

St. Jerome Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

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Los Angeles, CA 90045
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310-348-8212

*"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

St. Jerome School **MARDI GRAS** PARTY!

Saturday February 22, 2020

Zydeco Band /DJ /Samba Dancers/Cash Bar/
Live Entertainment/ Dancing/Dinner & more!

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

Tickets \$50

Even if you are unable to attend, buy a RAFFLE TICKET.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—noon; 1pm-4:30pm

Friday—10am-1:30pm

Winners need not be present!

Raffle Tickets are \$2 each.

1st Prize - \$2,000

2nd Prize - \$1,000

3rd Prize - \$500

Thank you for your generosity and support.

From Fr. Bill

Sacraments are visible signs of invisible realities. They are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace. Sacraments are for the members of the church of God to enhance, repair and strengthen their relationship with God and His church. The sacrament which opens the door to others is baptism with the person's acceptance and formally embracing our baptismal promises regarding what the church believes, practices and teaches. ("I do.") Parents are allowed to make these promises for children who have not yet reached the age of reason.

There are also "sacramentals." The ashes of Ash Wednesday, the palms of Palm Sunday, holy water, rosaries, crucifixes, wedding rings, statues and medals of saints, holy cards and candles placed before our Lady, the Sacred Heart or a saint's image or statue all fall into this category called sacramentals.

A sacramental is anything set apart or blessed by the Church to help us to focus, to encourage good thoughts and to increase devotion. For some of these sacramentals there is an associated use or action. For example, with holy water we are encouraged to dip our fingers into the holy water and then do the sign of the cross which is a public and conscious acknowledgement of God and recalls our baptism. Yet, because it is a sacramental, even non-believers are welcome to pray the rosary, use holy water, receive ashes on Ash Wednesday or collect palms on Palm Sunday. Who knows? Maybe the use of this sacramental may actually prepare the way for them to seek membership in the church?

In many cases, things used as sacramentals are blessed: rosaries, medals, scapulars, bibles, ashes and palms. It is common for Catholics, when they receive a new rosary or medal or scapular, to take it to their parish priest to ask him to bless it. Yet please note, you can still use a rosary or read a bible before having them blessed. The blessing signifies the use to which the item will be used in the service of the worship of God.

"Set apart or blessed by God" is a part of the reason many people choose to have their home or car blessed. As domestic church our homes are a place where we gather to pray, read scripture and ask that Jesus Spirit be dwelling among us. Cars can be a place of prayer. Only God knows how many rosaries I have prayed when driving. I sometimes pray the Liturgy of the Hours along

with my phone application. I also sometimes sign Catholic Hymns or listen to Catholic Radio 930am. I have even composed songs as I drive... being compelled to pull off to the side of the road and record the words and melody that God has placed in my heart.

Although sacraments such as receiving the Eucharist (communion) are only available to baptized Catholics, anyone may receive or use a sacramental as they are not a sacrament. So, with Ash Wednesday coming soon, know that all are welcome to receive ashes.

As Lent is on the horizon, I thought it would be good to review the rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States. Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. To abstain means that you don't partake of something. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. So although we may "graduate" from being REQUIRED to fast, abstaining from meat is something we are all able to do.

And regarding Fridays throughout the year: All Catholics are obliged to do some type of penance in honor of Good Friday. (Penance = special devotion to prayer, works of charity, and/or denying themselves of something) It MAY BE fasting and abstaining from meat. Yet, it also MAY BE doing works of charity and exercises of piety. If outside of Lent I make the choice to not abstain from meat on a Friday, I need to make sure I ADD additional prayer (e.g. Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary) OR I need to ADD an act of charity/mercy (e.g. feeding, clothing, caring, visiting, teaching) OR I could deny myself something I usually enjoy (e.g. Social Media, Television, Coffee, Alcohol... or only drink water for beverage).

If you are looking for actions of charity or mercy consider making time to become an Angel and visit the home-bound. "See how they love one-another" is an important part of evangelization. Light for the world needs to be seen. Have a blessed week.

Parish Staff Sunday February 16th

Office staff is in the parish hall during **coffee and donuts this Sunday**. Mass Intentions for the 2020 year are available to book now! We will only accept (3) requests at one time and the dates should not be booked in a consecutive week for consideration of others. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask questions regarding weddings, baptism, facility usage.

We will also be taking RSVP's for the "Volunteer Appreciation Event" on March 7th. We apologize if we missed sending you an invitation, so please see us in the hall to get an invitation if you volunteered your time during the year of 2019.



Presidents Day

The Rectory will be closed this **Monday, February 17, 2020**



Together In Mission 2020

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday for Together in Mission. **We need the help of all our families to reach this year's goal of \$70,332.** We come to you to offer support to the poorest of Archdiocesan parishes and schools. What we can give to them will enable them to continue for another year to serve God's people.

If you received your Pledge Form in the mail, **please complete it and place it in the Collection basket; or you may return it by mail directly to the Annual appeal office.** God bless you for your generosity!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2020 Feb. 20th (Youth Day) & Feb. 21st-23rd (Adult Days)

The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment. All are welcome to attend. **You may register at: wwwRECongress.org For more information call the 213-637-7348.**

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. Make time. You will be blessed.

Last weekend's Sunday Offering

February 8th & 9th 2020: \$10,795

February 9th & 10th 2019: \$15,210

Senior Center

Mon. Feb. 17: Closed for the Holiday

Wed. Feb. 18: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Feb. 26: 1pm Ash Wednesday Service

MEMBERSHIP TIME— only \$10 (annual membership)

New Members Always Welcomed!

For more information, please call 310 216-7354

Dear Friends,

All parishioners are warmly invited to join **Deacon Guy and H el ene** in the celebration of their **60th wedding anniversary** and of the **20th anniversary of Guy's ordination to the Order of Deacon**, at the eleven o'clock Mass presided by **Monsignor Priebe on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Reception to follow in the parish hall.**



Your presence will honor them and they will be delighted to see you again and to welcome you in the parish hall.



You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary after each 8am Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass in the church. Also on Thursday at 1:15pm we meet in the church. Please join us!

Are You Interested in Visiting the Homebound and Sick?

To paraphrase Father Bill from his February 10th homily: Be the salt of the earth! Be the light of the world! Be active! If we are in the body of Christ then we should have some degree of relationship to fellow parishioners.

The Angel ministry visits the homebound, the sick, the dying. These people are lonely; they need us to contribute our time and services to keep them involved in our parish by visits, delivering communion, listening to their stories, and just checking on them regularly. The ministry begun over a year ago and has grown from 5 seniors to now 25 men and women whom we visit.

We need more volunteers in order to be able to provide much needed services. We desperately need others who are willing to commit 1-2 hours, once or twice a month. We guarantee that you will find this to be a gift of love for them and for yourself!

Please call Kathy Fitzpatrick at 310-703-2519. You never know when you might need the Angels' services
God bless you,
The Angels Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 02/15—5:30pm FB	Rose, Francis & Martin Abetianbe (M)
Sun. 02/16—7:30am SJ	Robert Lee Lucien III (M)
9:00am FM	Yolanda Mercer (M)
11:00am FB	St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
5:30pm FB	Luisa Mesina (M)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 02/17—8:00am FB	Nancy Wags & Henry Wagas (T)
Tues. 02/18—8:00am FB	Carol Waddington (SI)
Wed. 02/19—8:00am FB	Jesse Mendoza (M)
Thurs. 02/20—8:00am FM	Janet Sparrow (SI)
Fri. 02/21—8:00am FB	Emmanuel Acholonu (SI)
Sat. 02/22—8:00am FB	Adela Atienza (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB, 7:30am SJ, 9am FM, 11am MN, 5:30pm FB
 Fr. Bill (FB) Jesuit (SJ) Fr. Michael (FM) Guest (FG)
 Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers for the Sick

Hector G. Amezcua	Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt
Hazel Chu	Kathy Chun	Rorrie de la Vega
Agatha Ezeani	Xavier Galindo	Anne Gingras
Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado	Ivan Houston
Monique Isaac	Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert
John Marcello	John McCreary	Louise Meehan
Caroline Metz	Allene Muccia	Sam Quatto
Eileen Reyes	Maria Ross	Genny Sotto-Camor
Betty Spindler	Gary Steed	Bernard Strickland
Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana		Cynthia Flores Zapata

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Norma Harris and
Mrs. Bernard Strickland
 (wife of Bernard Strickland)



May they rest in peace.

Bereavement Support Group

How to Live Your Best Life After Losing Your Beloved

When: Wednesdays 6pm-8pm—starting **Feb. 19th thru March 25th**

Where: Visitation Church—6561 W. 88th St. & Emerson Westchester, 90045. Held in the School (we will meet in the parking lot to direct you.)

Why: Anyone who has lost a loved one either recently or years ago who have not processed their grief.

Donation: \$80 for books and materials

Contact: Candy Blankernship at 310 338-9043

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
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
or call 310 670-1678



Coffee and Donuts

Join us in the parish hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship after all the Sunday morning masses.

MARDI GRAS DINNER PARTY

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

7PM—11PM

ST. JEROME PARISH HALL

Tickets: \$50 each.

Includes: Dinner, live entertainment with the Zydeco Mudbug, DJ & Dancing!

Additional cost for Homemade Peach Cobbler, Praline Candy, Kings Cake. Full cash bar. Raffles and Door Prizes
Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each! Tickets on sale after most Sunday masses! Or call the school at 310 670-1678

The Cathedral Gift Shop at the Cathedral Of Our Lady of the Angels

Spring is time filled with First Communion, Confirmation, Graduations and other joyous events. Come in and visit the Cathedral Gift Shop for gift sets, missals, medals, crosses, frames, Bibles, candles and more. We are at your service for all your sacramental needs.

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www.cathedralgiftshop.com

Save The Date

St. Jerome's International Festival

Saturday, May 30, 2020

11:00am to 4:00pm

International Food Booths

Beer, Wine & Margarita Garden

Car Show, Kids Bouncer

Games, Raffles, Silent Auction,

School Open House

Sponsors & additional International
Food booths desired