

St. Jerome Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019



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

St. Jerome hosts the National Black Catholic Men's Conference for Holy Mass.

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

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe 424 209-9961

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775

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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 Emily Gonzalez 213 841-6775
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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) Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

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

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 Ramloch 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.

"If only I had this I would be happy."

When I encounter people who believe they can only be happy if they are married, I try to open their eyes to the truth that although marriage is a sacrament and does offer special graces... by itself, having a ring on your finger won't make you happy.

While working with young adults at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Rosemead I worked hard at helping young adults learn to accept the person God had made them and within that to live a generous, joyful life. Once their focus shifted from being a desperate single trolling for a partner, generally everything changed for them. The decision to living a life uplifting others helped them to recognize and appreciate the person God had made them. The decision and commitment to finding joy in the ordinary, of being that person made on purpose for a purpose... projected a sense of peace, joy and cheerfulness that actually made others want to be with and near them. Many of these people living this grace-filled life discovered a friend who has become that life-long partner in marriage.

It wasn't marriage which brought them happiness. Happiness was something they carried with them in their life, their friendships and their marriage.

I have known happy people with virtually nothing living on a garbage dump in Tijuana. I have known people who seem to have virtually everything in Bel Air who have taken their own life.

If you are like Eeyore before you are married, you will be Eeyore after you are married. If you are depressed and gloomy before you get something or someone, you will still be depressed and gloomy afterward. Ultimately, regardless of the accessories you have, underneath them all, you still are you.

Happiness is learning to accept what is. It involves not letting envy and jealous blind us from the gifts and opportunities that God is laying before us. If God wanted me to be that other person, I would already be them. I need to work on appreciating who He has made me, for we are wonderfully made. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change. Courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference."

Happiness is an inside job.

Sadly, some people don't feel at home in their own skin. I feel sorry for them. Back in the dark ages (until around 1990) counseling, therapy, diet, study, prayer, exercise and often medication used to be the path recommended for dealing with this. Some people in the midst of their depression and listlessness seek a magic feather (Dumbo, believes he needs a magic feather to fly.) to make them happy.

Perhaps faith in science and technology can save you? "You think you are that? We can fix that now!"

Please don't write me off as a hater because I feel pity and compassion for these people struggling with their identity. I can't and won't condemn them. They need more help, prayer and support than I carry in the tool kit that God has given me. I do feel for them and their parents.

The advances in technology, medicine and surgery are making (with the right amount of money) almost all outward appearances and even internal organs, capable of being altered. In the "Hunger Games" you may have noticed people with cat-like ears and tails. We can do this now, but don't have the technical knowledge and skill with our nervous system as yet to have the ears actually move as does a cat's ears or tail... but you can be "modified."

These hurting people sometimes speak of being rushed along the path to a new identity. They are told how brave they are. They are encouraged and supported in their hope that this transformation will make everything as they believe it should have been. They, like all people, want to be happy.

Studies continue to show that many of these trans-people seem to find that the grass wasn't really greener on the other side. Even with pre and post-surgery support, their depression and personal demons remain with them. Although they may have been physically transformed, they discover they can't run away from themselves.

Just as marriage is not a magic feather to happiness, so too, surgery is not magic wand to happiness. These body altering modifications can distract one from the task of learning to recognize, appreciate and accept who they really are. These steps take time and intentional effort. Learning how to accept one's self can be a daunting task. Learning to live my life as gift and blessing require grace, patience and effort.

I guess the surgery offers them hope as before surgery 14% had attempted suicide (verses 1.6% of the general population). As of 2018, after trans-surgery 41% report attempting suicide. This is female to male 50.8% (73.9% in 2014 studies). This is male to female 29.9% (62.5% in 2014 studies). These improvements in lowering the attempted suicide rate after trans-surgery are seen as progress resulting from greater public acceptance and family support.

Sorry, magic feather. Even with the declining percentage of suicide attempts after surgery, we can see that the surgery, like a wedding ring by itself, doesn't bring happiness to life.

As Catholics we are called to treat others with mercy, love, kindness and respect... as we would like to be treated. Jesus doesn't call us to condemn others but to love and be merciful, as He has been merciful with us. This praying for and loving is not just with those who think and act like us ("which even the pagans do") but is especially for those who think differently and chose to act differently than we do. We should stand out as witnesses in the world because of our love of others. Be gentle. Be kind. Even if... whatever.



World Mission Sunday

This weekend is world Mission Sunday. We are called in a special way to be missionaries through prayer and participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously to the collection of the Society for Propagation of the Faith.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries. It provides an opportunity to support the Church among the poor and suffering in mission dioceses. For more information, visit: www.missionsla.org Special envelopes are on the tables near the church entrances. Thank you!

"Parish Staff Sunday"

This Sunday is our monthly "Parish Staff Sunday." Our office staff is available in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask question regarding weddings, baptism, faculty usage or about having a mass said for your special intention. We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.

Coming Thursdays beginning November 7th:

Bible Study with Fr. Valentine
"Preparing The Way"



The study will take place in the Senior Center following the Thursday morning's mass and rosary.



Celebrate Our lady of the Rosary

Have you ever wondered how the Rosary came to be? Do you know the graces attached to saying the Rosary? Do you know of the miracles that has occurred around the Rosary? You are invited to a very special presentation given by the members of the St. Jerome Cenacle of Our Lady. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 20th from 10:15 to 11:00 in the Hall. We will conclude the presentation with a procession while praying the Rosary at the outdoor shrine of Mary. Bring the whole family!

All Souls Novena Masses

During the entire month of November, a Mass will be offered each day in memory of our beloved dead. All Souls envelopes are in the church for you to list your departed loved ones to being included in this Catholic tradition.



Last weekend's Sunday Offering

October 12th & 13th, 2019: \$13,395

October 13th & 12th, 2018: \$12,531

Senior Center

Mon. Oct. 21: 12-4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Oct. 23: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, December 11th, for the Senior Christmas Luncheon!

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

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

Noelle Felka Abate and

Ariana Lynn Medina

who were baptized into the Christian Community

May God bless you!



RCIA Starts For Adults

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or need to receive your First Eucharist or Confirmation, please join us as we begin a new year of lessons every Sunday for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Classes. We meet at 11:00am, in the first pews on the right hand side in the church.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 8am to 1:30pm. Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals. There is also need for furniture and larger appliances. Call **323 224-6280** to schedule a free pickup at your home for the larger items. **Thank You!**



Elementary School Student Nondiscrimination Policy 2019-2020

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 10/19—5:30pm FB Leonila Lanzona Cardenas (M)
Sun. 10/20—7:30am SJ Steve & Joan Hoffman (SI)
9:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (M)
11:00am FB Chika & Ada Okoro (SI)
5:30pm FB Marylou Lansberry (M)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 10/21—8:00am FV Robert Lee Lucien III (M)
Tues. 10/22—8:00am FB Chuck Avis (M)
Wed. 10/23—8:00am FB Alyssa Ramlochan (SI)
Thurs. 10/24—8:00am FV Ellen Goudlock (M)
Fri. 10/25—8:00am FV Bridget & Peter Bah (SI)
Sat. 10/26—8:00am FV Josephine Crisafulli (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV, 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 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

Hector G. Amezcua	Pedro Bordenave	Jamie Brazile
Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona	Steve Clarke
Maritza Cardona	Kathy Chun	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Nyhira Coates	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Peter Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble
Ken Gilbert	Anne Gingras	Michelle Gonzalez
Gomez Family	Kathleen Harris	Dindo Honredo
Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert	John Marcello
Cathy McGuines	Eloise McNerney	Louise Meehan
Suzanne Neubauer	Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes
Betty Spindler	Cathy St. John	Mary Lou MacDonald
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar	Waddington

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Molly Lowe

May she rest in peace

**Funeral Mass at St. Jerome Church
on Tuesday, November 5, 2019—11am**

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



Coffee and Donuts

Come join us in the parish hall for coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses!

Save The Date

Hawaiian Luau Dinner & Raffle

Saturday, November 2nd

in the parish hall—doors open at 7pm

Grand Prize: Trip for 2 to Hawaii

Purchase your tickets now!

Call St. Jerome School at 310-670-1678

JOIN US

ST. JEROME SCHOOL

5580 THORNBURN STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90045

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019

5 PM - 8 PM



This year the St. Jerome Parish Holiday Craft Faire will be held the weekend of **November 9 and 10**. Please JOIN us for a fun-filled day, where many hand-crafted items, raffles every few hours, baked and yummy food are available. For VENDORS, we are still accepting table reservations. If interested contact Joyce at 310 649-5586 or Joan at 310 670-7801.

Christmas Tree Sale!

St. Jerome School families are taking Christmas tree orders until November 12th! These funds support our students and their activities. Pickup date is November 29th, but for an additional \$5 Trees can be delivered to your home/locally. For more information call 310 670-1678

