

# St. Jerome Church



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

**Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**August 25, 2019**

Please pray for our six newest priests as well as all the priests of the Archdiocese who will be on Convocation this week.

## 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

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

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Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roxanne Shaw 310 348-8212 X 301

## 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  
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) 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 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

Is it a plant or a weed? I eventually discovered that weeds were plants that happened to be growing someplace they weren't wanted. Is it beef or a cow? You mean I'm eating Elsie? Although I realized that chickens were chicken, as a child I didn't realize that steak and hamburger were parts of the animals who gave us milk and butter. This was my gateway into discovering the truth that the names we choose to call something becomes the lens of our reality for that thing. The words we use color how we perceive, react and respond to people and things.

One major problem we have in Los Angeles and much of California is usually referred to as the "homeless" problem. If homelessness is the problem, then the solution is relatively easy... build additional housing. I do grant there is an affordable housing issue for some in the working class and in retirement... and additional affordable housing does respond to that need. I do know one of our guests at the soup kitchen who found himself having to choose between his apartment and car. The car got him to work, providing for his clothing, food and medical... and so the car won.

But what if homelessness is more a symptom rather than the specific problem?

The men and women I see passed out in their own filth, in the park or in bushes along the street, aren't in this category. There was the woman pushing a shopping cart who claimed she had bought St. Jerome Church and was here to move into her new home. She does need help, but more than a bed can provide. There is the angel Gabriel and who wanted to know why Catholics kept Jesus nailed to the cross when He has truly risen from the dead. By the way, Gabriel so reeked of alcohol that he might have exploded if he got near an open flame.

Los Angeles has an obvious problem of people comfortable with living daily life loaded: drug and alcohol abuse. A percentage of these same people are struggling with various forms of mental illness.

Giving these individuals a bed isn't addressing the problem... in a sense we are enabling their addictions and supporting them in a life of staying high and self-medicated. A well-meaning "Safety Net" does protect them from hitting rock bottom. This safe haven can, for the mentally ill and addicted, become a snare. There needs are provided. "Why should I change?" Realize that not everything we call compassion is compassion.

Drug addicts need rehabilitation and a motive to go through the effort to change. People who are constantly drunk need rehabilitation and a motive to go through the challenges of learning to live a sober life. The mentally ill need counseling, care, perhaps medication and a safe place where they won't endanger themselves and others.

For these things to happen we need laws enforced to have consequences. No one should be above the law even if they are unfortunate enough to be a drug addict, an alcoholic or a petty thief.

Last Sunday one of our parishioners left her cell phone on a table after coffee and donuts, walking away to speak with someone. At her table (across from where she had been seated) was a new arrival to our neighborhood who arrived Saturday in a blanket for soup and clothing. When she wasn't looking (but others were) he pocketed her phone and took off. I chased him up Thornburn and La Tierra. I got within about 20 feet and then he turned on the jets and was out of sight by Alvern Circle. The police, beside saying I shouldn't have tried to capture him, said that the theft of the \$800 iPhone was only a misdemeanor and although we had a photograph of him... would not be pursued... unless he had a pattern of crimes in our neighborhood. No wonder the 99cent store has to have security guards at their doors.

We need police supported in their efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe and our businesses attractive. (Stores and neighborhoods with encampments blocking access and smelling fowl aren't doing well in LA.) If laws or enforcement practices are giving thieves free passes, we are well on our way to becoming communities where it isn't safe for people to go to the park or shopping. (I know places in LA where this is already true.) We need judges to get the addicted and consistently intoxicated the assistance they need. And people who are dangers to themselves and the community need a path to a different lifestyle, more than a soft pillow for the night. And, yes, we do need more affordable housing.

These are complex issues. The filth we step in, the stores people are concerned about approaching, the "illegal" fires which burn acreage and homes, the men and women and even children who view this as life... these are the symptoms of people being held down rather than lifted up.

Let us pray for those in positions of leadership to have the courage to be honest about the realities of LA's homelessness and deal with this complicated issue which directly or indirectly effects all our lives.

**HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BEEN THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?**



The Catholic Church has a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) which allows you to explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Faith.

Join us this Sunday after the 11:00am Mass, in the Rectory, for more about the RCIA and also to get your questions answered. There will be lite refreshments. All are welcome.



**Missionary Cooperative Collection**

Last weekend Fr. Benny, CMI, representing the religious order of Carmelite of Mary Immaculate preached at all masses sharing with us the stories of the missionary work as part of Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

St. Jerome parishioners were especially generous to the Mission Co-Op collection. Your donation and prayers were greatly appreciated.

**Jesus, Hope Of The World**

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will be at the Anaheim Convention Center on Labor Day Weekend, August 30th—September 1st.

There are many speakers and workshops to attend! For registration or information, please contact SCRC at (818) 771-1361, email: spirit@scrc.org Website: www.scrc.org



**Holy Mass for Migrants Saturday, September 7th—3pm (Pre-Procession begins at 2:30pm)**



Archbishop Jose H. Gomez will preside at the mass. The event will take place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angel located at 555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012.

JOIN US in representing our St. Jerome Community at this Mass for Migrants.

**Be a part of our parish delegation! CONTACT: Nory Jose at (310) 367-6557**



**St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary**

The following parishioners have their free picture from Lifetouch at the rectory for pick up during business hours:

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| Gail Buchanan    | Devron Carter    |
| Dietrich Davis   | Chiamaka Enemouh |
| Mitch Means      | Antoinette Njle  |
| Roxy Roberson    | John Saldanha    |
| Brian Washington | Larry Strawn     |

**Senior Center**

Mon. Aug. 26: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed. Aug. 28: 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.

**Religious Education Registration—Now Open!**

Registration for Religious Education, First Communion and RC1Y (Baptism and First Communion for Youth) will be held in the parish hall on the following Sundays:

**August 25th—8:00am to 12:30pm**

**September 1st—8:00am to 1:00pm**

<b>Fees are: Religious Education/RC1Y</b>	<b>\$80</b>
<b>1st Year of First Communion</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>2nd Year of First Communion</b>	<b>\$125</b>

(Please bring a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate)

**Classes will begin in September and are held Sunday morning following the 9am mass.**

You can also pick up and return the application at the Rectory office during business hours of Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information please contact Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775 or email sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

**RC1Y (Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth)**

If your children have not been baptized and are 9 years old through 17 years old. This program will answer your questions about the Catholic Faith and prepare your children for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please contact Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775



**OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER!**



**We need ONE more catechist!**

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to share your Catholic faith with our parish children grades K-8th? This is a very rewarding experience. Faith formation training will be given to you to assist with teaching the Faith. For more information call Emily Gonzalez at 213 841-6775 or email Sjlaconfirmation@gmail.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. 08/24—5:30pm FV Blessilda B. Atienza (SI)  
Sun. 08/25—7:30am SJ Sister Patricia Krommer (M)  
9:00am FV Robert Lee Lucien III  
and Baby Madison Lee Swanson (M)  
11:00am FB Mali Scott (M)  
5:30pm FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 08/26—8:00am FB Elisan Hinika-Faissa (M)  
Tues. 08/27—8:00am FV Licia Nicassio (M)  
Wed. 08/28—8:00am FV Geri Urrottia (SI)  
Thurs. 08/29—8:00am FV Patria Atienza (SI)  
Fri. 08/30—8:00am FV Families of St. Jerome School (SI)  
Sat. 08/31—8:00am FV Teresita Mercier (SI)

### CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

### Prayers for the Sick

Carlos Bautista	Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar
James Bennett	Senen Blanco	Jamie Brazile
Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona	Jordan Carter
Steve Clarke	Nyhira Coates	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Linda Devanny	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Peter Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble
Anne Gingras	Breheda Harris	Kathleen Harris
Jeneice Houze	George Koury	Eileen LaCasse
Cathy McGuines	Louise Meehan	Mary Lou MacDonald
Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes	Betty Spindler
Cathy St. John	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar Waddington	

## Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



**John F. Bekong** and  
**Mel Dolin**



May they rest in peace

## 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](http://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!

## LIFE TEEN

Sundays at 6:30pm—8:30pm  
St. Jerome Parish Hall

**\*\*\*Starting in September\*\*\***

For information, call Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775 or email [sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com)



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Thursdays 3:30pm-5:00pm

**What is Edge?** Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.

**5th grade- 8th graders are welcome**

For more information call/text: (310) 245-6193 or email Lara at: [lrattleff1@toromail.csudh.edu](mailto:lrattleff1@toromail.csudh.edu)



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, please contact **Joyce at 310 649-5586 or Joan at 310 670-7801.**

**Fraud Alert:** Please ignore any texts or emails you receive saying that Fr. Bill or Fr. Valentine is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.