

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds ready on his arrival."

St. Jerome Church

Ijeoma Oti, Youth Minister Emeritus, and some of her family: let us keep our young people and their teachers in prayer as they begin the school year.

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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019

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 and 5:30pm

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

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

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of Our Lady—Thursday 1:15pm

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

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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.

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

“Why do they want a copy of our child’s baptismal certificate?”

Baptism is the sacrament which brings one into God’s family. The church at which this occurs is in a sense your “mother church.” For the remainder of your life, all records that Catholic’s keep will be sent to the church of your baptism.

When your child receives their First Communion, we let their church of their baptism know for your child’s records. When they are confirmed, we let their mother church know when... and by whom they were confirmed. If someone takes vows to become a religious sister or brother, the information is sent to the church of their baptism. If someone is ordained a deacon, priest or bishop, the data is sent their mother church along with who ordained them. And if or when you get married in a Catholic Church, the church of your baptism is sent the information.

My mother is big into genealogy and she loves the record keeping practices of the Catholic Church. Names of godparents and witnesses as well as dates and places give her a treasure-trove of information following our family to the 1620’s in Quebec and pointing back to France.

Please know that confessions are not documented. We do not record the who, when and where of this sacrament as it is not anybody else’s business regarding who and why I am going to receive this sacrament. The priest has an obligation to keep the sacramental seal... never revealing the who and what of any person’s confession.

If you are getting married, being ordained a deacon or making vows as a religious sister or brother, you will be asked to provide a “recent” copy (within the last six months) of your baptismal certificate. This is a “Catholic Background Check.” Of course, as an infant you were not married to someone else... nor a priest nor a religious. The recent copy from your mother church reveals if you are free to make this commitment or have a prior commitment that prevents you from making this step. For these sacraments and commitments, the church also seeks the testimony of two individuals (parents, family or life-long friends) who can witness to the fact that you really are the person you are claiming to be... before taking marriage or religious vows, or before you are ordained to deaconate.

One of our newly confirmed, last May, was baptized at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Detroit. Even though the parish no longer exists, its records continue to be kept up to date by the parish which is now responsible for that part of the city

of Detroit. We also discovered that one of our adults who was being prepared for confirmation... had already been confirmed. (Please note that in the churches of countries founded by Spain and Portugal... the Iberian Rite of the Catholic Church... it is not unusual at baptism for even infants to be confirmed.)

We do have challenges with some people baptized in Nigeria. Churches and records have sometimes been destroyed by Muslims seeking to exert control over parts of the country. When records can no longer be checked and verified by the church or diocese of baptism... the testimony of the two life-long eyewitnesses becomes more significant.

This is why we ask you to provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate for enrollment into First Communion and Confirmation programs.

I will be away the last week of August at a Convocation for the Priests of the LA Diocese. I am looking forward to the presentations and contributions to be given by Father Ron Rolheiser. Ron, who is a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. Ron is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His Catholic Spirituality books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than seventy Catholic newspapers worldwide.

The priests of Los Angeles, along with our bishops, will together be having daily mass as well as praying together the Liturgy of the Hours. (Priests and deacons are obliged to pray for the church each day. The Liturgy of the Hours [Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer and the Office of Readings] are the means we use to make holy the entire day and to assist us in praying for the church. Full transparency, we do Morning and Evening Prayer together with the other ‘Hours’ done privately.) Additional opportunities of prayer, reflection, adoration and community building (including golf) will be offered.

Fr. Valentine is a guest priest (not a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and promised in obedience to his bishop in Nigeria) so while I am away, he will be able to provide needed sacraments here at St. Jerome. Some parishes will have no masses or sacraments this week (Monday afternoon through Thursday night). Religious order priests, such as Jesuits, Franciscans and Salesians as well as other guest priests will be assisting in a few parishes and hospitals.

Please do keep your priests in prayer as you remain in ours.

Summer Series At Saint Jerome

The African American Catholic Center will be presenting its 2nd summer series speaker at Saint Jerome **today at 3pm in the hall.**

Lori Stanley, who is Executive Director of the *Loyola Institute* in Orange County will be speaking on Finding God in All Things. She is speaking on how we are called to transform life into a movement to discover God in all our activities.

There are refreshments and time for questions. All are welcome.



Religious Education Registration

Registration for Religious Education, First Communion and RCIY (Baptism and First Communion for Youth) will be held in the parish hall **today** and on the following Sundays:

August 11th & 25th—8:00am to 1:00pm

September 1st—8:00am to 1:00pm

Fees are: Religious Education/RCIY	\$80
1st Year of First Communion	\$110
2nd Year of First Communion	\$125

(Please bring a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate)

Classes will begin in September and are held Sunday morning following the 9am mass.

You can also pick up and return the application at the Rectory office during business hours of Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information please contact **Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775**

RCIY (Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth)

If your children have not been baptized and are 9 years old through 17 years old. This program will answer your questions about the Catholic Faith and prepare your children for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please contact **Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775**



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On **Thursday, August 15th**, we will celebrate the solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Holy Day of Obligation Mass will be at **8:00am, Noon, and 7:00pm.**

"The Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen of all things." (*Pope Pius XII*)

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, August 17th from 10:30am to noon.



Last Weekend's Collection

August 3rd & 4th, 2019:	\$15,063 (Envelopes)
August 4th & 5th 2018:	\$17,745 (Envelopes)
August 3rd & 4th, 2019:	\$2,140 (School Fund)
August 4th & 5th, 2018:	\$1,043 (School Fund)

Senior Center

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

Wed. Aug. 13: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.

St Vincent de Paul Collection Sunday

Today is Envelope Sunday for us and we hope you will be generous in helping us to support others.

We'd like to take just a minute to share some of the Accomplishments that were provided by YOUR Saint Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Jerome Parish which include:

- Validated requests for support by individuals who qualify in our community regarding housing, food, payments of utilities, etc.
- Donated children's jackets to Mother of Sorrow
- Providing essential household items to women and children moving from Alexandria House to their own home.
- Making it possible for several St. Jerome School students go to St. Vincent de Paul's "Circle V Ranch" Summer Camp each year.
- Assisting St. Jerome's monthly Soup Kitchen with food items and volunteer hours.
- Adopting one or more parish school families in need each year during the Christmas season. Also, contributions are made to various school projects.
- Sponsoring the St. Vincent de Paul truck to pick up goods in the church parking lot quarterly during the year making it convenient for our Parish family to donate. Items collected assist families both locally and throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The Society also provides free eye exams for the Community.
- Hosting the Annual SVdP barbecue to raise funds that are used throughout the year to support purchases and donations for the needy which augment your donations that you will share next week.
- Contributed to the Annual Moms & Babies Gift Shower.
- Provided Christmas gifts to Shut-In Seniors in our parish served by the Angels Ministry.

So, in summary, our job is to help others. The Motto of SVDP is "our hearts beat with the hearts of the poor". Please be as generous as possible in this mission of local charity. Thank you.



Jesus, Hope Of The World

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will be at the Anaheim Convention Center on Labor Day Weekend, August 30th—September 1, 2019.

There are many speakers and workshops to attend! For registration or information, please contact SCRC at (818) 771-1361, email: spirit@scrc.org Website: www.scrc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 08/10—5:30pm FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 Sun. 08/11—7:30am FV Peggy Muldrow-Peppers (SI)
 9:00am SJ Sue Oppenheimer (SI)
 11:00am FB Gloria Munoz (M)
 5:30pm FB Cathy & David Heppell (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 08/12—8:00am FV Victoria Lucien (SI)
 Tues. 08/13—8:00am FB Marie McDonough (M)
 Wed. 08/14—8:00am FB Torry McDonough (M)
 Thurs. 08/15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00am FV The Polverari Family (SI)
 Noon FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 7:00pm FV Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (SI)
 Fri. 08/16—8:00am FV Hank Grady (M)
 Sat. 08/17—8:00am FB Georgia Froncek (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Prayers for the Sick

Carlos Bautista	Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar
James Bennett	Senen Blanco	Jamie Brazile
Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona	Jordan Carter
Steve Clarke	Nyhira Coates	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Linda Devanny	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Peter Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble
Anne Gingras	Breheda Harris	Kathleen Harris
Jeneice Houze	George Koury	Eileen LaCasse
Cathy McGuines	Louise Meehan	Mary Lou MacDonald
Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes	Betty Spindler
Cathy St. John	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar Waddington	

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



Chima Victor Ifediba
 (Brother of Frank Ifediba)
 May he rest in peace



Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help



Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The novena is intended to ask for a particular favor or blessing or to give thanks for blessings received.

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

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.



Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org
or call 310 670-1678

During the summer please leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call.

Missionary Cooperative Collection

Next weekend, August 17th & 18th, **Fr. Benny**, CMI, representing the religious order of **Carmelite of Mary Immaculate** will be preaching at all masses sharing with us the stories of the missionary work as part of Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

CMI is a missionary community started in India in 1831 by St. Kuriakos Chavara. St. John's CMI province of which Fr. Benny belongs situates in North India. North Indian CMI region extends their missionary work to Ghana and Nepal besides the Himalayan regions of North India. The Catholic population in North India, even though the area is two times bigger than California, is less than 50000. The life situation of the people of this area and Nepal and Ghana is considerably poor. They need a helping hand.

Our missionaries with the help of religious sisters, catechists and local volunteers are trying hard to improve their life situation, socially, financially, educationally and religiously through various apostolate like formal and non-formal education, health care, self-help programs, housing and farming programs, rehabilitation of the sick and addicted, adult education, boarding houses for orphans and so forth.

Missionary efforts are yielding results. To continue our effort to bring glory to God and hope to less privileged, we need your companionate support. Your \$50 is their one-month food. "God blesses a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9.7).

Thank you so much for your support.

EDGE NIGHTS



Thursdays 3:30pm-5:00pm

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**Registration for Religious Education,
Edge, Confirmation and Life Teen
begin Sunday, August 11th.**

**Our Youth Programs
will return in September.**

Fraud Alert: Please ignore any texts or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill or Fr. Valentine is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.