

St. Jerome Church

Thank you to our
Parish Volunteers for hearing
His voice and opening their
hearts to serving others.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2020

5550 THORNBURN STREET
WWW.STJEROMELAX.ORG

LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
310-348-8212

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.

RECTORY STAFF

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

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

For calendar request email: juanitarw@gmail.com

Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775

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

Lara Ratlef & Hannah Madril 213 841-6775

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: (ext. 314) 310-216-7354

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

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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hal 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

From Fr. Bill

Fear sells. Stay tuned.

“But, Father, why hasn’t this been on TV?”

Keep in mind that the media’s objective is to get viewers in order to sell your eyes and ears to advertisers. Good stories are a higher priority than accuracy. Also, media companies know that crisis encourage “keeping up” with the latest opinions and updates.

Here is the data and facts which have remained constant in spite of all the hype and anxiety I seem to see on television. I can’t help wonder why my family and friends from Seattle to San Diego don’t seem to be experiencing what the media suggest is common in their neighborhoods. (If you are spending your time watching a cruise ship dock in Oakland, you should consider taking more walks, calling/visiting family or friends and of course spending more time in prayer.)

Yes, I come from a family of people in the medical and insurance fields. Yes, I read the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports. Yes, I know that panic and fear often cause more harm than the most current disease entering our awareness. (80’s HIV and AIDs, 2000’s SARS, and 2010’s Ebola... just to name a few.) Keeping perspective is important.

Peace be with you.

Worldwide the Corona Virus mortality rate for those 40 or younger is apparently 0.2% which is 2 out of every 1,000... which in the United States is lower than your likelihood in giving birth to twins and more than your likelihood in getting hit by a meteorite. Almost all of these Corona Virus deaths involve people with other health complications and respiratory issues. For context, please note that your likelihood of dying in any year, by any cause in the United States is 0.7% ... so yes, currently 7 out of every thousand people die each year just because.

For those in their 50’s and 60’s the current Corona Mortality rate is 2.4% which is about 2 ½ out of every one hundred with CONFIRMED CASES. (This means the illness was bad enough to get you to see your doctor or go to the hospital.) These are the odds in the United States of a family with children having both biological and adopted children or the odds of a child living with at least five siblings or the odds of a child having one of

their parents in prison. Again, most of these Corona Virus deaths involve people with other health complications and respiratory issues.

Worldwide to date no children 10 or younger have yet died due to the Corona Virus. For your consideration, in the United States alone 136 children have died this winter from the flu.

The main groups at risk continue to be those over 80 years of age who contract the Corona Virus (21% mortality rate, that is 1 out of 5) and those over 70 years of age (8% mortality rate, that is 1 out of 12). Please note that most of these deaths are people who are heavy smokers (China, Iran and Italy) as well as living in countries where the government medicine programs ration and restrict health resources in favor of those under 60 years of age. The availability of respiratory treatments available in the United States (rather than as in China putting these people into isolation) would most likely lower... but, of course, not eliminate the mortality rate.

Sadly, the Corona Virus symptoms are similar to flu symptoms and so a child, teen or healthy adult may not have an experience worse than coughing, fever and respiratory congestion. Please know that most children, teens and previously healthy adults seem to recover well.

Panic and distress do little good. Rather good hygiene and common sense are always a good starting point. Secondly, if you are sick with a cold, flu or virus... please respect and protect the elderly and most at risk by staying home, if at all possible.

Smokers and those with lung/respiratory conditions and diseases will likely need special attention and care. The Corona Virus loves heavy smokers. Maybe this is a good motivation to quit smoking?

Do wash your hands often, especially after going to the bathroom or before eating. If you choose to use hand sanitizer, make sure it has AT LEAST 60% alcohol content to be effective.

Do avoid touching your own eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover your cough. Do sneeze with tissue. Also, don’t carry around your soiled tissue. Please dispose of it in a covered trash can.

Be not afraid, but do use common sense.

Parish Staff Sunday & Blood Drive

Please consider donating blood this Sunday for the **Blood Drive held in the parish hall from 8am to 2pm.** It may save a life. **WALK INS WELCOME!**

Office staff is also in the parish hall this Sunday. Mass Intentions for the 2020 year are available to book now! We will only accept (3) requests at one time and the dates should not be booked in a consecutive week for consideration of others. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask questions regarding weddings, baptism, facility usage.

TUESDAY MORNING "COFFEE WITH A CLERIC"

9:15 TO 9:45AM

We will meet by the Virgin of Guadalupe statue at around 9:10 and then proceed to our gathering place in the rectory.



The Stations occur every Friday During Lent at 7:00pm in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be heard during Stations.

The Sacrament of Penance During Lent

We invite you to our parish Lenten Penance Service on **Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00pm.** If it has been months or years since you received this sacrament, pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to make a good confession before Easter on April 12th.



Penance Services at nearby parishes are:

Mar. 23 ~ 7:30pm—St. Augustine, Culver City
Mar. 26 ~ 7:30pm—St. Anastasia, Westchester
Apr. 7 ~ 7:00pm—Visitation, Westchester
Apr. 7 ~ 7:00pm—St. John's Chrysostoms, Inglewood.



Encounter Yvonne's Aunt

Meet Yvonne's Aunt from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvonne now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive the proper Nutrition?

For more information, visit csrcricebowl.org

Rice Dish or Soup Dinner Fridays!

Please join us for our Friday Lenten Dinners during Lent to encounter the Families from different countries that "Operation Rice Bowls" supports. Our Parish community will be offering a wonderful meal every Friday during lent. The meals will be sponsored by different parishioners and or ministries within our parish. **While there is not a set fee for the meal, any donation will be greatly appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bowl Fund.

Our next Lenten meal is this Friday, March 13th from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

Senior Center

Mon. Mar. 16: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Mar. 18: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Mar. 25: 12noon—Communal Anointing of the Sick

MEMBERSHIP TIME— only \$10 (annual membership)

New Members Always Welcomed!

For more information, please call 310 216-7354

Laughlin Casino Trip

Join the St. Anastasia Social Club on a 3-day, 2 night trip to the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin. Leaving on **Tuesday, May 5 and returning on Thursday, May 7.** Includes two buffets, a raffle and water on the bus. The bus driver's gratuity is included. The cost is \$145 pp double occupancy and \$180 for single occupancy. If 50 or more folks sign up, everyone will receive a \$20 refund. To make a reservation, **call Laurette at 310 670-2488. Reservations must be paid by March 24th.** We hope to see you on the bus!



Catholic Relief Services Collection

We are reminded of the gospel message to love all our brothers and sisters around the world and treat them with respect. The *Catholic Relief Services Collection* sees Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who seek to change unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.

Next weekend, please give generously to this special collection. Envelopes are located in the pews and on the tables near the church doors.

The Cathedral Gift Shop at the Cathedral Of Our Lady of the Angels

Spring is time filled with First Communion, Confirmation, Graduations and other joyous events. Come in and visit the Cathedral Gift Shop for gift sets, missals, medals, crosses, frames, Bibles, candles and more. We are at your service for all your sacramental needs.

**555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
213 680-5277 www.cathedralgiftshop.com**



Restorative (Detention) Justice Ministry

Have you ever visited anyone in prison? You are invited to join the Restorative Justice (Detention) Ministry to visit kids in Central Juvenile Hall. It will be an eye-opening experience for you! After the visit, if you like the experience and want to be of service to these kids, you can then become a member of St Jerome Detention Ministry. Volunteers are needed to visit, talk, and listen to these kids.

The first Sunday of the month we invite those who wish to visit Central Juvenile Hall for the first time to join us. For more information, please contact **Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at 323 294-1940, or by emailing dmuoneke@gmail.com**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 03/14—5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 Sun. 03/15—7:30am SJ Harold Simpson III (M)
 9:00am FM Robert Lee Lucien III (M)
 11:00am FB Maureen Cunningham (M)
 5:30pm FB Frances Lalan (M)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 03/16—8:00am FB Ada Serrano (SI)
 Tues. 03/17—8:00am FB Mary Asoera (SI)
 Wed. 03/18—8:00am FB Harold Simpson III (M)
 Thurs. 03/19—8:00am FM Bill May (M)
 Fri. 03/20—8:00am FB Monique Isaac (SI)
 Sat. 03/21—8:00am FB Scott Petty (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Prayers for the Sick

Hector G. Amezcua	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Hazel Chu	Kathy Chun	Rorrie de la Vega
Agatha Ezeani	Xavier Galindo	Mark Gauerke
Anne Gingras	Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado
Monique Isaac	Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert
John Marcello	John McCreary	Louise Meehan
Caroline Metz	Allene Muccia	Nina Mueller
Scott Petty	Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes
Maria Ross	Genny Sotto-Camor	Dianne Smith
Betty Spindler	Gary Steed	
Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana		Cynthia Flores Zapata

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



Fawzi Massa

May he rest in peace.



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

**Knights of Columbus is serving Fish Fry
 Dinners every Friday in Lent from 5:30pm to
 7:30pm.** Choice of Fish & Shrimp combos with French
 fries or baked potato, and Cole Slaw. Proceeds benefit
 local Catholic school scholarships. Bingo after every din-
 ner at 7:30pm. Knights of Columbus Hall is at 8049 W.
 Manchester, Palya del Rey.



Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
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



Blood Drive: THIS SUNDAY March 15th 8am to 2pm—Parish Hall..Walk Ins Welcome

Cedars-Sinai Blood Donor Service

- Bring a photo I.D.
- Be in good general health
- Most common daily medications are okay
- Tattoos & body piercings are allowed
- 16 year olds need to weigh min 135 lbs bring signed parent consent form*

All others 17 yrs-&-up can weigh min 110 lbs but do not need a consent.



March 28th—7pm to 9pm

8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner

In the Parish Hall

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

from 10:30am to Noon

If you wish to donate funds, kindly send your donation to Saint Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please Note: "Soup Kitchen Fund" in the memo section of check. **Thank you!**



Save The Date

St. Jerome's International Festival

Saturday, May 30, 2020

11:00am to 4:00pm

International Food Booths

Beer, Wine & Margarita Garden

Car Show, Kids Bouncer

Games, Raffles, Silent Auction,

School Open House

Sponsors & additional International

Food booths desired