

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019



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

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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sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

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 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

"Easter Triumph! Easter Joy! Sin alone can this alloy."

My interest in Sri Lanka goes back to my Theological Study days in the seminary. Two of my classmates, Tony and Ignatius, also came to study for priesthood at the Pontifical Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. We were all ordained to priesthood in 1987 and although I haven't seen them since, we do keep one another in prayer and try to stay in contact. (I can't claim any credit for keeping us updated on what is happening with my companions... but I do read their postings.)

I was surprised to hear about multiple suicide bombings in Sri Lanka (an island nation to the east of the southern coast of India). Violence and unrest are sadly common there, but it is usually directed against the Buddhist majority (70%) or between the Muslims (8%) and Hindus (10%). The Christians (6% Catholic and 1% other) have done their best to keep out of the line of fire between these conflicting factions. Christians sometimes have been "collateral damage" but very rarely have been the target of violence.

Catholics gathered together in churches and hotel ballrooms for Easter Services. As all are welcomed, we are such an easy target. Men, women and children were killed (320 reported dead and with 500 injured, more deaths are likely) for publicly worshipping the one we proclaim as God's Son and our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

"It was a sad sight to visit the Hospital which I did. I gave Holy Communion to quite a few who were about to receive when the Bomb went off. Kind regards and prayerful wishes to all. It's good to know you are there with us in this time of grief." - Fr. Tony

Fathers Tony and Ignatius are already busy with funerals as warm temperatures cause burials to most often occur within 24 to at most 48 hours. In some cases the bodies have not yet been identified as their nearest kin are mostly likely hospitalized or dead, yet burial cannot wait for reasons of health. Although authorities may not yet know their names, Jesus knows these martyrs whose lives give witness to their belief in the Risen One. I believe these men, woman and children to be with Him in Paradise this day.

I can be peaceful in the midst of conflict. I can be joyful in the midst of sorrow. As Christians our faith and hope are anchored not in the passing emotions of the moment, but our trust in the love of God.

If Good Friday shows us anything, it reveals that the Resurrection comes through Calvary. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies..." Psalm 23 doesn't promise avoiding the dark valley, but that God will be at our side. Jesus promises us love as well as a family larger than we can imagine... with persecution besides.

Having a cross isn't a matter of choice. If you live in this world, you have one. However, we can choose HOW we bear our cross. I can follow Jesus or another path. Self-pity and making sure I get mine is one path. Punishing and persecuting those I claim to be responsible is another path. Accepting our cross with loving-kindness, persistence and patience as well as choosing to journey with others so that they, too, may know God's love, mercy and forgiveness is the path Jesus modeled for us. Our cross can become, not our burden, but our instrument of salvation and service.

I am crying for those who have lost those they loved, especially the witnesses and the wounded who lived the trauma of having their companions ripped from this world in someone else's expression of anger. I am thankful I do not know exactly how our sisters and brothers in Sri Lanka who lost their beloved feel at this moment. They have my prayers and my heart feels heavier with their losses.

At the same time, I have a sense of peace knowing that the men, women and children who have died with the Lord will live with the Lord. I won't claim to be happy about the events which occurred, but I am joyful that they came to Easter Services ready to meet our Lord and Savior. Through their executions on this most holy of days, their prayers were answered. They are good. They are at peace. "The strife is o'er, the battle is done; Now is the Victor's triumph won." Alleluia. They are the victors: for this reason, I smile and for this reason, I cry.

We still face the opportunities and challenges of bearing our cross each day. I pray that we do it following Jesus and not some other path. If our heart is filled with anger, resentment and desire for revenge... we have chosen to be in the dark valley alone.

I have promised Fathers Tony and Ignatius our prayers. I know you won't make me a liar. Dear God, our Father, for the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We are so very much in need of mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

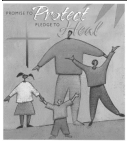
Congratulations to our newly baptized, confirmed and communed Alexis Gabriel Ferguson.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us this Sunday at **10:15am** in the parish hall to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** followed by a **Rosary procession** to the church. We will then celebrate the **11:00am** mass together.

On May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Disciples of the Sacraments decreed that throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter would receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday a, perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. Devotion to the Divine Mercy was promoted by Saint Faustina Kowalska, who was canonized April 30, 2000, by Pope John Paul II.



Safeguard The Children

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

In keeping with our promise to continue actively working to help prevent child sexual abuse and promote a safe environment for everyone. Please visit the "Safeguard the Children" table in the vestibule this **Sunday** with information and handouts, including brochures, stickers, and prayer cards, after each mass.

Mother's Day Cards and Novena

Mother's Day Cards and Novena envelopes are available at the church exits. Be sure to 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 our Mother's Day Novena.



First Communion Celebration

Sunday, May 5th at the 11am Mass

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

Cardinal McIntyre Fund For Charity

Next 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 pew for this collection.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting, SCRC

The St Jerome Catholic Charismatic Group meets at **7:00pm on Fridays** for fellowship and prayers. You are invited to join us in the school building. For more information, contact Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at **323 294-1940** or email at **dmuoneke@gmail.com**

Senior Center

Mon. April 29: 12-4pm, Rosary, Cards and Social.

Wed. May 01: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

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

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

Mehki Jordan Peters

who was baptized into the Christian Community.

May God bless you!



St. Jerome Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study will begin a 7-week study titled "The Spirituality of St. Paul" on **Tuesday evening, April 30, from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Religious Education Center.** The study will run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings. 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 St. Paul.

Join us on Tuesday evenings as we explore some of Paul's writings and encounter his tremendous love for Jesus and the followers of Jesus.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard** at **spicard526@att.net** or **Alan Bernstein** at **310.645.5355** All are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring a friend.

First Friday Adoration

On **Friday, May 3, 2019**, immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until the celebration of Benediction at 10:00am.



Altar Servers Training



Servers are important ministers of our Eucharistic Celebration. We are very grateful to our children and their families who serve at masses and other special occasions. We want to give this great opportunity to more families.

If your child is of the age of 3rd Grade or older, has received their first Communion and would like to be trained to serve, call Kathy Fitzpatrick at 310 703-2519.

ASSW Mass and Crowning of the Blessed Mother

The LA archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites All women (gentlemen welcome) of the Archdiocese to attend the 14th Annual Spring Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles, 555 W. Temple Street, LA 90012 on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Crowning of our Blessed Mother at 9:45am followed by Mass at 10am.** Celebrant: Msgr. James Gehl, Spiritual Advisor. Join other Catholic women in prayer and fellowship.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 04/27—8:00pm FB **Raymond C. & Raymond E. Dudley (M)**
 Sun. 04/28—7:30am SJ **Jose Ochoa (M)**
 9:00am FV **Robert Lee Lucien III (M)**
 11:00am FV **Juana Serrano (SI)**
 5:30pm FB **St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)**
WEEK DAY MASSES
 Mon. 04/29—8:00am FV **Rafael, Dennis, & Adonis Wagas (SI)**
 Tues. 04/30—8:00am FB **Leticia R. Mendoza (M)**
 Wed. 05/01—8:00am FB **Peggy Jackson & Frances Lalan (M)**
 Thurs.05/02—8:00am FV **Mark Bejnar (M)**
 Fri. 05/03—8:00am FV **Lani & Brian Maher (SI)**
 Sat. 05/04—8:00am FB **Garrett Watt-Evans (SI)**

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND
 Vigil 5:30pm FV , 7:30am SJ, 9am FB , 11am FB, 5:30pm FV
 Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)

Prayers for the Sick

Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Robert Buchanan	Bobbie Campbell	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli
Kathy Fitzpatrick	Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris
Hank Grady	Miguel Garcia	George Koury
Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault	Maria Navaro
Jerry Neubauer	Angela Parks	Chela Perez
Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Germaine Nickels-Chau	Sr. Betty Nickels, O.P.	

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. Pease join us!



**Listen to a 24 hour Catholic Radio Station
 AM Station 930—Immaculate Heart Radio**

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

Engaging Spirituality members will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

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.

St. Jerome School Clothing & Shoe Drive
The bins for you to drop off your donations will be in the school parking lot—Monday, April 29th thru Friday, May 3rd.

The more bags we collect..the more money we'll raise!!

Tips for collecting extra bags:

Garage Sales: ask to have seller donate what they do not sell. **Lost & Found:** schools, workplaces, churches.

33 Gallon Bags: recommended for best results.

For more info call Michele Johnson 949-246-0248



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 during the month of April!

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday



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

Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals. There is also need for furniture, larger appliances. A free pickup at your home for larger items is available by calling **323 224-6280. Thank You!**

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!