

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019**

**Do you love me?
Feed my lambs.
Tend my sheep.
Feed my sheep.**

5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
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St. Jerome Church

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: Ijeoma Oti 310 348-8212 x313

sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

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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 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

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

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

Random Thoughts Amid The Easter Season

The glorified body is different. We know this because Jesus is able to enter locked rooms. Jesus is able to be at table with two of His disciples and then vanish from their sight. He can cook. He can eat and drink. He can be held. He does hold long discussions and teachings. Yet, although his wounds and scars can be seen and touched, we know that at the same time people seem slow to recognize Him until He speaks or does an action which brings into focus who He is. He is who He was... but now, somehow, more; yet now, somehow, different. It is almost like a veil is lifted from their eyes.

By the way, revelation (re-veal) is literally about the veil being lifted or the curtain being pulled back. In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, we are shown what life is about and what really matters: following Him. The suffering, hardships and persecution are a part of the package for those who embrace Jesus, choosing at the same time to reject Satan and the world. We can belong to one or the other... not both. It is faithfulness and patient-loving endurance which reveal our response to the gift of our freedom purchased by His blood to be members of His Kingdom: to be members of the New Jerusalem in the midst of this world. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done..." aren't words spoken about some distant tomorrow. These are words we pray are happening in our heart, soul and life this day... as we know through revelation the truth and what are distractions and deceptions.

Our earthly body deserves respect. It has been a temple of the Holy Spirit. It has been Christ's body in the world. These are some of the reasons we honor the remains of those we have loved. We make a memorial where we are able, in a very real sense, to be closer to the one we have known and loved. Yet we know that even as this earthly tent turns to dust, we gain an eternal dwelling, not made of human hands (glorified), in heaven.

I do have a first-class relic of St. John Bosco. I have studied, mediated and imitated what I have learned from St. John Bosco's life. He has been one of my role models. I do ask for his intercession seeking to love God and young people as he has done. His relic (a very small chip of bone in a special case) makes me more aware of his spirit, example and presence. Having it helps me stay focused on what I believe I am called to be.

When I visit my dad's grave, I know I am in a sacred time and sacred place. It is a pilgrimage. It puts me in a mood to remember. I speak with him and actually listen to his voice. (Yes, we can speak with those who are with the Lord, anytime and anyplace.) It reminds me of my responsibility to honor my father and mother by living a life which might cause one to suggest that "His parents raised him right." These pilgrimages make fresh the life of my father, remind me of the shortness of life in this world and make me want to be a better man.

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

God has no difficulty in transforming us into our glorified body regardless of the condition or location of the remains (e.g. martyrs and victims of bomb blasts). Other than Elijah, Jesus and our Blessed Mother, the majority of us don't receive the honor of getting to take it with us.

As we are no longer using it, why not let someone else benefit from the gift the temple of our body has been? I have already donated a fair amount of blood. I would love if my heart, kidney or lungs could give someone's loved one, a new lease on life. It would be a loving gift offered that might pay forward the love God has shown me in His gift of life. I have known people desperately seeking a donor-match for themselves or someone they love. Sadly, sometimes no match is found among those available.

The church is OK with people being organ or tissue donors. A kidney, as well as lung and liver tissue, can be donated by the living. One identified as an organ donor, following their death, make available their organs to those who need it. I understand that organ donors can help save the lives of up to eight people, and a tissue donor can help up to fifty people. If you are considering cremation, I think this is a much better use of some of the dust which has been the temple of your body.

I encourage you to discuss this with your family. I suggest that the next time renew your California driver license, you sign up on the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry and get a pink dot on your license. Being an organ or tissue donor is a great, final act of charity and mercy.

Some of our children will receive their First Communion this Sunday. Please keep them and their families in prayer. (Not to minimize Jesus' sacrifice, but I wonder if receiving the Eucharist might be considered the result of the ultimate tissue donation for life?)

Have a blessed Easter Season.

St. Jerome's School Collection

Today the second collection basket will help support our school. Each month please remember to use the yellow "School Support" envelopes to help our catholic families and their children have access to a great education which should be their right..not just for the privileged few. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Our children are our future.



First Communion Celebration

This Sunday at the 11am Mass

Keep our children and their families in special prayer as these little ones receive

Mother's Day Cards and Novena

Mother's Day Cards and Novena envelopes are available at the church exits. Please return the Novena envelopes to the rectory or place them in next week's collection basket so that your Mother's name will be placed on the Altar throughout the Novena.



Cardinal McIntyre Fund For Charity

This weekend we invite your generosity for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. Your contributions go directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families. You are their hope! Your gift provides a one-time emergency help such as food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses. Special envelopes are located in the pews for this collection.

May is Foster Awareness Month!

Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me.* Perhaps he was thinking of the many children who are in need of foster care in safe, supportive and loving homes? L.A has 34,000 foster children, the highest number in the nation. 21% are under age two.

May is Foster Awareness month and a time to honor those who are already fostering, and to invite others to consider fostering a child. For more information about fostering or to know how you can help see:

www.archla.org/foster or www.fosterall.org

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2019 AND 2018:

April 6th and 7th, 2019:	\$16,973 (Envelopes)
April 7th and 8th, 2018:	\$14,290 (Envelopes)
April 6th and 7th, 2019:	\$ 2,356 (School Fund)
April 7th and 8th, 2018:	\$ 2,119 (School Fund)
April 13th and 14th, 2019:	\$14,220 (Envelopes)
April 14th and 15th, 2018:	\$13,736 (Envelopes)
April 20th and 21st, 2019:	\$10,224 (Envelopes)
April 21st and 22nd, 2018:	\$13,467 (Envelopes)
April 20th and 21st, 2019:	\$1,378 (Building Fund)
April 21st and 22nd, 2018:	\$2,176 (Building Fund)
April 27th and 28th, 2019:	\$12,315 (Envelopes)
April 28th and 29th, 2018:	\$13,135 (Envelopes)
Easter Sunday 2019:	\$17,257
Easter Sunday 2018:	\$18,246

Senior Center

Mon. May 6: 12-4pm, Rosary, Cards and Social.

Wed. May 8: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

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



Thank you for all those who donated to the school's Shoe & Clothes Drive.



It was a huge success thanks to your generosity!

**Mark your calendars for the 8th Grade Play
May 29th at 6:00pm in the parish hall.**

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, May 18th;**
from 10:30am to 12 noon.

If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. **Thank you!**



St. Jerome Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study has begun a 7-week study titled "The Spirituality of St. Paul" on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Religious Education Center.**

The cost is \$30 for course materials. Next to Jesus, St. Paul was the most influential person on the thought and teachings of the early Christian Church. Even today, almost all the Second Readings on Sundays are taken from one of the many letters of Saint Paul.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard** at sjpicard526@att.net or **Alan Bernstein** at 310.645.5355 All are welcome. No experience necessary.

ACCW Mass and Crowning of the Blessed Mother

The LA archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites All women (gentlemen welcome) to attend the Annual Spring Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles on **Tuesday, May 21st. The Crowning of our Blessed Mother will be at 9:45am followed by Mass at 10am.** Celebrant: Msgr. James Gehl.

JOIN OTHER CATHOLIC WOMEN IN PRAYER.

Contact: **Louise Meehan, 310-641-0842**

Annual Barbecue Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 1st, 11am—4pm.** Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry is preparing:

- \$10 for BBQ Chicken
- \$13 for Pork Ribs
- \$13 for Tri Tip
- \$15 for Chicken and Tri Tip
- \$16 for Chicken and Pork Ribs
- \$16 for Pork Ribs and Tri Tip

This fundraiser provides help to others who may need assistance with rent or utilities. **Purchase your order beginning May 18th!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 05/04—5:30pm FV **Joyce Aquino (T)**
Sun. 05/05—7:30am SJ **St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)**
9:00am FB **Robert Lee Lucien III (M)**
11:00am FB **First Holy Communicants (SI)**
5:30pm FP **Lydia Potestades (M)**

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 05/06—8:00am FV **Glen Girard (M)**
Tues. 05/07—8:00am FB **Breheda Harris (SI)**
Wed. 05/08—8:00am FB **Marshal Cochrane (M)**
Thurs.05/09—8:00am FV **Darlene Bejnar (SI)**
Fri. 05/10—8:00am FV **Violeta Talag (M)**
Sat. 05/11—8:00am FV **In memory of:**
Jerry Franz, Leticia Mendoza,
Edward Wong, Laura Neal Williams

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND



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

Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Robert Buchanan	Bobbie Campbell	Steve Clarke
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Michael Fitzpatrick	Lordes Flores
Margaret Gamble	Anne Gingras	Hank Grady
Miguel Garcia	Breheda Harris	George Koury
Mark Ludwig	Pat Menezes	Bob Migneault
Allene Muccia	Maria Navaro	Angela Parks
Chela Perez	Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto
Betty Spindler	Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker
Sr. Pauline Daries		

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

 **Jerry Franz** [Father of Kenny Franz] 
Laura Neal Williams [Sister of Florida Toussant]

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



Coffee and Donuts

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

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is in the School parking lot **this Sunday (May 5th) from 8am—1:30pm.**

Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist the needy.



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 or you may visit the school office to pick one up.

Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org or call 310 670-1678.

Family Fun Day and Rummage Sale

Sunday, May 19th 9am—4pm

10x10 vender space available for \$25

call the school at 310 670-1678

or see the website: www.st-jeromeschool.org



St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial through *Life Touch Family Photography* for our 70th Anniversary! Each family that comes for a photograph will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Customer Color Portrait. Thank you to those who took pictures last month!

The photographers will be at the parish again on May 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25th

Schedule your appointment on our website

Monday thru Friday (only) at www.stjeromelax.org

Scroll down to the picture of the couple; click on

"Your Invited." On weekends we will have volunteers in the parish hall to schedule appointments.

Attention: Parishioners & Ministries

We need your assistance to coordinate and take a group picture of the members in your ministry for the pictorial directory. We also want pictures of special events over the past 10 yrs. to put in the directory.



Please email your pictures by **June 30th** to **Juanita Rivera-Wiemken at juanitarw@gmail.com** or **Brad Germeroth at zrv1@yahoo.com**

Parking lot Awareness: Be the eyes and hands of God for our senior and disabled parishioners. Make sure they get safely to their cars after mass and special events. They are our Diamonds!