

St. Jerome Church



Brendan Creige Leiting's parents bringing their son into God's family.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024

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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

Holy Hour in our Church returns February 21st

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Mass & Novena Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30pm

Friday Evening Charismatic Prayer Meeting in Hall & Zoom
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

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Liturgy of the Word

2/11/2024

A reading from the book of Leviticus (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46)
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL: Ps 32

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

From the 1st letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 10:31-11:1)

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As Friday was the day of Jesus' suffering and death, the Church asks Catholics to ABSTAIN FROM EATING MEAT ON ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT AS WELL AS ON ASH WEDNESDAY.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY WE FAST. Fasting means eating no more than one full meal and 2 lighter meals for the day. No snacking is allowed, but fluid does not break the fast. Adults are bound to fast till beginning their 60th year.

ABSTINANCE forbids the eating of meat for those who are of age of 14 years and older.

February's Special Collections Together In Mission: TODAY

February 11th & 25th: Together In Mission
February 18th: Building Support/Called to Renew:

Gospel Verse: A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

From the Gospel according to Mark (Mk 1:40-45)

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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

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GLORIA: Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest, 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.

FRAUD ALERT: We are have the Called To Renew Campaign, but 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.

Today is World Marriage Day Sunday



We honor all Husbands and Wives at heart of the family with a special blessing saluting the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily life.

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.

PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM (At end of Intercessions)

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

You are invited to peacefully pray with **40 Days for Life** Participants in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Lawndale. We pray for an end to abortion for we are often the last hope for women going in to have an abortion. Our vigil starts February 14 through March 24. For more information and especially if you would like to pray with us, contact Teresa Syta **310 592-4213** or register at www.40daysforlife.com/Lawndale/

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday:



February 14, 2024. Ashes will be distributed at the 8am Mass as well as at the Noon Service in church then at the Senior Center and finally at the 7pm Mass.

Fr. Bill's Musings

As these rains wash our streets and cleanse our air I am reminded that Lent is a time for spring cleaning. We need to shake off the dust and focus on what God is asking of us as individuals and church. Keep in mind that the church exists to worship (pray), serve and evangelize.

Lent is the season we focus on our Vocation as Christian. We are called and chosen by God. God has made each of us on purpose for His purpose. Each of the baptized have been chosen to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We are His hand, feet and voice in this world. We are gifted with the privilege of service in His mission.

Our vocation is to Live the Gospel! "Everything a baptized person does, each day, should be related to the corporal or spiritual works of mercy." These are the Spiritual Works of Mercy: Counsel the doubtful, Instruct the ignorant, Admonish the sinner, Comfort the sorrowful, Forgive injuries, Bear wrongs patiently, Pray for the living and the dead. These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, Give Drink to the thirsty, Hospitality to the stranger, Visit the sick, Visit the prisoners, Help bury the dead, Give alms to the poor. Our service to the Lord will fall into these areas. It is not that I am doing them all, each day... but each day I am intentionally working to make God's Kingdom more present.

Beware the sin of Sloth which is the failure to fulfill one's basic duties and responsibilities. Working 24-7 while neglecting God and family is sloth. Failing to properly care for my body, soul and spirit is sloth. Sloth is the failure to keep our vocational priorities as Christian, family member and responsible citizen healthy and active. Zeal is the virtue which is the opposite of sloth. Zeal is being "on fire" for the Lord. Zeal is living my life in a way which pleases the Lord: loving, forgiving, bring light to darkness... bringing my best... and whatever it is, for the Glory of God.

What passion, fire, has God placed in my heart? How am I best called to love and accept love? To forgive and accept forgiveness? How am I called to help bring light and hope to others? Let us continue to pray, serve and share the Good News as we journey toward Calvary and Easter.

Music for Today

Gathering: **SAVE US, O LORD** by Bob Dufford

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!

Gifts: **AMAZING GRACE** — NEW BRITAIN

1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

3: The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

4: Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

5: When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

Communion: **Pescador de Hombres**

by Gabarain

1a: Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga

1b: Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.

Señor, me has mirado a las ojos.
Sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre.
En la rena, he dejado mi barca;
Junto a ti, buscare otro mar.

O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
Gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
All I longed for I have found by the water,
At your side, I will seek other shores.

2a: Tú sabes bien lo que tengo, en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan sólo redes y mi trabajo

2b: Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?

3a: Tú necesitas mis manos, mis cansancios que a otros descansan, amor que quiera seguir Amando.

3b: Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost, returning love for the love you gave me.

4a: Tú pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno que así me llamas

4b: Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart, my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Reflection: **We Believe**

by Thomas R Fike / Travis Ryan Collins / Mathew James Hooper

1: In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear. There is only one foundation: we believe, we believe. In this broken generation, when all is dark you help us see. There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe.

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary!

Romeo & Lourdes Telebrico 49 YEARS

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Chidi & Clara Okoro 25 YEARS

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We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, And he's giving us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that he conquered death. We believe in the resurrection, And he's coming back again. We believe.

2: So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing. And in our weakness and temptations, we believe. We believe!

Bridge: Let the lost be found and the dead be raised in the here and now let love invade. Let the church live loud; Our God will say we believe, we believe. And the gates of hell will not prevail for the power of God has torn the veil. Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe.

Sending: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

by Doris M. Akers

1: I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2: Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

TODAY after the 8am & 10am masses
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Are providing coffee and pastries.
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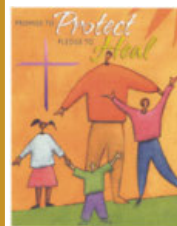
Sunday, Feb. 18 | 5:30 pm
Featherston Life Sciences Auditorium

The discussion will revolve around the objectives of the Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality, Father Martin's reflections from the first session, and the preparations for the upcoming second session in October 2024.

A reception at Rose Hill Terrace will follow.



Co-sponsored by the LMU Jesuit Community, the Office of the Chancellor, and the CSJ Center for Reconciliation & Justice.



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If you have concerns about someone's behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person's life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own - all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors.

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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner

Friday, **February 16th & 23rd!** Dinner is served from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Takeouts available. BINGO starts at 7:30pm.
The Hall is located at: 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310-821-2324

St. Jerome Monthly Community Meal

Our next meal will be on Saturday, **February 17th** from 10:30am to 12 noon.

If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory and note on your check "Soup Kitchen" in the memo section. Or you can make a donation on our website at www.stjeromelax.org.



Stations of the Cross at St. Jerome are available outside to walk and pray. Communal Stations of the Cross Begin **Fridays on February 23rd 7pm**
Confession is also available beginning Feb. 23rd:
On Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30pm



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

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.

"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)

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Terez Harris

(Diamond Parishioner)

Ann Sterling

(Mother of Melanie Conley & Stephanie Beasley)

Belén Maldonado

(Mother of Gloria Maldonado & Stella Padilla)

Elsamma Jose

(Sister of Mary Mathews)

Tina Gustavson

(Diamond Parishioner)

Eddie Rutherford

(Father of Shirley Ramirez)

Antonio Fernandes

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Sr. Rita Callanan, IHM

(Friend of Louise Meehan)

May they rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Bill Botch	Luis Restrepo	Ronnie Hill
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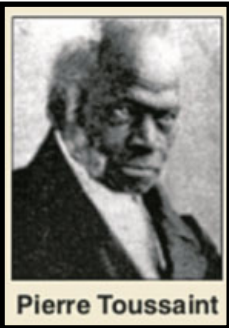
BEING and BECOMING CATHOLIC

Our next St. Jerome RCIA class on the Catholic Faith

has re-zoomed on Thursdays at 7pm.

Anyone who is thinking about being baptized Catholic, anyone who needs to make their Confirmation, and anyone who would like a *refresher* on what the Church teaches, please join us! If you have not already enrolled, please call the Rectory and leave your name and email address. We will send you the zoom information.





Pierre Toussaint

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was known for his discretion, sense of humor, wisdom and generosity as well as his renowned creativity as a hairstylist for the cream of the New York social world. He is arguably the best known American Catholic of his day at a time when Catholics were an insignificant minority in the United States. Even during his own lifetime some people referred to him as "Our Saint Pierre." Pierre was declared "Venerable" by Pope John Paul in 1996. Pierre was a devout Catholic philanthropist and former slave from Haiti.

Pierre was born in 1766 in Haiti. Pierre was a domestic slave who served the Berard family. Pierre's mother and grandmother were devout Catholics who passed their faith on to Pierre. Pierre was taught reading, writing and arithmetic by his grandmother. Pierre was allowed full access to the family's library.

The Berard family left Haiti during one of its slave revolts. They moved to New York City in search of temporary refuge in 1787. Mr. Berard returned to Saint-Domingue in 1791 to check on his property, but died there, leaving his wife, Marie, widowed in New York.

While in New York, Pierre was apprenticed to a hairdresser and he became highly proficient and in demand. Pierre always began his day with Mass. After working sixteen hours a day, he would return to the Berard house. In spite of the long hours he worked, Pierre was generous with his money and his time; giving away all he had to care for the poor. In addition to earning enough money to take care of his widowed mistress, Marie, he purchased the freedom of other slaves, including his future wife, Juliette Noel. After Marie's death Pierre Toussaint became freed. In 1811, he married a Haitian woman, Juliette. Pierre also purchased his sister's freedom and following her death, adopted her daughter, Euphemia.

As a devoted Catholic Pierre and his family attended St. Peter's Church (along with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton). Pierre was a benefactor for a Catholic Church that became St. Patrick's Cathedral. Pierre was extremely charitable throughout his life. The Toussaint family used their home to provide refuge for orphan children, whom they educated and taught trades. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. They organized a credit bureau and employment agency. Pierre and Juliette were benefactors of the First New York City Catholic School for black children and a Catholic school in Baltimore established to educate black girls. Since Pierre was fluent in French, he assisted French-speaking immigrants arriving in New York from Haiti.

Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Pierre responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others." Pierre and Juliette never stopped working to help other people until her death in 1851 and his death at the age of eighty-seven in 1853. Pierre was buried beside his wife in St. Patrick's Old Cathedral cemetery in New York City. A friend of Pierre said of him, "I have known Christians who were not gentlemen, gentlemen who were not Christians. One man I know who is both and that man is black."

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 02/11

- 8am: SJ Lucio Quevedo (D)
- 10am: FB Marina Paré (SI)
- Noon: FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
- 5pm: FP Roy Imamura (SI)

Monday: 02/12

- 8am: FB Consolación Wagas (D)

Tuesday: 02/13

- 8am: FP The Reyes Family (SI)

Ash Wednesday: 02/14

- 8am: FP Harold Simpson III (D)
- 7pm: FB Edie Knight (SI)

Thursday: 02/15

- 8am: FP Irma Guadron (SI)

Friday: 02/16

- 8am: FB Christian Amendola (SI)

Saturday: 2/17

- 8am: FP Nancy Wagas (SI)
(birthday)

Dead (D) Thanksgiving (T) Special Intention (SI)
FB: Fr. Bill * FP: Fr. Peter * SJ: Jesuit

To book a mass:

Call the rectory at 310 384-8212
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Ann Sterling



Friday, February 16
Funeral Mass: 1:00pm
At Holy Cross

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Is President's Weekend
(Feb. 16-18)**

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