

St. Jerome Church



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 14, 2020

5550 THORNBURN STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
 WWW.STJEROMELAX.ORG 310-348-8212

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
 Monday—Thursday 8:30am—noon; 1pm-4:30pm by phone or email
 Friday and Saturday—Closed
 Sunday—8:30am—1:00pm; 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 Masses in Church — 9am and 11am

Sunday Evening Mass—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—Rectory Garden Area and by appointment on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Virtual Holy Hour - Wed. 5:30pm **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena**
 Meeting ID: **683-511-284**. Password: **805-612**

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

RECTORY STAFF

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

St. Jerome Church
Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday

6/14/2020

Prelude: OUR GOD IS HERE – Chris Muglia

(Refrain)

**And we cry “Holy! Holy! Holy are you!”
We cry “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.**

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A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. "Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 147 (Refrain)

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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GATHER US TOGETHER – Owen Alstott

(Refrain)

**Lord, Jesus Christ, gather us together.
Make us one bread, one body in your love.**

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY – John Foley

(Refrain)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

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CANTICLE OF THE SUN – Marty Haugen

(Refrain)

**The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy.
Come dance in the forest, come play in the fields,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.**

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Catholic teaching is clear. Humans are made in the image and likeness of God. Created by God for His purpose, they deserve RESPECT because they are His. When I fail to RESPECT this image in myself or others, I am sinning by mistreating someone who is holy: God's image and likeness in flesh. We and they are potential instruments of grace and hope. To deny that "they" are in His image and likeness, is to deny Him. To mistreat one who is a temple of the Holy Spirit, is a sacrilege (treating the Holy as disposable).

As Christians we are called to apply this to both the good and the bad, the just and the unjust... as all who God have created are precious in His sight. It isn't how we treat people we agree with and treat us with loving-kindness that reveals our connection with Christ, as even bigots and racists do the same. It is how we treat those we disagree with us and might see as enemies or persecutors, which demonstrates our union with or disconnection with Christ. Christians know the power of grace and conversion. (Saved a wretch like me!) If the persecutor of Christians, Saul, can become the great Christian Evangelist, St. Paul, who am I to reject the possibility of conversion and repentance? Even what may now appear to be a weed may eventually become bountiful wheat... and what appears to be wheat may, in God's light, found to be a weed.

Most things are not binary (yes or no, true or false). Reality and relationships are complex. There are degrees and variations of intensity, frequency and circumstances. Things often carry with them some truth, some goodness, something of importance and value... while at the same time also bear with them conflicting qualities. I tell couples in marriage-prep to avoid the words always and never when discussing behaviors and choices of their partner. The only two entities I know of, who are ALWAYS and NEVER, are God and Satan. When we over-generalize, we will end up exaggerating (because of what we are attentive to) and making a person into a God (always right, true and good) or a Satan (always selfish, deceptive and evil).

The truth is that humans are a mix. We are complex. We have a little bit of this and a little bit of that. We can value the same things, but because of degree, intensity, frequency and circumstances... may question the cost and sacrificing of other things which we value. At what cost? At what price? Be careful what you seek to tear down... their may be some good reasons you don't recognize or appreciate that adapted to the current practice... and is different automatically better? How do you know?

Darwin got this right: in nature it is about survival of the fittest. The strong and those best able to adapt will dominate and survive. "Might makes right." The wolves will control and consume the sheep. I learned this truth as a child in my neighborhood, parks and playgrounds. Someone will always

be on top... and other than power... what can help the weak, the helpless, the young and the old to help insure a chance at having a life with more often than not... a sense of peace, security, and the opportunity to have a good life?

When I helped at St. Thomas Parish in the early 1980's I discovered buildings that neither policemen nor firemen would dare enter. There was no appeal process, nor someone to sue. Residents obeyed and gave monies (or self) to those who controlled the building or neighborhood. Terror and fear, gunshots and beatings were the justice the strong and powerful wielded. They weren't elected. There was no appeal process. Instance justice and that is life.

Young people might respect a teacher or preacher but looked up to the one's with power and wealth: thugs. Boys wanted to be drug dealers, gang members and pimps... and girls often sought the mantle of these same people's protection.

I was there for training and an experience. I knew my time there was a few days. Going to sleep without undo anxiety would return to me fairly quickly... but I've seen the world without police and our imperfect system is much better than natural selection. People who could, had already moved. Those who remained had daily public examples of who ruled the neighborhood and watched what they said and did.

All boats leak and ANY system or structure created by humans will be flawed, as we too are flawed. And even if it were possible to create some perfect system, as we are human, some will choose evil regardless of teaching, training, process and structure: original sin and free will results in some choosing intense darkness and evil. It might be a policeman acting and three choosing to stand by and do nothing... or people feeling justified in destroying people's livelihood and stealing their possessions regardless of the owner's race, color or ethnicity, because they know they can get away with it.

You may not appreciate our system of justice, including our police, but other than the imagination of zealots and opportunists, in my visits and travels, I have found none any better and many that are far worse. More accountability? Better training? Sure. Yet, the lines of people desiring to come to our country (check with our Nigerians and other immigrants) testify to their preference for our flawed American system.

I don't know anyone who defends the killing of Mr. George Floyd. Yet, I also know people of every race and ethnicity who are grateful knowing that police may come when they call 911. Ask the people who recently lost their homes, businesses, health and loved one's lives while experiencing the "Purge" some claimed as justice and "understandable." Theft, destruction of other's property and violence do not lead to peace and justice. Yet, we pray for them as well.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 06/14—9:00am FB Chinaza Oti (SI)
11:00am FB Ikechukwu Ikeri (SI)
Parkinglot: 5:00pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY PARKING LOT ZOOM MASSES

Mon. 06/15—8:00am FB Marcos Macabod & Samuela Narisma (M)
Tues. 06/16—8:00am FB James Bennett (SI)
Wed. 06/17—8:00am FB George Floyd (M)
Thurs. 06/18—8:00am FB For the healing of the sin of racism and its effect (SI)
Fri. 06/19—8:00am FB Robert Lee Lucien III (M)
Sat. 06/20—8:00am FB Grace Asuncion (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9am FB, 11am FB, 5:00pm FB
Fr. Bill (FB) Jesuit (SJ) Fr. Michael (FM) Guest (FG)

Prayers for the Sick

Mike Asuncion	Hector G. Amezcua	Mrytle Bijole
Jaime Brazile	Vincent Butt	Cathy Chun
Hazel Chu	Kenneth Chua	Rorrie de la Vega
Joan Flynn	Xavier Galindo	Carlos Galo
Jesus Garber	Mark Gauerke	Anne Gingras
Jimmy Glenn	Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado
Celestius Ibe	Monique Isaac	Eileen LaCasse
Viola Maldonado	Willy Maldonado	John Marcello
Vilma Matolek	John McCreary	Caroline Metz
Nina Mueller	Silvia Olumba	Wiley Pugh
Maria Ross	Morris Stapler	Annie Strange
Perdana Tamzil	Natalie Tun	Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana

Cynthia Flores Zapata

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Esteban Ake

(Grandfather of Carla Wilson)



Martha Gonzalez

(Mother of Bertha Garber)



May they rest in peace.

These summer opportunities continue!

Drive-in-Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from **8am to 3:15pm Monday through Saturday**. 8am mass occurs most days* there except on Sunday.

Our **Friday Evening Prayer Group** meets at **7pm**. This charismatic group continues to pray for us and invites all to be open to the Spirit of Jesus allowing themselves to be refreshed and renewed. (Meeting ID: **870-2775-1085**. Password: **821-822**). **NEW CODES!**

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Mary Asoera	Jose Bennett,	Dorothy Ikeri
Nancy Wagas	Tess Abraham	Leslie Flores
Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
Liz Ortega	Ammbur Peppers	Alisa Moniayo
Virginia Waters	Christina Olumba	

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

Father's Day Novena Envelopes

Father's Day Novena envelopes are available during the week at our outside morning mass and Drive Up Adoration Shrine. Drop the Novena envelopes in the donation box so that your father's name will be placed on the altar throughout our Father's Day Novena.

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Prayers to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sister and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warns our hearts: pray for us.
Amen.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

