" or it won't hurt anyone else or it isn't anyone else's business... people living in God's mercy and grace recognize that what we do or don't do, matters. If I choose to love it makes a difference. If I choose not to love, it makes a difference. Our life is a gift from God. How I use this gift is what we offer to God in return.

To help us to follow through on these good choices we are given and build up the gift of **Courage**. The world and our selfish nature will tempt us with shortcuts and the easy, self-satisfying choices. Courage enables us to go against public opinion and do what is right, true, loving and good, regardless of the consequences the powers of this world will try to inflict. Courage doesn't mean we have no fear. Courage means we go ahead despite the fear as we know the God who has lead us here, will be with us and lead us through this. We know that only through the cross can we reach the resurrection. Therefore we take up our cross each day and follow Him.

Finally, having carried our cross, through our experiences and praying and meditating on the adversity of trying to live faithfully, we grow in **Wisdom**. Wisdom which is one of the fruits of adversity and suffering helps us to see ourselves and the world through God's eyes. Our suffering prepares us for service. Where I have been wounded, I am better able to help another's healing. They are not the only one. They are not alone. Someone else does understand and help them bear and grow from their cross. God empowers us to be instruments of His mercy and grace, using the gifts we have received.

## Music for Today's Masses

Gathering: ALL ARE WELCOME by J Manibusan

All are welcome in this place. Behold Love's amazing grace. All are welcome. All are welcome.

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mercy flows and Love redeems! All are welcome! All belong!

**1**. Welcome, all the brokenhearted, All who sorrow and despair. You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

2. Welcome, all who suffer violence, All who long for safety and for peace. You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

**3.** Welcome, all who are forgotten, Excluded and dignity denied! You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

#### Gloria: Glory of St. Ann by Ed Bolduc

Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of good will.

1. 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.

2. 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.

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### **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.

Gifts: Give Us Your Peace by M. Mahler

Jesus, give us your peace. Bring us together. Let all the fighting cease. Shatter all our hearts of stone. Give us a heart for love alone.

**1.** Some days the road I walk is lonely, and it's hard to fine a friend. Even then I know, somewhere in my soul, your love is far too great to comprehend.

2. Some days the walking makes me weary and my soul years to be relieved. You, my Lord, are strong. You pull me along. Your love is far too great to be believed.

**3.** Some days the strength I need is failing, and then , O Lord, I turn to you. I need never fear, you are always near. Whatever happens you will pull me through.

Gifts 2: CORNERSTONE (Ingram, Morgan, Broneewee) 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:** COME TO THE TABLE by J. Angotti

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of hope. Bring all your worries and bring all your fears, come to the table of life.

1: Eat the bread of salvation. Drink the cup of new life. Wine and water, bread and our faith becomes the food for the world.

2: Come and nourish your being. Come refocus your sight. Show the earth through words and our deeds we are the body of Christ.

3: We who were once dead. Now we live forever. Through this mystry, Christ love outpoured binds us as one holy people.

4: When we come to this table. We remember, O Lord, that you suffered and rose from the dead. Opened the kingdom again.

#### Com 2: NEW WINE by Brooke Ligertwood

**1**, **2**: In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground. So I vield to You and to Your careful hand. When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering. Make me whatever You want me to be. I came here with nothing but all You have given me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Bridge: Cause where there is new wine there is new power. There is new freedom and the kingdom is here. I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

### Sending: A RIGHTFUL PLACE by S. Angrisano

Let us live our lives so that all might see that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee. Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace so that all might know they have a rightful place.

**1.** Beauty ever ancient and new, breaking through our deafness so we hear you. Shattering the darkness of night, a new dawn is rising to bring your light to all the world.

To gather in your presence we came, to be one in spirit, in truth and name; Strengthened by the body of Christ, taking up the call now to share your light with all the world.

We welcome the new members of God's Family!

Congratulations to the family of

# **Cyrus Robertson**

who is baptized this day.

Let us pray for them. Let us set a good example for them.



### Mother's Day Cards and Novena

Beginning on Mother's Day we pray for mothers and grandmothers both living and departed at Holy Mass. Mother's Day Cards and Novena envelopes are available during the weekdays at church and in the office.

Do return your Novena envelope to the rectory or place them in a Sunday collection so that your Mother or Grandmother's name will be placed on the Altar throughout our Mother's Day Novena next month.



# St. Jerome Parish Bible Study



We began a study of the New Testament Book of Revelation on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 to 9pm in the parish Hall. The study is running for 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings. We

also run an online version of this study on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm via Zoom.

The cost for the book is about \$20, when sales tax and shipping is accounted for. For more information or to register for either the in-person or the online class, email Steve at sipicard526@att.net with "Bible study" in the subject line to reserve your place.

All are welcome. No experience is necessary.

A Eucharistic Revival Retreat is being hosted by Visitation Church on Saturday, May 11th from 9am to 3pm. Fr. Matt, their pastor, is reaching out to neighboring parishes to share this opportunity. This day for adults will include talks, discussions, fellowship, adoration, confession and mass.

The presenter is Fr. Parker Sandoval, the Vice Chancellor and Senior Director of Ministerial Services for the Archdiocese. His focus will be on Jesus' identity, His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and the mission of Catholics to share this good news with others. The cost is \$35 per person which includes continental breakfast, lunch and retreat materials.

For more information or to register go online and visit:

VisRetreat0524.givesmart.com 

**TODAY** following the 8am and 10am Masses Coffee and Donuts are available, provided by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Your patronage is appreciated. 





# **Knights of Columbus**

Friday, May 3, 5pm to 7:30pm

Carne Asada, Chicken Taco, Rice & Beans

Dinner Plates: \$15

Take out Orders: 310 821-2324 Proceeds to benefit Student Scholarships

# Knights of Columbus Hall

8049 W. Manchester Ave. • Playa Del Rey

## St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot Sunday, **TODAY** from 8am to 1:30pm. Please bring any <u>useable</u> items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals: clothing, shoes, linens, books, household goods, and small appliances.



There is also need for furniture and larger appliances. Call **323 224-6280** to schedule a free pickup at your home for the larger items. Thank You!

### The Senior Center is 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

## 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 Jackie Purdy Vicky Kearney Vida Floyd Peggy Muldrow-Peppers Adrienne Toth Kathy Berry Ruby Johnson

#### Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Georgia P. Marshall (Mother of George Marshall)

**Tonya Moore** (Cousin of Peggy Peppers)

Margaret Jean Goodwin (Diamond Parishioner)

**Fr. Paul Wolkovits** (Previous Pastor of St. Jerome)



Andy Patricia Jeffers-Pierre (Mother of Vida Floyd)

> Ernest Becker (Brother of Rosemary Becker)

Clotilde Perotti (Sister of Lindel Vitacek)

May they rest in peace.

#### **Prayers for the Sick**

Luis Restrepo

**Bill Botch Elizabeth Ezeana Gregorio Ramos Delia Rodriguez** Perdana Tamzil **Fausta Malagon Josephine Cullison** Jane Lorentzen Louise Meehan **Dennis McGurk Steven Whitney** Bernadette Collins Lupe Gallegos **Faye McCreary** Mary Mathew Miller Lafayette Sam Quatto **Daniel Kearney** Dan McNay Maria Cirsafulli Kara Fitzpatrick **Patrick Sullivan** Watson Macdonald

Agatha Ezeana **Jimmy Glenn** Mary Lou MacDonald Carol Igetei **Angelica Teissere Paul Swanson** Kathleen Pinzon **Robert Gonzales David Kruzek Raymond Shinn** Alex Bajot Annie Kline Jose Beltran **Marshall Cochrane Celia Martinez Paris Carter** Joan Hoffman **Godwin Haylock Terry Dicks** Irma Guadron **Chit Bautista** Dori Sweenev

**Ronnie Hill** Elvira Lara **Rodney Moore** Jay Parker Carina Tapia Maritza Cardona Kathy Fitzpatrick **Christopher Martinez** Lola McAlpin-Grant Larry Smith **Dolores Shinn** Daria Guthrie Edie Knight Maria Beltran Ann Cochrane **David Bajota** Marilyn Legayada **Beverly Razzeto Antonio Rosas** Roy Imamura **Christian Amendola Christina Valenti** Kathy Carney

"ONE CAN, YES I CAN!"

We have our parish's ongoing collection of food for those most in need. You may bring a can or package of non-perishable food to Mass and place it in baskets either in the vestibule or near an entrance. (Please no expired items or glass jars.) Tuna, peanut butter, and individual easy-open meals are much in demand. Donations go directly to the clients of Food Pantry, LAX (355 E. Beach Ave., Inglewood. 310-677-5597)

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Why is it Important to Register With The Parish?	ZOOM id For all Masses: 661-442-999
At various times in a Catholic life, it is beneficial that you be able	Password: 162-954
<ul> <li>to show that you are a "practicing Catholic." This is possible by</li> <li>confirming your parish registry. Here are some of the situations</li> <li>to which this may apply: Marriage in the Church, Baptism of a</li> <li>Child, School Registration of a Child, becoming a Godparent or</li> <li>Sponsor, Recording offertory donations.</li> </ul>	MASS INTENTIONS         Sunday: 04/28         8am: FP       St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
You can register online at www.stjeromelax.org or fill out a white information cards located in the church and drop it into the collection basket. Thank you!	10am: SJ (birthday) Noon: FB Adonis, Dennis & Rafael Wagas (SI)
	(birthdays)
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: DID YOU KNOW?	5pm: FB Greg & Betty Shinskey (D)
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN USCCB CHARTER The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of Procedures established by the USCCB in June 20002 for addressing allegations of sex-	Monday: 04/29 8am: FB* Juana Serrano (SI) (80th birthday)
ual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also in- cludes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability,	Tuesday: 04/308am: FPTerez Harris (D)
and prevention of future acts of abuse. You can find a full copy of the Charter on the following USCCB website link	Wednesday: 05/018am: FPPolly Means (T)
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth- protection/charter.cfm	5:30pm: FB Danielle Pera (SI) (birthday)
Scheduling Services (310-348-8212) Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory	Thursday: 05/028am: FPVeronica Oliveros (SI)
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	Friday: 05/03 8am: FB* Leannore Nye (SI) (birthday)
Education and Fellowship	Saturday: 05/04 8am: FP Veronica Oliveros (SI)
Ministry Associate Florence Solis 213 841-6775 Contact about questions regarding Rel-Ed and Confirmation sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com	4:00pm:FB First Communion Students & Families (SI)
Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA):310-348-8212St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr):310-670-1678	<b>Dead (D) Thanksgiving (T) Special Intention (SI)</b> FB: Fr. Bill * FP: Fr. Peter * SJ: Jesuit
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: Parish Hall	To book a mass: Call the rectory at 310 384-8212 rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org
Alan Bernstein <b>310-645-5355</b> or Steve Picard <b>310 487-2724Parish Organizations</b> Tony Holloway <b>323-309-4116</b>	First Communion Mass Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 4pm Please keep our children in prayer
Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall <b>323-295-2432</b> St. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein <b>310-908-9204</b>	as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.
<b>FRAUD ALERT:</b> We are currently having the Called To Renew Campaign. However, please ignore any text or emails you may receive saying that any priest is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.	Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 5pm Let us keep our candidates and sponsors in our prayers as some of our teens and three adults are Confirmed by Bishop Clark.



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