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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: Friday 6:30pm to 7:30pm Saturday 1:30pm to 2:30pm Also by appointment

Holy Hour in our Church - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm 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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent Liturgy of the Word 2/25/2024

From the book of Genesis (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18) God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSORIAL:** Ps 51

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

From the letter of Paul to the Romans (Rom 8:31b-34) Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give

## **February's Special Collections** Together In Mission: **TODAY**

NOT A SPECIAL COLLECTION, BUT A SPECIAL ENVELOPE.

us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised— who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

From the Gospel according to Mark (Mk 9:2-10) Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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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 Teressa Syta 310 592-4213 or register at www.40daysforlife.com/Lawndale/

## **Operation Rice Bowl**

This week we'll pray for families in Uganda, who are overcoming challenges through hard work, perseverance and sacrifices. Hunger threatens not only people live but also their dignity. Every human life is important and we can show this through small acts of kindness. Read this week's story at: crsricebowl.org

#### 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.

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

Fr. Bill's Musings

As Jesus goes off into the mountain to pray it might be good to recall the three essential things the Church is created to do: Pray, Serve and Evangelize. As Church we gather together to worship as we obey Jesus' command, "Do this in memory of me." We are called to serve one another especially the poor. "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." And we are called to share the good news of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice which makes the gift of salvation possible. In living this we save our soul and help others learn the meaning and purpose of their life. Prayer, service and sharing the good news done daily help us truly stay connected in Christ's body: the Church.

Reminder that our regional bishop, Bishop Matthew Elshoff, is asking us to do a Common Penance for Lent: pray an extra Hail Mary each day for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Perhaps it is my age showing, but Pope Francis' statement in his Lenten Message for 2024 that "The Church's synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating ... " has me confused. In my ignorance I am unaware of the existence of a synodal form of church that previously existed unless this is a veiled reference to the Council of Jerusalem found in the Acts of the Apostles? I do know that some religious orders have experimented with something like this... but how can we "rediscover" something that does not seem to have been? Perhaps I slept through that lesson of Church history? Regardless let us pray for the pope and our bishops. And I will keep praying and studying.

ST. JEROME CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: JANUARY 2024 January Income: \$50,176 Sunday Collections: \$27.389 School Collection: \$3,392 Bldg Fund Collection: \$3,466 Other (rentals, funerals, fees, etc.): \$4,639 January Expenses: \$68,339 Arch: \$23,329 Payroll and Health Ins: \$30,665 Utilities, maintenance and supplies: \$6,845 Other: \$7,500 (partial church door payment & landscaping)

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary!



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# Music for Today

## Gathering: THE GLORY OF THESE FOURTY DAYS

- The glory of these forty days We celebrate with songs of praise, For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 2: Alone and fasting Moses saw The loving God who gave the law. And to Elijah, fasting, came The steed and chariots of flame.
- So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered from the lion's might. And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became The herald of Messiah's name.
- 4: Then grant that we like them be true, Consumed in fast and prayer with you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.

## Gifts: ON THAT HOLY MOUNTAIN by Joe Mattingly

1: The wolf is the guest of the lamb, on that holy mountain. And the calf and the lion shall lie down, on that holy mountain. Together they shall rest with the child, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.

No harm or ruin on that holy mountain. That sacred day shall be filled with knowledge. There shall be peace, led by all the children, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.

2: The poor shall receive from the rich, on that holy mountain. And the sick and the lame shall be healed, on that holy mountain. The wicked shall be slain by God's breath, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord.

Words and music are reprinted for Mass with permission: ONE LICENSE, License #P-400359 and CCLI, License#C-21166553. All rights reserved. 1: By Your body and blood, by Your life and Your love; Renew us. May Your sacrifice be forgiveness in me; Heal us.

Communion: WE COME TO YOU by Josh Blakesley

We come to You. We come to You Broken, hungry. We come to You. We come to You. Make us whole again.

2: In the body of Christ we are brought to new life; Restore us. May the flesh that we eat and the blood that we drink save us.

3: By the faith we profess, and the sins we confess, mold us. We are brought to our knees at the altar of peace; change us.

4: May the Word we receive be the faith we believe; teach us. With these mysteries draw us into the feast; feed us.

Bridge: By your love, by your grace, we are one.

## Com 2: THE FACE OF GOD by M. Francisco, SJ

To see the face of God is my heart's desire To gaze upon the Lord is my one desire

- For God so loved the world He gave His Son His only begotten Son And they shall call Him Emmanuel
- The Prince of peace
- The hope of all the world
- Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

## Reflection: LEAD US TO THE CROSS by Chris Muglia

1: For forty days and forty nights we fast and pray, we sacrifice. We pray, O God, that you will make us holy. From the snare of sin and the grip of vice we turn away to renew our lives. We come back to you, we seek your love and mercy.

You alone, you are all we need. You alone, are every thing. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.

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2: In solitude we walk with you, in your love and in vour truth. We must be the hands and feet of vou. Lord. Help us turn to the lost and poor, to the naked and the forgotten, Lord, that we might bring your compassion and your mercy.

Bridge: O God, renew our hearts and minds; remove the blindness from our eyes. And when we falter and we fail, lead us back to you again. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.

## IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY by Ricky Manalo

In these days of Lenten journey We have seen and we have heard The call to sow justice In the lives of those we serve.

1: We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams: we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

2: We open our eyes to the hungry, and see the faces of Christ. As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed.



Together in Mission is the annual opportunity for thousands of Catholics like you to recommit to building God's kingdom and investing in our local community. Some of our parishes and schools struggle to minister to their communities and others worry they may have to close their doors - doing so would affect thousands, where the need is greatest. Your gift will sustain and equip these centers of the community to stay alive today and for generations to come.

Be imitators of Christ! Please be generous. Envelopes are available near the entrances.



SCHOOL LINK https://charity.pledgeit.org/t/hW9S9dzAbS

**TEAM CAPTAIN & CONTACT INFO** MARY DEASON MDEASON@STJEROMEWESTCHESTER.ORG

> Stations of the Cross at St. Jerome are available outside to walk and pray. **Communal Stations of the Cross** Are Friday evenings at 7pm **Confession is available on Friday** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Confession is also available on Saturday afternoons 1:30 to 2:30

Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community. **O** 

> Your donations help provide lifesaving support to more than 250 million people in more than 120 countries.

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\$80 for chickens that provide protein-rich eggs. and income.

\$40

for a baby goat to provide milk \$150

for a household garden for nutrition.

## **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner** Friday, March 1, 8, 15 & 22. 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



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 (Father of Charmaine Fernandes)

Sr. Rita Callanan, IHM (Friend of Louise Meehan) May they rest in peace.

## Prayers for the Sick

**Bill Botch** Luis Restrepo Elizabeth Ezeana Agatha Ezeana **Gregorio Ramos** Jimmy Glenn Delia Rodriguez Mary Lou MacDonald Perdana Tamzil Carol Igetei Fausta Malagon **Angelica Teissere** Josephine Cullison **Paul Swanson** Jane Lorentzen Kathleen Pinzon **Christopher Martinez** Louise Meehan Robert Gonzales Lola McAlpin-Grant Dennis McGurk **David Kruzek Steven Whitney Raymond Shinn** Bernadette Collins Alex Baiot Lupe Gallegos Annie Kline Fave McCreary Jose Beltran Lina Lugay Mary Mathew Ann Cochrane Miller Lafayette David Bajota Sam Quatto Marilyn Legavada Daniel Kearney **Beverly Razzeto** Dan McNav **Godwin Haylock Antonio Rosas** Terry Dicks Roy Imamura Irma Guadron **Christian Amendola** 

## **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 any-

one 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.



Ronnie Hill

Elvira Lara

Jay Parker

**Rodney Moore** 

Carina Tapia

Maritza Cardona

Larry Smith

Dolores Shinn

Daria Guthrie

Maria Beltran

Celia Martinez

Paris Carter

**Tony Fernandez** 

Maria Cirsafulli

Kara Fitzpatrick

Edie Knight

Marshall Cochrane

Kathy Fitzpatrick





Venerable

path canonization. She to needs one more miracle for beatification and another to be canonized as a saint.

The exact date of Elizabeth's birth is unclear. Her family were people of means and had a business in Haiti. Unrest and a slave revolt erupted in the late 1780's. The upper-class were being hunted and killed. Elizabeth was born into this mess with the family on the move around 1790. They made it safely to Santiago de Cuba where she was raised. Elizabeth arew up in the French-speaking area of the city and was well educated.

Elizabeth and some of her family left Cuba to seek peace and security in the United States. They eventually settled in Baltimore, Maryland, where many French-speaking Catholic refugees from Haiti had settled. Elizabeth quickly recognized that the children of the erty, chastity and obedience. many Caribbean immigrants Elizabeth became the superior needed education. A loving, of the Oblate Sisters of Provicourageous and deeply spiritu- dence and took the name: al woman, Elizabeth was not Mother Mary Lange. only an independent thinker but was a woman of action.

Elizabeth and her friend Marie who so desperately needed her Madeleine Balas began offering and her followers. She assisted free education to children of night and day during two sepathe migrants. They opened rate cholera epidemics, one in their home in the Fells Point the early 1830s and another in area of Baltimore City and be- the 1840s. She did whatever gan teaching. Please note that the poor needed. "To her Black at that time, Maryland was a brothers and sisters, she gave slave state and public schools of herself and her materia would not be available for chil- possessions until she was dren of color until 1866. Eliza- empty of all but Jesus, whom beth used her own money for she shared generously with all supplies and charged nothing by being a living witness to his for her services.

Mother The Archbishop of Baltimore, Being a black woman and a nun, for more than 10 years. She years of age. asked if she could start a reli- Venerable Mary Lang, pray for us. gious order. Fr. Joubert became convinced that this was a good idea. He pledged to provide guidance, solicit funds and encourage other "women of color" to consider joining the congregation. Elizabeth was overjoyed.

> Father Joubert returned to the Archbishop. He helped convince him that Elizabeth was the person and that this was the time to stand against the culture of the region. (People of color there had been prohibited from joining religious communities and wearing the habit.) The Archbishop supported Elizabeth's dream and allowed Elizabeth and three other women to take vows of pov-

> Mother Mary worked tirelessly helping and teaching those teaching."

Mary Lange, 1790?- James Whitfield, came to know Mother Mary had to fight off ha-1882, (i.e. Elizabeth of her work and recognized the tred, poverty and racial injustice. Clarisse Lange) is a importance of Catholics being She never tired of fighting for great Catholic wom- educated. Around 1828 he those in need and lived to see the Mother Lange an who is on the asked Father James Joubert to 50th anniversary of her order. investigate if Elizabeth might Mother Mary Lange, feeble and albe willing to start a school for most blind, was relieved of her du-"girls of color." Elizabeth re- ties in 1876. She lived another 16 vealed to Fr. Joubert that she years and passed away on Februhad been waiting for God's call ary 3, 1882. She died around 92

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	8am: FB	Jerry Neubauer (D)	
	Tuesday: 02/27		
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	Saturday: 03/02		
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