

St. Jerome Church



A Prayer of Gratitude

Let us proclaim our gratitude to God for manifold blessings — let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals — and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On this day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

President John F. Kennedy

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2019**

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9am.

Please bring non-perishable items to donate.

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

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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.

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

As the Feast of Christ the King is the end of the church year, "The End" comes to my mind. There are two words from the Greek which are usually translated as the end of the world: eschaton and apocalypse. Eschaton refers to when Christ returns in the fullness of His glory. It is the end of this world for everyone. It is final Judgement Day. Don't fret about when it will be. Be prepared and by our perseverance in the Lord we can secure our lives.

The word "apocalypse" has a similar but different meaning. It means "the end of the world as you know it." My oldest sister ending my reign as an only child was my first apocalypse. Our lives are full of apocalypses and 9/11 is one that many of us share. My being ordained priest was a major apocalypse. Later it was my father's cancer diagnosis and his journey through Calvary. Standing at my father's graveside while holding my mom's hand was another apocalypse.

The freight trailer from the moving company was packed and waiting in front of the house. When I had helped my good friends David and Diana move into this house twenty years before, it had seemed empty. A photograph taken tonight might reveal the same, but as we shared stories and pizza, every direction seemed to call forth memories of a house full of life.

I treasure David and Diana having asked me to be their son, Dominic's godfather. I had no way of knowing how much that my "yes" would change and bless my life. (I had worked with Diana at the Vocation to Priesthood and Brotherhood Office of the Salesians of Don Bosco and gotten to know her husband over those years.) And two years later, Daniele's arrival gave me a second godchild.

I recall one of my four-year-old nephews getting in a heated discussion with my four-year-old godson about who the priest was. "Uncle!" then "Nino!" (A Spanish word for godfather) volleyed back and forth till their smirking mothers quieted them in the midst of my homily. First Communions (their mom was one of the Religious Education Teachers), basketball, concerts (Dominic on trumpet and Dani on saxophone), Confirmation (their dad was part of the Confirmation team), birthday parties, second Thanksgiving dinners, New Year's Eves, graduations and then off to college are the texture of my recollections.

Up until some five years ago, their home had been the place I went to get away and relax. Then my dad was diagnosed with cancer and being with my parents became the

priority. There is no longer time to take my parents for granted. I am conscious that the clock is ticking.

Apocalypses come with loss, change and opportunities for growth, responsibility and maturity. They come with challenges and grace. (The cross usually does.) They call us to love, sacrifice and trust more than we may have thought possible. And once they have occurred, we can only go back to that world... that home... in our memories.

It is tempting to remain dwelling in our memories. I've known people who as their spouse was buried, seemed to have their world end and become buried in the past. Yet, God isn't done with us. How we bear our cross is still giving testimony to those around us. The best way to honor the loss of those we love is to continue to share the love they have given to us with those God brings into my daily life. Those who have died with the Lord, remain with the Lord and they are watching and praying over us. When we live in God's love, they rejoice. When we struggle, they intercede to the Lord for us. They are in the bleachers encouraging us on though our race through this world.

I still have good memories to make and love to share. I know my grandparents, my dad and my youngest sister continue to cheer me on even as my eyes tear up with memories of people and events that I have been blessed with and am truly thankful for.

David, Diana and Dani are now off to Texas. I know I'll see them again... and not just in heaven, because Dominic has introduced me to his fiancé, Mary. I baptized Dominic, gave him his First Reconciliation and Communion, and now this January, near her family in Covina, Matrimony. You may think he is spoiled and perhaps he is, but I know I am the one whose cup has overflowed from being Nino. Who knows? Maybe next Christmas I will learn of a grand godchild to baptize?

Monsignor Norm Priebe will be presiding at our 7:30am Mass on December 1st. He will be at coffee and donuts following mass. Renew acquaintances and share memories as we continue to celebrate our 70 years as parish.

Thank you to our young people who made last Sunday Evening's explanation mass happen. You would be proud to know that later Sunday evening they spent a half an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. I am proud of our youth. Please continue to encourage, pray for and support our children in their race though this life. Finally, I thank God for you for being a part of our family here at St. Jerome's. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Homecoming Mass At St. Jerome

This Sunday, **November 24th** we will celebrate **two Homecoming Masses at 11am and 5:30pm**. We invited back those alumni parishioners who may have relocated or whom we haven't seen in a long time.

We welcome home Fr. Anthony Garcias, who will celebrate the Sunday, 5:30pm Mass. Fr. Anthony Garcias was a member of our parish and made the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Jerome!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend is the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Please find special collection envelopes located in the pews.



Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2019 our St. Jerome Community will gather for the **Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 9:00am**.

We join with our entire nation in thanking God for the abundant blessings bestowed on our people throughout the generations. We invite all parishioners to bring some items or canned and packaged foods for families of our Food Pantry, LAX this time of the year.

At the **9:00am Liturgy**, please keep your food donations with you in the pew until all are invited to PROCESS forward at the time of the Offertory to present them at the altar. Thank you for your generosity!

The Rectory office will be closed from Thursday, November 28th thru Sunday, December 1st. We wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving!



St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy in our parish on: Thursday, November 28, 10:30am to 12 noon.

If you are unable to give of your time, but would like to contribute to help serve the poor in our community, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send your check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Thank you for your support!

LAST WEEKEND'S SUNDAY OFFERING

November 16th & 17th, 2019: \$15,369

November 17th & 18th, 2018: \$14,422

November 16th & 17th, 2019: \$1,725 (Building Fund)

November 17th & 18th, 2018: \$1,240 (Building Fund)

Two week's ago:

November 9th & 10th, 2019: \$12,594

November 10th & 11th, 2018: \$11,722

Senior Center

Mon. Nov. 25: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Nov. 27: Closed—Happy Thanksgiving

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

Paul Hunter Noval

who was baptized into the Christian Community

May God bless you!



St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-It Up 2019



Bags are being distributed this weekend a suggested menu in the bags. If it's inconvenient to fill a bag, donations to the Food Pantry, LAX will help with this effort.

Please return filled bags to the parish hall on the weekends of November 30th & December 1st, and December 7th & 8th.

If you would like to earn service hours we need volunteers. For more information, please call **Johnnie Albano at 310 641-8871**. Thank you for your support!

The Food Pantry LAX, is located at 355 E. Beach Ave., Inglewood 90302. They distribute food to the community every Tuesday & Fridays from 10am to 12 noon! For more information, call 310-677-5597.

Jackets & Toys for Mother Of Sorrows



Jackets are needed this year for the students at Mother of Sorrows School. The estimated cost for each jacket is \$40.00. Envelopes are in the pews for these monetary donations. Please make out checks to St. Jerome Church with a notation on your check "**MOS jackets/toys**".

Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please contact **Arnold Tena at (310) 649 6129**.

St. Jerome Bible Study

On Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30pm in the Religious Education Center we will begin a brief, four-week bible study focused on the scripture readings for each Sunday in Advent. As Advent prepares us to celebrate the Feast of Christmas, each Tuesday evening we will study the readings the Church has selected for the next Sunday in Advent.

All meetings are on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9pm in the St. Jerome Religious Education Center, beginning November 26.

Bring a friend. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Cost is \$15 for the Workbook. For more information, consult the St. Jerome Parish website bible study page (stjeromelax.org, Ministries link) or Steve Picard, at sjpicard526@att.net.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 11/23—5:30pm FB	The Bah Family (SI)
Sun. 11/24—7:30am SJ	All Souls Novena (M)
9:00am FV	Tiffany Sevilla (SI)
11:00am FB	Gilbert Okoro (M)
5:30pm FA	St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 11/25—8:00am FV	All Souls (M)
Tues. 11/26—8:00am FB	All Souls (M)
Wed. 11/27—8:00am FB	All Souls (M)
Thurs. 11/28—9:00am FB	All Souls (M)
Fri. 11/29—8:00am FV	All Souls (M)
Sat. 11/30—8:00am FV	All Souls (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FV, 7:30am FN, 9am FB, 11am FV, 5:30pm FP
Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)
Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)



Prayers for the Sick

Hector G. Amezcua	Pedro Bordenave	Jamie Brazile
Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona	Steve Clarke
Maritza Cardona	Kathy Chun	Josephine Cullison
Rorrie de la Vega	Nyhira Coates	Elizabeth Ezeana
Peter Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble	Anne Gingras
Michelle Gonzalez	Gomez Family	Kathleen Harris
Dindo Honredo	Eileen LaCasse	Tom Lenert
John Marcello	Cathy McGuines	John McCreary
Eloise McNerney	Louise Meehan	Suzanne Neubauer
Sam Quatto	Eileen Reyes	Betty Spindler
Gary Steed	Cathy St. John	Mary Lou MacDonald
Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Jennie Bejnar	Waddington

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Teresa Mendez de Lopez

 (grandmother of Yessica Tomoko Ono) 

May she rest in peace.

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**Services for Ken Gilbert will be held at
St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish on Jan. 3, 2020
at 10:30am, 323-567-1439.**

**Services for Christopher Ezeokoli will be held at
St Jerome Parish Hall on Nov. 29th, 6pm-10pm.**

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

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

Christmas Tree Pickup & Delivery

Thank you for supporting our school! Pickup date is November 29th, but for an additional \$5
Trees can be delivered to your home/locally.
For more information call 310 670-1678



Thank You!

The 2019 Craft Faire Committee would like to thank all our parishioners, vendors, friends and the community for your terrific support. Special thanks to our kitchen crew and the Knights of Columbus for their help.

We were able to **donate over \$4,600** to the church. One vendor and committee member also donated their profits to the church.

Joan Hoffman, Joyce Holt & the Craft Faire Committee

Mark your Calendar: December 8th for: "Parish Staff Sunday."

Office staff will be in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. Mass intention request for the 2020 year will be available to book. We will only accept three requests at one time and dates can not be in a consecutive week.

PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

There's no *tastier* way to promote a good cause! 10% of all Gift Card purchases donated to your favorite charity! Simply purchase a California Pizza Kitchen Gift Card, in any amount, during the dates listed below using the Promo Code provided and 10% of all purchases will be donated back directly to your organization.



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St. Jerome School

Start Date:

10/30/2019

End Date:

01/05/2020

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Promo Code:

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Fundraiser offer valid only during date range listed above. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's Gift Card Fundraiser program. CPK will donate ten percent of Gift Card sales to the organization. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the Gift Card Fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.