

St. Jerome Church

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018

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

Pope Francis is asking that all Catholics pray the Rosary each day during this month of October and add the Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel at the end. Here are some of our community answering his call.

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, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:45am & 6:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of Our Lady—Wed. 1:15pm

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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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

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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: Allene Muccia 310-348-8212

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

Tuesday Morning (10:15-11:15am) Bible Study in the Sr. Center

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

From Fr. Bill

I hate that parents sometimes must bury their children.

The coffin was small enough to fit in the backseat of my corolla. The parents seated next to each other seemed apart and alone.

My memories of Christian are of him smiling and laughing. He was a very loving child who had special needs which required great sacrifice, patience and love. The demands of attentiveness, vigilance and care which he required during his twelve years of life had touched each of his immediate family members in a different way. Christian is the one who died, but for his parents, older brother and younger sister this means learning to live life differently as he is no longer the focal point of family life. I guess it is similar to experiencing the "empty nest syndrome." Now that this is over, what are we to do?

Caregivers hit this wall of grief, loss and guilt when their "patient" or family member dies. A complicated mix of happy they passed, guilty I feel happy, guilty I felt tired and angry about exhausting needs, regret about how sometimes I may not have been the most loving and patient to this person who did not choose this but was inflicted with this. It was too easy (even though I complained) for their journey of loss to become my life.

We are more than what we do. Men often have difficulties with this when they retire. And family caregivers can fall into void... the great nothing... when the need for their service comes to an end.

Don't allow yourself to become isolated. Stay connected with friends and family. Make time regularly to laugh, dance, cry and sing with people who strengthen your joy, peace and hope. Take advantage of programs which give you time to breath and actually find rest.

Keep Jesus and Mary close with you. Rather than focusing on "why me?" or on your difficulties make the time holy by lifting your heart and mind to God. Offering it up can be a powerful way to link our sufferings with the Lord, making Him more present to us and those we serve.

Respect Life Month challenges us to remember that we are called to advocate for, protect, support and serve not only the unborn who in some cases are viable and yet still murdered, but the elderly... the homebound... those in care facilities... those most in need of care.

Respecting life doesn't end with a child's birth. As a part of Respect Life Month we will be having speakers from "Foster All" on the weekend of October 20th and 21st. Children need loving homes where they may grow to be the men and women God would love them to be.

Save the date: Thursday, November 8th at 7pm. We will be having a special mass for "Good Father Gus."

Augustus Tolton was born a slave in Missouri. In 1862 his mother set out with her three little ones walking and rowing to freedom. Even though the family had escaped from physical slavery, the prejudice against Blacks in the North was not much better than in the South.

As a teen Gus began displaying an interest in the priesthood. His parish priests encouraged the young man and tried, without success, to enroll him in several diocesan seminaries. In 1878, the Franciscan College in Quincy accepted him as a student, and two years later he enrolled at the college for men studying to be missionary priests in Rome.

After completing his studies, Gus was ordained on April 24, 1886. Ordained to be a missionary, Gus was surprised to be told, "America needs Negro priests. If the United States has never seen a Black priest, it must see one now. Can you drink from this cup?" Newly ordained Father Tolton replied, "Yes, I can."

The archbishop of Chicago assigned Fr. Gus to a poor parish on the south side, Saint Augustine's Church, which consisted of a chapel in a basement. He spearheaded the building of Saint Monica's Church which was dedicated in 1894. This would be Father Gus' parish for life, and it became the center from which he ministered to all the Black Catholics of Chicago.

Fr. Gus had to take all the bigotry, all the insults, and keep his dignity, and the holiness of his priesthood. He helped Black Catholics be proud of their religion in spite of the weaknesses of some Catholics who couldn't free themselves of their prejudice. He was a devoted priest of Jesus Christ, who just happened to be Black.

On a very hot day in July, 1897, while walking home from a day of retreat, Fr. Gus collapsed on the sidewalk from a heat stroke. He was rushed to Mercy hospital where he died that night. He was only forty-three years old, a priest for more than eleven years.

The cause for Fr. Gus' beatification moved from diocesan level to the Vatican in 2010. In 2014 Fr. Augustus Tolton was declared a "Servant of God." If and when he is declared "Venerable" the church will recognize his virtue as heroic. For the process to advance Fr. Gus needs one confirmed miracle through his intercession to be declared "Blessed" and a second to become a canonized saint.

We can help by praying the special prayer for his canonization that simultaneously presents to God a request for healing or other special intention. We can share the story of Father Gus and encourage others to use him as one of their prayer warriors in the Communion of Saints as his process needs people asking for his interceding for them to God.



World Mission Sunday

Next weekend is world Mission Sunday. We are called in a special way to be missionaries through prayer and participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously to the collection of the Society for Propagation of the Faith.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries. It provides an opportunity to support the Church among the poor and suffering in mission dioceses. For more information, please visit: www.missionsla.org Special envelopes are in the pews and on the tables near the church entrances. Thank you!

FosterAll

Next weekend, Ember Ngur from "FosterAll" will be at St. Jerome to speak at all the masses. She will open our awareness about the needs of foster children and fostering families in respective communities. The "FosterAll" program provides opportunities and resources to be a part of the solution.

All Souls Novena Masses

During the entire month of November, a Mass will be offered each day in memory of our beloved dead. All Souls envelopes are in the church for you to list your departed loved ones to being included in this Catholic tradition.



Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and for Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, October 21, the Westside Food Bank will hold its 28th Annual Hunger Walk. Since we moved to Orange County last January, I will not be walking for our Food Pantry LAX, as I have done since 2008. Our Food Pantry LAX, however, continues to serve as many families as before. **Food Pantry, LAX pays no salaries.** It is completely run by **volunteers** and **hopes to raise at least \$6,000 this year.** It's quite ambitious, but it is necessary to partially cover the difference between donations received and expenses paid at the Pantry.

To donate, please go to its website page (push down the control key, keep it down while you click on the following website address) <https://my.wsfb.org/team/184331>, then click on **DONATE** and follow the instructions. You will have the option, if you so wish, to credit the donation to a specific fundraiser.

I hope that you will help that humanitarian organization to reach its goal. I want to assure you that any amount, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support,
Deacon Guy Wauthy
Former Food Pantry, LAX Board Member

Senior Center



Mon., Oct 15: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Oct. 17: 12-4pm, cards and social.

(Oct. & Nov. birthdays celebration on Nov. 7th)

Ho Ho Ho, time to mark your calendars for the Senior Christmas Luncheon on Wed. Dec. 12th. Join us for delicious food and fun! **Call Allene at 310 216-7354.**



Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

Logan Carroll Mattingly

who was baptized into the Christian Community.

May God bless you!

October: Respect Life Month

Pope John Paul II, in his beautiful work *The Gospel of Life*, writes: "The Church knows that this Gospel of life, which she has received from her Lord, has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person - believer and non-believer alike- because it marvelously fulfills all the heart's expectations while infinitely surpassing them. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded."

Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, paragraph 2.

Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

David and Maureen Pulliam

who have become married in the Catholic Church.

May God bless them!



The St. Jerome Angels Ministry

When dear parishioners have not been seen for some time, many people at our Church have asked where they are, and if they are well? After all, they and all our parish members are important parts of our St. Jerome family.

In response to many inquiries, a new ministry has been formed in our parish: "**The St. Jerome Angels**" Ministry. The goal of this ministry is to address the need to locate those members who would appreciate visits.

We are contacting our parish rectory, our Senior Center, and the parish registry to locate anyone who would like to be involved either as a recipient or as an active member of our ministry. We are calling on each and every member of our parish to assist us in locating our sick and/or homebound members of St. Jerome Parish.

To communicate information or to assist in this ministry, please contact, the Church Secretaries at **310 348-8212** or Kathy Fitzpatrick at **(310) 703-2519**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 10/13—5:30pm FG Fr. Valentine Ibe (SI)
Sun. 10/14—7:30am FB David Hill (SI)
9:00am SJ Chukwueloka Oti (SI)
11:00am FB Frank Oti (SI)
5:30pm FG St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 10/15—8am FB Rita Sheehan (M)
Tues. 10/16—8am FB Imani Carter (M)
Wed. 10/17—8am FB Ted & Ester Aclan (SI)
Thurs. 10/18—8am FB Troy Okmoto, Diane Abeyta,
and Gilbert Vasquez (SI)
Fri. 10/19—8am FV Frine Velez (M)
Sat. 10/20—8am FB Harold Simpson III (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV, 7:30am SJ, 9am FV, 11am FB, 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



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| Mary Alcuran | Rebecca Bank | James Bennett |
| Vincent Butt | Robert Buchanan | Dionne Delahoussaye |
| Rorrie de la Vega | Valarie Dudley | Elizabeth Ezeana |
| Chris Ezeokoli | Lordes Flores | Mary Gibson |
| G. Johnson Family | Frances Lalan | Benjamin Lopez |
| Robert Mallillin | Eileen La Casse | Bob Migneault |
| Eurydice Mundy | Jerry Neubauer | Guillermo Ortega |
| Ortega Family | Dorothy Polk | Sam Quatto |
| Carlos Rodriguez | George Rodriguez | Larry Smith |
| Kondra Tapia | Sandra Walker | |

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends



Jerome Amadi

[father of Emilia Mbagwu]



May he rest in peace.

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. Please join us!



California General Election November 6th

Your vote is your Voice in your Government. Qualifications to vote are: U.S. Citizen and a resident of California; 18 years on November 6th; not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

You must re-register if you have changed your name or moved out of your current voting precinct. For more information to register online visit www.lavote.net or use the self-addressed voter registration forms available in the church vestibule, at post offices and libraries, or call **800 815-2666**.

Voter Registration forms must be postmarked or submitted electronically by **October 22, 2018**, in order to vote in the November 6th California Election.

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. Please call **310-670-1678** or visit **www.stj-jeromeschool.org**



Coffee and Donuts

The 7th grade class will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us in the hall!

Save The Date

Hawaiian Luau Dinner & Raffle

Saturday, November 3rd

6pm-10pm in the parish hall

Grand Prize: Trip for 2 to Hawaii

Purchase your tickets now!

Call St. Jerome School at 310-670-1678



Clothing Drive Fund Raiser Extended

Thank you for your donations to the clothing drive. We did very well however we were very close to the next weight level that would give us a larger amount of funds. The company is letting us extend our deadline for another week.

We ask for gently used clothes, shoes, belts, suitcases, curtains, blankets and stuff toys. **Please bring your donations to the school during school hours of 8am-4pm.** For more info. call the school at **310 670-1678.**

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, October 20th, 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!**



2018 Holiday Craft Faire

St Jerome Parish is having its Holiday Craft Faire the weekend of **November 10th from 9am to 4pm, and November 11th from 8am to 2:00pm.** There will be many

hand-crafted items to choose from and raffles every few hours! Yummy food and beverages will also be available.

If you would like to reserve a table as a vendor or know of someone who would be interested in reserving a table, please call **Joyce at 310 649-5586** or **Joan at 310 670-7801.**