

St. Jerome Church

The wise were ready with their lamps and oil to welcome the bride-groom.



5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday - 10am-1:30pm

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Sunday Masses - 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:45am & 6:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of Our Lady—Thursday 1:15pm

First Friday—Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

RECTORY STAFF

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton **424-543-4681**

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe **424 209-9961**

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

JustFaith, Engaging Spirituality, Social Justice/Clue **714 602-6122**

Business Manager: Juanita Rivera-Wiemken 310 348-8212 x303

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Ijeoma Oti 310 348-8212 x313
sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roxanne Shaw 310 348-8212 x 301
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SCHEDULING SERVICES (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

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.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 323 207-9821
sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

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

Senior Center: Allene Muccia 310-348-8212

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:

Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

Tuesday Morning (10:15-11:15am) Bible Study in the Sr. Center

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Fitzpatrick 310-703-2519

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Knights of Peter Claver: Devron Carter 310-256-0101

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

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Soup Kitchen (Every 3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

Our mission is to SHARE God's message with all people, to OFFER support to those in need, to PROMOTE Christian values and commitment to the family, to FOSTER a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to DEEPEN spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

From Fr. Bill

On this Feast of Christ the King, I know being His disciple requires listening to His voice, taking up our cross and following Him. We all struggle under the weight of this challenge... and yet we are continually uplifted in love and grace. Each difficult step, as we move from selfishness to self-giving... in being broken and shared, gives us new life. We belong to Him and he has made me... us... for a reason and a purpose focused on being living witnesses of His Truth and Love.

The paragraphs which follow come from my heart and were written around 2010 to a young woman who, in my understanding, felt like a daughter to me. She, like all of us, was struggling with the conflict we face in living in this world and being faithful disciples. What led me to write these words to her were her orientation and the experienced conflict in living as a Catholic. I apologize if what follows may offend but I was throwing a life-preserver and needed to be direct. Please note that written in 2010 my "shades of gray" was not meant as a book or movie reference. From my letter:

God has given me the cards of my life. No one else has my identical hand nor situation. With this hand I am called to love as best I can and to make His Kingdom more visible. God loves me/you into existence and knows what He has given us.

One of my cards is my orientation. It is a part of me, but does not define me. Similar to being left-handed, it just is. I need to know my cards as they are my gift and they are my cross: knowledge, acceptance, awareness and faithfulness. The only one who knows all of my cards is God. As long as I live, I am still learning. Additionally, I do not throw down all my cards for everyone to see ("over-sharing," just because I know something about myself, doesn't mean everyone I encounter needs to be told)... we choose who, how, when and if, we play or reveal these cards... to love as best we can and to make His Kingdom present... ultimately, the only one ALL my cards are for, is God. He gave us these for His purpose and glory.

Church teachings are here to give us direction and support in walking with Jesus. They are black & white: "Thou shall not kill." We are called to journey into the light, but this life is loaded with shades of gray... that we try to bring to Him. All of us fall short of the mark. But God loved/loves and will not stop loving us.

Church teachings on sexual activity (not the same as orientation) are black and white. They are guidelines, but they are not the sum total and meaning of the how and why God has made us this particular person: His instrument of peace and compassion.

I love you, R*. I love D*. I want you both to know and be love/loved. I want you to be happy and holy in this world and in the next. Much more than my loving you, I am certain God loves you. Respect each other. Honor each other. Be lovingly honest with each other. Be trustworthy/authentic friends. These behaviors reveal His light.

The world diminishes sex as a tool for pleasure, manipulation, selling, enslaving... taking something very precious and prostituting it out. Yes, we need guidelines. Yes, we need things to aim for. This is a gift from God and our world distorts its love and life giving purpose. Yet, we are not pure living spirits like angels... we have bodies. They are the vessels, the temples in which our spirit dwells. They are a gift which requires prayer, reflection, study and guidance regarding their use which includes how we are to fulfill our desires, drives and needs.

I try not to assume anyone else's orientation. I do not proclaim my orientation. It is my card which I have in my hand. I need to be aware of it as it effects how I interact with others. Everyone else does not have a right, nor need to know it. (By itself, it is not my identity.) You may think you know mine... and you might be right... but the only reason I/You MIGHT need to know this aspect of me is if I am trying to hook-up with or commit to someone. As I am not "on the market" no one else has a need to know, except my spiritual director. I consider sexual activity sacred: love expressing, life-giving, grace-filled and fun. The sacred has special places to be celebrated... not cheapened on social media or to be treated as common.

The Church isn't big on all of my behaviors. (Remember all of us sin.) But when I stand before God, He knows my cards, the example I have given, and how I have chosen to en flesh His love. I am certain that orientation, in and of and by itself, is not how we are judged. Rather we are judged by how I chose to use/live the various gifts and opportunities God brings into my life.

I know the target, but I also know that God is excited and pleased when we are aiming in the right direction. We are called to love as best we can and none of us hits the bull's eye all of the time. I have experienced your friendship, love and your witness to His Kingdom. I know that God is proud to call you His daughter... as I am proud to call you friend. With my love, Fr. Bill.

St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-It Up 2018

Once again, Food Pantry LAX and St. Jerome Church is sponsoring a Christmas Bag-It-Up program. Bags were distributed with a suggested menu in the bags. If it's inconvenient to fill a bag, donations to the Food Pantry, LAX will help with this effort.

Please return filled bags to the parish hall on the weekend of December 15th & 16th.

If you would like to earn service hours we need volunteers. For more information, please call Johnnie Albano at 310 641-8871. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

The Food Pantry LAX, is located at 355 E. Beach Ave., Inglewood 90302. They distribute food to the community every Tuesday & Fridays from 10am to 12 noon! For more information, call 310-677-5597.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Last weekend was the annual Campaign for Human Development collection. This collection helps to support many people across our country in developing work projects which will lift them out of poverty into self-sustaining work. If you missed the collection and would still like to contribute please find special envelopes in the pews and on the tables for this collection. Thank you!

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

**Chidilim Jennifer Okoro and
Chidalu Jessica Okoro**

who was baptized into the Christian Community.

May God bless them!



Jacket & Toys for Mother Of Sorrows



Jackets are needed this year for the students at Mother of Sorrows School. The estimated cost for each jacket is \$40.00. Envelopes are on the church tables for these monetary donations. Please make out checks to St. Jerome Church with a notation on your check **"MOS jackets/toys"**.

Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please contact Arnold Tena at (310) 649 6129.



St. Jerome Tuesday Night Bible Study

On Tuesday, November 27, at 7:30pm in the Religious Education Center we will begin a brief, four-week bible study focused on the scripture readings for each Sunday in Advent. This study intends to prepare us for the celebration of Christmas by carefully breaking open the biblical readings the Church has selected for us for this year's Sundays of Advent. All meetings are on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00pm in the St. Jerome Religious Education Center. Bring a friend. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Cost is \$15 for the Workbook. For more information, consult the St. Jerome Parish website bible study page (stjeromelax.org, Ministries link) or Steve Picard, at sjpica526@att.net.

Senior Center

Mon., Nov. 26: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Nov. 28: 12-4pm, cards and social.

Wed., Dec. 19: 12 noon Communal Anointing



Ho Ho Ho, time to mark your calendars for the Senior Christmas Luncheon on Wed. Dec. 12th.

Join us for delicious food and fun! **Call Allene at 310 216-7354.**

Mass Intentions (Revision for 2019)

Arranging to have Mass offered for someone sick or for a special intention, or for a departed loved one in your family, is a long-standing tradition for Catholics. In order to accommodate all our families who wish to have mass offered for a special intention at St. Jerome, we will be using the following guidelines regarding Mass intentions:

- On Monday, December 3, 2018 (office is closed on December 1st) the mass book for 2019 will be available to accept mass intentions for the entire year. (The six month booking restriction is eliminated.)
- Not more than two masses per month will be said for each registered parishioner. Also, the two masses should not be on the same Sunday. Restricting requests allows for other parish families to have the opportunity to schedule masses when situations arise.
- If you already have a Mass intention booked and would like to add another person or group to that date, (provided it's done prior to the bulletin printing) only the initial requester has the option to place additional names to that date. It would not be counted as a new request. We will accept up to (3) names or groups for one Mass.
- A Bereavement Mass for those who recently passed will be reserved on the second Saturday of each month at 8A.M. If you wish to have the deceased person included in this Group Mass of remembrance, please contact the rectory to give them the name and required stipend. This will not be counted as a monthly limit request. We can include this deceased person for at least 12 months with a stipend for each month.
- During the month of May, we arrange for a Novena of Masses for Mothers' Day; and during June, a Novena of Masses for Fathers' Day. During the month of November, the Rectory Office arranges Mass each day for the All Souls remembrance. Families present names of their loved ones and an All Souls offering in the special envelope provided.
- One Mass each weekend (Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm) is reserved for the intentions of all St. Jerome parishioners.
- It is customary to offer a Mass stipend or donation for each Mass arranged.
 - The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10 and \$20 for a weekend Mass (Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm.)
- To arrange a Mass intention:
 - You can go to the Rectory Office during business hours or the hall on the monthly Parish Staff Sunday.
 - Mail the request for a Mass intention along with the stipend to the Rectory office.
 - Phone request will be taken only during business hours with the parish secretary or volunteer.
 - Email your request to Roxanne Shaw, the parish secretary at: rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org (payment for phone or email requests will be discussed with you by the secretary or volunteer.)

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 11/24—5:30pm FB Tiffany Sevilla (SI)
 Sun. 11/25—7:30am SJ All Souls Remembrance (M)
 9:00am FV Gabriel & Adela Burgos (M)
 11:00am FV Gilbert Okoro (M)
 5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 11/26—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
 Tues. 11/27—8am FB All Souls Remembrance (M)
 Wed. 11/28—8am FB All Souls Remembrance (M)
 Thurs. 11/29—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
 Fri. 11/30—8am FV All Souls Remembrance (M)
 Sat. 12/01—8am FV Burke Mucho (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB, 7:30am SJ, 9am FB, 11am FV, 5:30pm FB
 Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)
 Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers For The Sick



Mary Alcuran	Rebecca Bank	James Bennett
Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan	Dionne Delahoussaye
Rorrie de la Vega	Valarie Dudley	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Lordes Flores	Mary Gibson
G. Johnson Family	Frances Lalan	Eileen La Casse
Benjamin Lopez	Robert Mallillin	Thomas Mc Donough
Bob Migneault	Eurydice Mundy	Jerry Neubauer
Guillermo Ortega	Angela Parks	Dorothy Polk
Sam Quatto	Carlos Rodriguez	George Rodriguez
Larry Smith	Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker

You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary after each 8am Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass in the church. On Thursday at 1:15pm we meet in the church to pray the Cenacles. Please join us!



Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and for Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.



For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Tolton's name, please write: The Office of the Cardinal, Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
Lectors:	Cathy Fitzpatrick	310-337-6929
Music:	Jim Drollinger	310-617-2465
Ushers:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474

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 or you may visit the school office to pick one up. Please call 310-670-1678 or visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org



Save the Date:

December 20th– 6pm in the church
School and Religious Education
Christmas Program.
All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Parish Christmas Party

You and your family are invited to the Parish Hall for food, caroling and even a little comedy on **December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!** You might attend the 5:30pm Mass and join us afterward for dinner fun! Come and experience the Joy of the Christmas season with us. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. Come join the FUN!



St. Jerome's 2nd Annual Tamale and Marie Callendar Pies School Fundraiser

Place your tasty tamale and delicious Marie Callendar pie orders for Christmas. Save time and energy. Let us do the work for you. All proceeds will go back to St. Jerome School students. It's a win win! All orders are **due by Dec. 9th** during Breakfast with Santa. You may also drop off your order at the school office.

Price: **Tamales- \$20 per dozen**
Pies- \$14 each

Orders will be available for pick up on Monday, December 24th in the Parish Hall from 10a-12p.

Order forms are in today's bulletin or church back table.

For more info contact: Marcie Alvarez
Marcie.alvarez@yahoo.com or Judy Ross
(310) 590-5203

