



St. Jerome Church



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

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 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. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &
Wed. 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

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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
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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: 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

Not all funeral services are the same. She had made her children promise to hold a Catholic service for her... and that her children attend.

It was quickly evident that although her children had attended St. Jerome School, that somehow “practicing Catholic” hadn’t stuck. I’m sure they felt they had good reasons for leaving the church. I’m sure they felt they had good reasons to not raise their children Catholic. The low response on the words of the Our Father and non-responses to “The Lord be with you” suggested it wasn’t just the Catholic Church they had left behind.

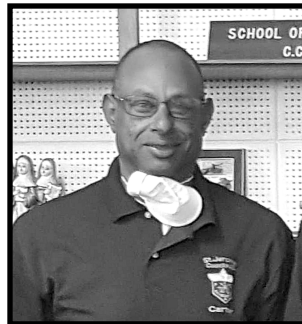
Her grandchildren seemed very interested in what I had to say while her children nodded in recognition at the familiar truths we hold. They thanked me when we finished. I was watering seeds I believe their mother and grandmother had planted.

I believe her decision to make her children promise to have that service was her “Hail Mary” final play on this earth to try to bring her children home to Jesus and the church she loved. I hope I fulfilled her prayers and helped them hear and receive the message. We plant seeds. Others water, fertilize, bring sunshine and harvest. We each can make a difference. We each do have a part to play. I know God hasn’t and doesn’t give up on His children even when they stray. He will continue until our last breath to reach out with loving forgiveness and seek to bring us into His Kingdom, His Home.

I believe she continues to intercede for her family. Who knows? You might be the answer to her prayer to bring her children and grandchildren home. It worked for St. Monica whose prayers were answered by St. Ambrose, a man who had given up all the power and privilege of being the governor of Aemilia-Liguria (Milan and northern Italy) that Augustine’s father had held as the governor of Numidia (modern Algeria with sections of Tunisia and Libya)... to be baptized and become Catholic. Augustine discovered a man who had found what fills the hungering emptiness of the human heart. “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” It wasn’t Ambrose’s preaching that converted Augustine. It was the choices he had made and how he was living a loving, generous, joy-filled life which convicted the young man who had tired to make it “All about ME.”

We are the witnesses and as Jesus’ disciples we continue to have the opportunity each day to give testimony by how we live life to help bring others to Jesus and help prayers to be answered. God alone knows what act of kindness or compassion may open someone’s heart to the truth. St. Monica and other mothers continue to pray for their lost children. Be aware that God may bring you the opportunity to be the answer to their prayer.

We need to be knocking down those mountains and filling in those valleys until the Lord has found a way to enter each and every person’s heart: Prepare the Way.



I would like to acknowledge a man I have grown to appreciate: Grand Knight of our St. Peter Claver Chapter, Devron Carter. Devron has demonstrated a deep love for St. Jerome’s, the Catholic Church and our young people.

This year Devron and the Knights helped lead two different cleanings of our church and its grounds. He also rolled up his sleeves to help give our Religious Education Center a well needed deep cleaning. During Lent he and the Knights sponsored different video presentations to help us get ready for Easter. I know that he has helped provide food for our youth group and assisted our youth with coffee and donuts. He strongly supports African American’s in recognizing their call to holiness and perhaps their vocation to the priesthood and religious life. He suggested and helped us have, during the week for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life (sisters), a special mass honoring Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first fully African American priest and helped assure that we could get the African American Evangelization Center Mass Choir to lead us in the celebration. I am grateful for the time and service Devron has given as his time as our Grand Knight comes to an end.

If you have concern for needs of African Americans or people of color and want to make an impact at Saint Jerome, please consider joining our chapter of the Knights of Peter Claver or our the Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver (Who will be hosting a Christmas Party for foster children next weekend).

Have a blessed weekend and continue preparing the way.



St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-It Up 2018

Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry LAX. **Please return the filled bags this weekend to the parish hall.**

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.**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Last weekend was the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Your tax deductible donation to the Retirement Fund supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. If you missed the collection and still wish to contribute, please find special envelopes located in the pews and on the church tables. Thank you!

Penance Service

We will celebrate our Advent Penance Service on **Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00pm.**

We encourage all of our families to plan to take part in this evening of reconciliation and sacramental Confession in preparation for Christmas.

Please set aside this special evening as a time for true spiritual renewal and to prepare yourself for Christ's coming at Christmas.



Save the Date:

December 20th– 6pm in the church School and Religious Education Christmas Program.

All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Now is the time to become alert! We watch. We wait. We ask God to show his face as we recall the birth of Jesus.

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. Everyone is welcome!

Safeguard The Children

Thanksgiving and Christmas are popular travel times, as people gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. For many people, that means trading in the routines and established safety practices of home for time spent in a hotel. If you and your children are staying in a hotel, take a few minutes to go over the escape route in the event of a fire or emergency. Show your children how to dial out from the room—to call 911.

For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Family Travel and Vacation Safety (Are We There Yet?)" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUSCurrent-Online-Articles.aspx>.

Senior Center

Mon., Dec. 17: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Dec. 19: 12 noon Communal Anointing

Closed December 24th & 26th~Merry Christmas!

For information, all Allene at 310 216-7354.



Adult Confirmation

If you are of age 21 years or older, and have been baptized Catholic, received First Communion and wish to complete your initiation in the Catholic Faith the **ADULT CONFIRMATION** process is right for you. Preparation sessions will be held **January and February 2019**, at St. Mark's Church in the parish hall (2475 Lincoln Blvd., Venice CA 90291.) A Retreat for the candidate and sponsor is mandatory. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by a bishop at St. Jerome Church at a day and time to be announced. **Contact the rectory office to make an appointment with Fr. Bill at 310 348-8212.**

Holy Innocents Day Service

Parishioners are invited to a Mass and Rosary Service at the Shrine to the Unborn on **Friday, December 28th at**

Holy Cross Cemetery. The service will begin with Mass at **2pm at the Risen Christ Chapel** with main celebrant Bishop Joseph Satoris, followed by a procession to the Shrine. The procession will be led by the **Knights Of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps.** During the procession, the Rosary will be prayed. Hymns and homily will follow. Please bring your family and friends. The cemetery is at 5835 W. Slauson Ave., Culver City.



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!



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

We began 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. All meetings are on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00pm in the St. Jerome Religious Education Center. Cost is \$15 for the Work book. For more information, consult the St. Jerome Parish website bible study page (stjeromelax.org, Ministries link) or Steve Picard, at sjpicaard526@att.net.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 12/15—5:30pm FB The Ezeokoli Family (SI)
 Sun. 12/16—7:30am FB Robert Lee Lucien III &
 Baby Madison Lee Swanson (M)
 9:00am SJ Puerto Rico Hurricane
 Relief Supporters (T)
 11:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 5:30pm FP Ramiro & Jeannette Fernandes (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 12/17—8am FV Bernadine Fulton (M)
 Tues. 12/18—8am FB Tony Asoera (SI)
 Wed. 12/19—8am FB Michael Dicks (M)
 Thurs. 12/20—8am FV Patrick & Nancy Ryan (M)
 Fri. 12/21—8am FB Bernadine Fulton (M)
 7pm FB Simbang Gabi St. Jerome Parishioners (T)
 Sat. 12/22—8am FV Garrett Watt-Evens (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV, 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 11am FB, 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	Bill Medina	Bob Migneault
Eurydice Mundy	Jerry Neubauer	Guillermo Ortega
Angela Parks	Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto
Carlos Rodriguez	George Rodriguez	Larry Smith
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	
Sr. Pauline Therese Daries		

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



Pomposa Lozano and Mary Grace Charron



May they rest in peace.

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Pomposa Lozano's funeral will be Sat. Dec, 22nd

10am at St. John Chrysostom —310 677-2736

Mary Grace Charon's funeral will be Thurs. Dec. 27th

11am at Holy Cross Cemetery —310 836-5500

Knights of Columbus Council Christmas Breakfast Sunday, December 16th, 10:30am– 12noon



Food, Festivity, Feliz Navidad

8049 Manchester Ave, Playa del Rey

Santa will be there!

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rector 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

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Thank you for all those who purchased Christmas trees to help our school raise money for new equipment, uniforms and travel expenses.

**We still have Douglas and Noble Fir Trees:
5 to 7 feet tall for you to purchase.**

For information and details contact
Rocio Zepeda at 310-670-1678
rzepeda@stjeromewestchester.org



Come & Celebrate



Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.



Let's share our blessings! Bring canned goods for offertory.

Reception and Christmas Sing-along will follow after the mass in the Parish Hall. Filipino food will be served.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver St. Jerome Court 402

Will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast for a group of foster children in our community through Foster All, on Saturday, morning December 22, in the parish hall. Activities, food, and presents will be provided.

Monetary donations appreciated.

**Checks may be made to St. Jerome Church
with "Foster Breakfast" in the memo.**

Questions, please call Bonnie Hall at 323 541-5139.



CELEBRATE WITH US!

Make your plans now to join your St. Jerome Friends on **New Year's Eve** for an incredible evening with a gumbo dinner, live music and lots of fun! Then end your evening with Mass at 11pm, featuring the incredible mass choir from the African American Pastoral Center.



Tickets for the dinner are on sale today, for \$20 which includes desert. Ticket will be \$25 at the door.

You may choose Creole gumbo or vegetarian. There will be beautiful gift baskets raffled that evening!

Christmas Season 2018

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00pm & 11:00pm*

*Carols begin at 10:30pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Masses

7:30am, 9:00am 11:00am

Monday, December 31st

A Soulful New year's Eve

Dinner begins at 7:00pm followed by
11pm Mass

