

St. Jerome Church

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

**Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019**

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



Nearly 400 priests and bishops of Los Angeles gathered for Eucharist at our 2019 Convocation. Thank you for your prayers.

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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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

Notes and thoughts from the 2019 LA Convocation: When all the priests of LA are together in one place (well over 300) we sound great when we sing. Listening to challenges other parishes are facing helps me feel incredibly blessed. Some of the priests I spent time with, both young and old, are amazing. I am in awe of the many cultures, languages and diverse experiences one finds in the priests of LA. One week of 112 degrees makes LA feel cool.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser as heard by Fr. Bill: "Not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly"

Like a baby who is in pain and unable to communicate where it hurts or what is wrong... if you are unable to accurately identify a challenge or obstacle it hinders the ability to respond or even to discuss the situation. We may end up doing things which help us feel good about ourselves but may not actually do much (if any) good. (In California over 90% of recyclable plastic... after sorting... now goes to landfills. Yes, the Chinese no longer purchasing our waste. Too bad the monies collected when we purchase cans and plastic bags don't seem to be used toward our actually recycling them.)

"Read the signs of the times"... Naming this moment in time:

1. We are struggling within a highly polarized and divided society, and even a divided church. We are called to be healers and peacemakers. We need to focus on honoring others rather than the tendency to seek to belittle, demean or even destroy others because they hold a different viewpoint. God created them as well. The Holy Spirit can do amazing things in the midst of tension when we hold fast to loving God and neighbor as Jesus has loved us. Throwing stones doesn't build the community we are called to live.

2. We are struggling with the echo of sexual abuse crisis. (Betrayal by a few priests and the corresponding failure of leadership by some bishops) We need to accept this cross and carry it... and not distance ourselves or deny the wounds. It has hurt not only the victims of abuse, but to various degrees, all Catholics. It is magnified because the corruption of those who are best, is the worst. The light for the world has been dimmed but not extinguished. Jesus took on the sins of the world... so too we need to bear them and carry the cross with patience, compassion and mercy as Jesus did.

3. We are struggling with the impact of globalization – and the challenges, opportunities, abuses and hyper-magnified fears it brings. We need to keep Christ at the center and remain faithful. We need to be patient with each other and God. "An atheist is just another term for someone who doesn't have enough patience with God." (Thomas Halik) The only constant is change, so we need to be alert and

educated. We need to never lose the essentials but be able to adjust and adapt to the changing needs and circumstances we must deal with.

4. We priests are called to witness celibacy and commitment to community in a pan-sexual (belief in as many as 63 genders and corresponding practices of sexual expression) and highly individualized culture that celebrates and honors personal feelings which go against what use to be known as common sense and objective truths. (Doesn't gender have something to do with reproduction?) We need to carry our celibacy in such a way as to honor both sexual passion and the non-negotiable value of chastity which highlights commitment to the Kingdom of God. We are called to build communities of authentic friendship, honor and support. "The spiritual journey is a constant interplay between God's patience and our weakness."

Back to Fr. Bill and Speaking of Spiritual Journey: We are called and chosen by God. God has made each of us on purpose for His purpose. Each of the baptized have been chosen to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We are His hand, feet and voice in this world. Yet, one doesn't really know who they are until they have found their gift and privilege of service in Jesus' mission.

Our vocation and mission is to Live the Gospel! "Everything a baptized person does, each day, should be related to the corporal or spiritual works of mercy." These are the Spiritual Works of Mercy: Counsel the doubtful, Instruct the ignorant, Admonish the sinner, Comfort the sorrowful, Forgive injuries, Bear wrongs patiently, Pray for the living and the dead. These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, Give Drink to the thirsty, Hospitality to the stranger, Visit the sick, Visit the prisoners, Help bury the dead, Give alms to the poor.

Our service to the Lord will fall into these areas. It is not that I am doing them all, each day... but that each day I am intentionally working to make God's Kingdom more fully present and visible.

How have I been sent by God? What passion, what fire, has He placed within my heart? How am I best called to love and accept love? To forgive and accept forgiveness? How am I called to help bring light and hope to others?

Please prayerfully consider these questions. On our celebration of St. Jerome (the last weekend of September) we will be hosting our St. Jerome Ministry Fair to give you the opportunity to become more educated about and perhaps involved in some of the opportunities available for us to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Don't blame God that something isn't happening! Spend some time on your knees and look in the mirror. He has made you aware... and placed you there.

RCIA Starts For Adults

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or need to receive your first Eucharist or Confirmation, please join us as we begin a new year of lessons every Sunday for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Classes.

We begin this Sunday September 8th at the 11:00am Mass. Meet us in the first pews on the right hand side, facing the altar.



St. Jerome Bible Study

St. Jerome Bible Study will begin a short 10-week study of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs on **Tuesday evening, September 17, from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center.** The study will run for 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The cost is \$25 for course materials. Every culture finds ways to pass on wisdom from one generation to the next. The Book of Proverbs organizes memorable sayings that lead to insight and understanding the world that can inform the way we live. Join us on Tuesday evenings as we explore this ancient wisdom and learn more of who God is and what God does.

For more information, please contact **Steve Picard at sjpicard526@att.net or Alan Bernstein at 310.645.5355.** All are welcome. No experience necessary. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary Celebration Begins!

On Sunday **September 29, 2019** we will begin our celebration of 70 years of our parish community. This morning we will serve a continental breakfast to sustain you as you walk around and learn about our ministries, and as you pick-up your pre-ordered copy of our 70th Anniversary St. Jerome Directory.

We at St. Jerome Church are grateful to God for the gifts of lives shared and to help us look forward to future years we are holding our Parish Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity to learn and discover how you might get involved in being active members of our church family and develop long-lasting friendships.

At the masses this weekend we will also be praying for the canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton (needs just 2 more confirmed miracles).

We hope you make time to join us as we begin our 70th Anniversary Celebration.



St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

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

Gail Buchanan	Devron Carter	Dietrich Davis
Chiamaka Enemouh	Mark Gibbs	Antoinette Njle
Carolyn Pyles	Roxy Roberson	John Saldanha
Larry Strawn		

Senior Center

Mon. Sep. 9: 12-4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Sep. 11: 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.

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

Skyla Luz Casillas

who was baptized into the Christian Community

May God bless you!



ATTENTION PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS:

It's important for you to attend the parents meetings scheduled on the following dates!

EDGE: Thurs., Sept. 19th—4pm, in the parish hall.

Religious Education: Sun., Sept. 22nd—10am, in the Religious Education Center.

For more information, contact Emily Gonzalez at (213) 841-6775 or email: sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, September 21st, from 10:30am to noon.

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



Restorative (Detention) Justice Ministry

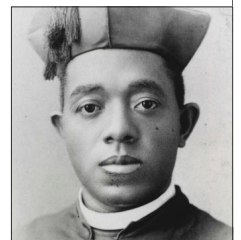


Have you ever visited anyone in prison?

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**

To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Tolton's name, please write: The Office of the Cardinal, Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 09/07—5:30pm FV Rose, Abetianbe, Martin Abetiane
and Francis Abetianbe (M)
Sun. 09/08—7:30am SJ The Blessed Virgin Mary (T)
9:00am FB Virginia Hughes (M)
11:00am FB Mariana Cardona (M)
5:30pm FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 09/09—8:00am FV Elizabeth Shinskey (M)
Tues. 09/10—8:00am FB The Radcliff Family (SI)
Wed. 09/11—8:00am FB Etelvina Medina (SI)
Thurs. 09/12—8:00am FV Daniel Marquez (M)
Fri. 09/13—8:00am FV Deborah Ann Williams (M)
Sat. 09/14—8:00am FV In Memory of: Charlotte Bell,
John Bekong, Mariana Cardona, Mel Dolin, Nibert Ferrer,
Elizabeth Grady, Chris Okoye, Deborah Ann Williams

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB, 7:30am FB, 9am FV, 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	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	Kathleen Harris
Dindo Honredo	Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert
John Marcello	Cathy McGuines	Louise Meehan
Mary Lou MacDonald	Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes
Betty Spindler	Cathy St. John	
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar Waddington	

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of
Daniel Marquez and
Virginia Hughes
(Mother of Mervin Hughes)
May they rest in peace



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!



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.

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

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

Book Fair

St. Jerome is providing an opportunity for parents to reinforce their children that to succeed they need to READ, READ, READ!



St. Jerome Book Fair will be held in the parish hall from Sunday, Sept. 8th thru Thursday, Sept. 12th!

God's Stewards of this World

As we begin this year's Season of Creation from September 1st through October 4th (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) please remind yourselves to be God's stewards of this world.



- **Pray for our world**
- **Live more simply**
- **Advocate to protect our common home**

The U. S. Catholic community is calling for climate action. Failure to act on the climate crises will mean heat waves, decreased rainfall, loss of biodiversity, and sea level rise. Urge your Senators to support Climate Accountability Act (S.1743), a bipartisan bill co-sponsored by 46 Senators. **For more information visit:** cahtolicclimatecovenant.org



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-**

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.