

St. Jerome Church



**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018**

**5550 Thornburn Street 310-348-8212 (messages)
Los Angeles, CA 90045 www.stjeromewestchester.org**

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday - 10am-1:30pm
Rectory Phone Number: **310-348-8212**

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 6:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers at 7pm
Rosary - following 8am daily Mass
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
JustFaith, Engaging Spirituality, Social Justice/Clue **714 602-6122**
Business Manager: Juanita Rivera-Wiemken **424 248-8867**
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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Ijeoma Oti **323 207-9821**
Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roxanne Shaw **424 625-3492**
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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.

Adult Faith Community stjeromeyam@gmail.com
Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 323 207-9821
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
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

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
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

One of St. John Bosco's warnings was, "Don't let the better become the enemy of the good." If only we could get everyone involved and found a date where everyone could attend and found the perfect.... In this world there are not perfect people. We all have flaws which allow God's grace to transform us. If wait to act until everything is "just right" you'll be waiting until Christ's return in glory. If it is worth doing... if it needs to be done... what are we really waiting for? And if it can only be done your way, then I hope you have broad shoulders as you will have to do it alone or exhaust yourself in supervising every detail. (When did you become God, anyway?)

One of the challenges of living in community is that although most have been baptized, some don't seem to have heard "the good news" yet... or if they have, their smile has not been downloaded. The New Evangelization is for us to respond to the times and challenges we face with a fresh attitude willing to adapt to share the gospel (good news) in a way it can be received by people today. The New Evangelization also challenges us to "wake up" those Catholics who have gotten stuck in a joyless rut.

"Constipated Christians" have trapped themselves in their own way, their own truth and a sad life. Their path seems to have removed all peace, hope and joy... and they sound like the older brother griping and complaining to the Father in the field outside the celebration... the good news of the returning brother to life... of others getting involved and maybe not doing it the way they think it should be done. (This is not a question of evil being committed or someone being misled but things not corresponding with "my personal preferences.")

As a Vocation Director I know that when you bring anyone into a community, not only will the person change, but the community will change as well. It is no longer the same community even although you are called to live in the same spirit. New life brings with it transformation and change. (You have a baby in the house, everything changes.) We need to encourage and celebrate the opportunities for more people to be involved. Some are afraid of the uncertainty which occurs during times of growth and bringing others in. The church has had this struggle from the beginning when it opened the way to the gentiles. But this isn't something to fear, rather it is exciting to see the Holy Spirit alive in our parish community.

Last Sunday's reading from the Ephesians is incredibly important for us: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved

children, and live in love."

Rather than complaining and fault finding about "them" we are called to be one in Him, Jesus. So, if you hear someone complaining, encourage them to volunteer and get involved. Their involvement could lead them deeper into the New Evangelization. We sometimes forget that as church and individuals we are all under-construction. We are works in progress and that personal conversion is a continual and life-long project. When you read the lives of the saints you will quickly discover that they are incredibly aware of their need for growing in love. As long as I am alive in this world... God isn't done with me. Spend less time looking down your nose and others and more time lifting them up in prayer to God. Don't get stuck, try being cheerful and live the good news.

This summer our St. Jerome Children's Choir has shared their gift of music at our Saturday and Sunday night masses, the 11am mass and sung at two weddings. I am biased, but I know they are amazing! Our choir brings a fullness of life, joy and energy to the church. They have learned in the choir how to play guitar, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, bass and glockenspiel. We even have a violinist and saxophone player who have come to some of our practices. I want all of our young people to be welcomed, feel at home and have the opportunity to be involved in our parish. It is our Father's home and please don't impede children from coming closer to Jesus.

We have twelve new altar servers. I am grateful to their parents for making the time for their children to learn to assist at weddings, funerals and Sunday Liturgies. I am grateful for Letty and her husband, Al, setting aside their evenings to help train our kids in becoming altar servers. I want to recognize RANDY BILLUPS for his underappreciated years of service in training our altar servers. Like many who work in the background their efforts are easy to overlook. Randy has stepped down from this ministry early this summer. Thank you, Randy. I also want to acknowledge LAUREN HECHINGER who I understand began serving in 2009 as an elementary school student and is now hanging up her server's robe as she goes off to college. She has made clear that she is not retiring from the church and hopes to be a Eucharistic Minister in the near future.

I look forward to our newly confirmed and confirmation candidates who will be stepping up at our Sunday evening Youth Mass to serve God's people as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality. Please be patient as they grow into their vocation as fully initiated Catholics.

Don't be afraid of the new life of a crying infants, distracted toddlers or inquisitive children. Let them be your prayer as they are blessings and a sign of the Holy Spirit alive among us. "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for to such as these belong the kingdom of God."

"Parish Staff Sunday"

This Sunday is our monthly "Parish Staff Sunday." Our office staff is available in the parish hall during coffee and donuts. You are welcome to stop by for conversation or to ask question regarding weddings, baptism, faculty usage or about having a mass said for your special intention. We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.



Spirit and Truth

Join us **this Sunday at 3pm in the parish hall** for an afternoon of reflection on the impact on the LITURGY of African American Spirituality, the Civil Rights Movement, the Lead MeGuide Me Hymnal, and much more! Our presenter, Kim R. Harris, Ph.D. is a professor of Theology at LMU. Light refreshments will be served. All invited!

St. Jerome Confirmation 2018-2019

Confirmation will begin in August with an orientation meeting dependent on the candidates' year in program. If your child is starting confirmation in the fall (Y1), we will be holding an orientation meeting on **August 26th at 3:30pm in the Parish Hall. If your child is returning for their second year in the program (Y2) we are having the orientation meeting this Sunday, August 19th at 3:30pm in the Religious Education Building.**



If you have any questions, please contact **Ijeoma Oti** at sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com or **323 207-9821**



Holy Matrimony Celebration

Congratulations to

Thomas and Louise Connors

who have become married in the Catholic Church.
May God bless them!

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!



Engaging Spirituality

May you be strengthened in your inner being with the power of the Spirit that Christ may dwell in your heart...as you are being rooted and grounded in love.. Eph 3:16

**Are you deeply concerned about our world?
Are you looking for wisdom about how to follow
Jesus with integrity and open for spiritual growth?**

Engaging Spirituality is a prayerful process that invites us to draw this world down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together, and to practice living deeply.

For more information and/or registration on Engaging Spirituality contact **Deacon Guy Wauthy** at **714 602-6122**, gwauthy@msn.com or **Mrs. Juanita Rivera-Wiemken** at **424 248-8867**, juanitarw@gmail.com

Senior Center

Mon., Aug 20: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Aug 22: 12-4pm, cards and social.

Wed., Sept 5: **Day trip to Harrahs Casino!** \$10 per person—\$10 back on your player's card. **Call Allene at 310 823-4647**



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



It is more important than ever to form our young children in the Faith. Please register your child for our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes which will be held on SUNDAYS beginning this Fall for grades K-8.

Registration will take place this Sunday and on August 26th and SEPTEMBER 9th from 8:30 to 12:30 in the Parish Hall. All public, charter and home school children are encouraged to enroll - especially those who have not made First Communion. Do bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Call or text 323-207-9821 for questions or additional information. Thank you for keeping your promises.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Envelope Sunday, August 18th & 19th

The St. Jerome Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to serving the poor of St. Jerome Parish and our local community. We are supported by the generous donations of St. Jerome Parishioners through our Annual Envelope Sunday and BBQ fundraiser. **This weekend of August 18-19, is the Annual Envelope Sunday** and the donations in the past have helped the Society support parishioners in need as well as the St Jerome School, the St. Jerome Soup Kitchen, Mother of Sorrows jacket drive, local pregnant teens and the Alexandria House that assists single mothers attain financial security and move into permanent housing.

Please consider a financial donation at this time to keep this vital support alive in our Parish. Donations can be made in the Yellow Envelopes provided or by dropping a donation at the Rectory. If you are searching for community involvement and solutions in our parish our Society would gladly welcome new participation. For more information, please contact Moris J. Bernstein at **310 467-4822**

CATECHIST NEEDED

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to share your Catholic faith with our parish children grades K-8th? This is a very rewarding experience, so look inside and see if this is for you. Faith formation training will be given to you to assist with teaching the Faith. For more information, call Ijeoma Oti at 323-207-9821 or sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 08/18—5:30pm FV Carol Backer (M)
Sun. 08/19—7:30am SJ Margarita David (SI)
9:00am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
11:00am FB Hilario Agot (M)
5:30pm FB Nora Del Rosario (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 08/20—8am FV Juanita Gerasta (M)
Tues. 08/21—8am FB Maureen Cunningham (M)
Wed. 08/22—8am FV Theresa Cockrane (M)
Thurs. 08/23—8am FB Fr. Peter (SI)
Fri. 08/24—8am FV Arnold Freedland (SI)
Sat. 08/25—8am FV Robert & Lillian Bosnak (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ)

Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Prayers For The Sick



Mary Alcuran	Rebecca Bank	James Bennett
Vincent Butt	Leticia Bustillo	Robert Buchanan
Dionne Delahoussaye	Rorrie de la Vega	Valarie Dudley
Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli	Lordes Flores
Frances Lalan	Benjamin Lopez	Robert Mallillin
Bob Migneault	Lourdes Muinos	Eurydice Mundy
Jerry Neubauer	Dorothy Polk	Pettit Family
Sam Quatto	Carlos Rodriguez	George Rodriguez
Larry Smith	Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Stella Moreno

May she rest in peace.

Stella's Funeral Mass will be on

Saturday, September 1st at 11:00am

Safeguard The Children

Cell phone snapshots may not be so innocent. Nearly everyone has a cell phone and that may be great for communication and connection, but it also gives rise to concerns about who may be taking photos of you or your children without your knowledge. You can't police the behaviors of others around you, but you can avoid taking pictures of your own children in public, and posting photos online that give away the locations of your favorite parks and hangouts. If your children have phones, monitor the photos they are taking and sharing, too. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Camera Phones: Unseen Dangers" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>. For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

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

The Youth Ministry is sponsoring coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses.

Come join us in 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. Please call

310-670-1678 or visit **www.st-jeromeschool.org**

The new school year begins:

August 27th-29th—Early dismissal at 12:30pm!

Dear friends of St. Jerome Catholic Church,

Thank you for your support for our children and school.

St. Jerome School is committed to providing the best educational experiences for all students, and we need some help before our new school year begins. We are looking to provide teaching staff with readily available supplies to help meet our educational Mission. We are currently asking for donations of new **Mac Book computers** and **Epson Eco-Tank printers** to help teachers provide superior instruction. This updated classroom support technology will allow teachers an opportunity to provide greater materials, explore learning objectives and plan effectively to meet and exceed our educational standards. We are asking the St. Jerome School and Parish community to help us achieve and live the traditions of a strong Catholic faith-based education producing culturally aware citizens of tomorrow ready for College, Career and Heaven. Any donations are welcome and can be placed in the collection basket, or brought to the rectory, with the memo referencing that it is for "School Support/Educational Technology".

Peace and Blessings,

Tom MacDonald, Principal

The Spirit Gives Life

SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will be taking place at the Anaheim Convention Center on Labor Day weekend, **August 31st, September 1st & 2nd**. There will be many dynamic speakers and workshops!

For registration or information, please contact SCRC at **(818) 771-1361**, email: **spirit@scrc.org**
Website: www.scrc.org



2018 Holiday Craft Faire

St Jerome Parish is planning its Holiday Craft Faire for the weekend of **November 10th & 11th**. 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 Joy at 310 649-5586 or Joan at 310 670-7801!**