

# St. Jerome Church

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2020

Our RCIA Candidates  
complete their  
Easter Sacraments

Looking up to heaven,  
He said the blessing, broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples.

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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday by phone or email  
8:30am—noon; 1pm-4:30pm  
Friday and Saturday—Closed  
Sunday—8:30am—Noon; Rectory Garden Area

## SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) - 8am  
At the "Outside Adoration Chapel" & on Zoom  
Followed by Drive-in Adoration until 3:15pm.

Please note that a Funeral Mass  
may cause a daily mass to be canceled.

Sunday Mass  
"Drive-in Masses" — 8am, 10am and 5pm  
At the "Outside Adoration Chapel"

All regularly scheduled masses will be on Zoom  
Meeting ID: 661-442-999. Password: 162-954

Confessions: Saturday 1:30pm to 2:30pm  
In the Rectory Garden Area  
Also by appointment on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Virtual Holy Hour - Wed. 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

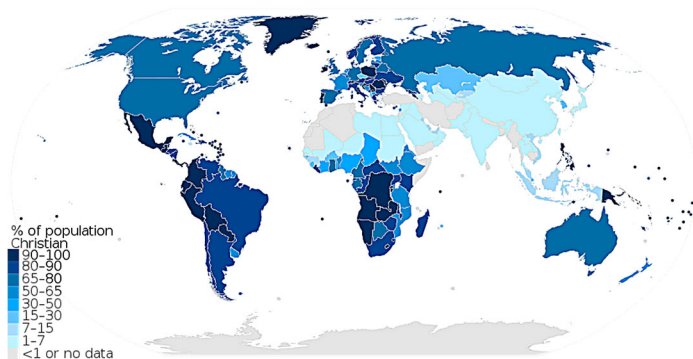
## From Fr. Bill

Have Christians ever been the majority of people in the world? Not yet. Jesus' gospel and command to go forth and baptize all nations still has many people waiting to discover the good news (gospel). Not that some of God's people haven't been continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

In 1800 it is estimated that 23% of the world's population was Christian. By 1900 it is estimated that we had reached and converted 34% of the world's population to Christianity. By 2000, although there are more Christians than ever before, we have now lead approximately 32% of humanity to Christ and baptism. Factors contributing to the slight decline in percentage are China and India's population explosions during the 20<sup>th</sup> century as well as the contraceptive and pro-abortion philosophies that have reduced many Christian families' size (In the United States from nearly 5 to 2.3 to 1.9 children per family, which is now below replacement level).

In the United States according to 2016 statistics, 73.7% of Americans are Christian: 48.9% Protestant and 23% Catholic. 18.2% identify themselves as "none of the above."

According to studies by the Pew Research Center over the past century, the number of Catholics around the world has more than tripled. As of 2010, there were nearly 1.1 billion Catholics, up from an estimated 291 million in 1910. Catholics comprise 50 percent of all Christians worldwide and 16 percent of the world's total population.



In 2010, the majority of the world's Catholics were to be found in the Latin American region (39 percent, or 425 million). In 1910, two-thirds of Catholics (65 percent) lived in Europe. By 2010, only about a quarter of Catholics (24 percent) lived in Europe.

According to a 2012 review by the National Council of Churches, the three largest denominations in the United States are: The Catholic Church, 68,202,492 members (23% of Americans); The Southern Baptist Convention, 16,136,044 members (5.3%); and The United Methodist Church, 7,679,850 members.

In the United States the major shift the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been the decline of ex-Catholics as the second largest group, and the growth in the "none of the above" from less than 2%. These appear to be young adults who in previous generations tended to return to a church when building a family. This generation has been indoctrinated in college studies which openly mock religion and identify belief in God and practice of religion as the source of evil in the world and a means to control people. (Marxism remains alive in too many universities.) This has led many young adults to put their faith in pseudo-science with a philosophy that there is no universal truth except that everything (morality and truth) is relative. 9-11 and the leadership scandal in the Catholic Church helped collaborate their professor's Marx's views on Religion and contributed to the growth of the none of the above. (Please note that the none of the above do have a higher than usual issues with depression, alcohol and drug abuse, as well as suicide. They need the gospel as their lives lack purpose and meaning which science can not give.)

Rather than complain, this is a challenge and call to authenticity and holiness to each Catholic. After all, WE are the witnesses and it is MY life that will give testimony to others and either bring them closer to Christ or away from Christ.

We rejoice with our RCIA group as they come closer to Christ by receiving and completing the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



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.



# St. Jerome Church

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Aid

### 8/2/2020

#### **GATHER YOUR PEOPLE – Bob Hurd**

(Refrain)

**Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,  
Gather your people, O Lord.**

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 2:3–4, 11:9; Bob Hurd, b.1950  
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#### **TABLE OF PLENTY – Dan Schutte**

(Refrain)

**Come to thy feast of heaven and earth.  
Come to the table of plenty.  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here a the table of plenty.**

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The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works. **R/**  
The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **R/**

The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

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#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Is 55:1-3)**

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 145 – Michel Guimont**

(Antiphon)

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
He answers all our needs.**

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (Rm 8:35, 37-39)**

Brothers and sisters:

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Verse (Matthew 4:48)**

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## **A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew** (14:13-21)

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.”

But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”

Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over— twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **COME TO THE WATER – John Foley**

1. O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?

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## **AS THE DEER LONGS – Bob Hurd**

(Refrain)

**As the deer longs for running springs,  
So I long, so I long, so I long for you.**

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## **SPIRIT AND GRACE – Ricky Manalo, CSP**

(Refrain)

In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,  
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.  
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.

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## **COME TO THE FEAST – Bob Hurd & Pia Moriarty**

(Refrain)

**Come, come to the banquet.  
Come, come to the feast.  
Here the hungry find plenty,  
here the thirsty shall drink,  
here at the supper of Jesus,  
come to the feast.**

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## **BEHOLD THE LAMB – Martin Willett**

(Refrain)

**Behold, behold the Lamb of God.  
All who eat, all who drink shall live.  
And all, all who dwell in God  
Shall come to know his glory.**

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## **COME TO THE RIVER – Bob Hurd**

(Refrain)

**Come, O come, come to the river  
Flowing from the body of Christ.  
We'll go down deep in the water,  
But in the Lord we shall arise.**

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## T-SHIRT SALE

These T-shirts are beautiful, well made and available! Crafted for our 2020 Saint Jerome Festival they are on sale this Sunday. Contact Selma for details.



## 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.st-jeromeschool.org](http://www.st-jeromeschool.org)  
or call 310 670-1678

## Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



**Romalda Canche**  
(Aunt of Carla Wilson)



May she rest in peace.

## Prayers for the Sick

Mike Asuncion	Hector G. Amezcua	Myrtle Bijole
Rosi Bogle	Mimi Bolton	Jaime Brazile
Vincent Butt	Silvia Barrios	Hazel Chu
Kenneth Chua	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezean
Agatha Ezeani	Joan Flynn	Xavier Galindo
Carlos Galo	Jesus Garber	Mark Gauerke
Jimmy Glenn	Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado
Celestius Ibe	Monique Isaac	Robert Johnson
Viola Maldonado	Willy Maldonado	John Marcello
Vilma Matolek	John McCreary	Louise Meehan
Caroline Metz	Linda Morril	Silvia Olumba
Wiley Pugh	Sam Quatto	Maria Ross
Morris Stapler	Annie Strange	Perdana Tamzil
Arnold Tena	Natalie Tun	Romalda Canche
Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana	Cynthia Flores Zapata	

## Registration for Religious Education is now OPEN!

Registration packets are available online at  
[www.stjeromelax.org/religiouseducation](http://www.stjeromelax.org/religiouseducation)  
Completed packets can be sent to  
[sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com)

All classes will be ZOOM accessible!

Date and Time TBD  
Any Questions? Call 213-841-6775

## Baptism Information



The Sacrament of Baptism for infants through 6 year olds are celebrated with our parish community during the regularly scheduled mass. Baptismal registration and information packets are available by calling **Roxanne Shaw at the rectory at 310 348-8212** during business hours or by email at: [rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org](mailto:rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org)

## Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Mary Asoera	Josie Bennett,	Dorothy Ikeri
Nancy Wagas	Tess Abraham	Leslie Flores
Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
Liz Ortega	Ammbur Peppers	Alisa Moniayo
Daniel Brousseau	Kerry Kasl	Heather Kearney
Christina Olumba	Virginia Waters	Ramin Modabber
Stephanie Vandiver Kearney		Monica Modabber

## Every Sunday is Parish Staff Sunday"

Our office staff is available every Sunday in the Garden Area which is located behind the rectory. You are welcome to stop by to ask question regarding **baptisms, parish registration, or about having a mass said for your special intention. You can also purchase Candles for \$5.00 each.**

We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.

### Scheduling Services (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

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.

### Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers: Tina Gustavson 310-649-1474

Music: Jim Drollinger 310-617-2465

Ushers: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

### Education and Fellowship

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Lara Ratleff 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

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study: Zoom  
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 Hall 323-295-2432

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein 310-908-9204

### Life, CHARITY, Justice & Peace Ministries

Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy-*Retired* 714-602-6122

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: Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

**ZOOM id For all Masses: 661-442-999**  
**Password: 162-954**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday: 08/02**

8am:FM Edward & Margarita Edwards (D)

10am:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

5pm:FB Robert & Yvonne Gibson (D)

### **WEEKDAY OUTSIDE ADORATION CHAPEL MASSES**

**Monday: 08/03**

8am:FM Birthday of Natasha Inglis (T)

**Tuesday: 08/04**

8am:FB Romalda Canche (D)

**Wednesday: 08/05**

8am:FB No Intention

**Thursday: 08/06**

8am FB No Intention

**Friday: 08/07**

8am:FB Helen Pantane (D)

**Saturday: 08/08**

8am:FB Carmen Melendez (SI)

**Deceased (D) Thanksgiving (T)**

**Special Intentions (SI)**

### **CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

8:00am FB, 10:00am FM, 5:00pm FB  
Fr. Bill Bolton (FB) Fr. Michael Tang (FM)

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