

St. Jerome Church



**Fifteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019**



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

"It is already in your hearts. You only have to carry it out."
Congratulations to Kenzo's Family for his being made a member
of God's family. Our children are our future.



We are Celebrating our Diamonds
(those born in 1944 and earlier)
on Sunday, July 28th at the 11am Mass.
**Be aware in July there is City Roadwork on
La Tijera from Thornburn to 74th Streets**

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.

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.

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.

From Fr. Bill

Occasionally I encounter someone rejoicing at a group or individual's misfortune. Envy, feeling that "they" have something "they" don't deserve, but I or my group should possess often plays a part in this attitude. Self-righteousness (pride) and looking down on "them" is involved. Anger and my wanting "them" punished for what I am jealous of, is also a component. All that is missing is lust, sloth and gluttony to get all seven deadly sins in this one behavior.

I need to work on a better response than being surprised at someone's apparent glee at another's pain or distress. And that they somehow believe I will be rejoicing with them at the news is a millstone around my neck. I usually discover the words I should have spoken later. This reflection is involved in my finding these words.

That someone else is blessed or happy, should be cause for rejoicing, not envy. When someone shares good news with us and I feel a piece of me die, envy is at work. (You're getting married? You're having a baby? You got a promotion? Your prodigal son gets a party dining on the fattened calf while you've never even given me a goat to share with my friends!) I am thankful that most real friends will catch themselves and use appropriate guilt to force a smile and share words to mirror the joy they don't yet really feel. Because of our friendship and love, I learn to embrace God's grace and live in my friend's joy. Envy reveals my hopes, desires and disappointments. How I respond to envy reveals if I belong to the Lord or the world.

And misfortunes? Many Christians view certain events which happen in the world as God's judgment: God's attempt to give someone or people a "wake-up call." Heart-attacks, cancer, or a near death experiences can help transform people's lives. The Catholic author, Mary Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964), referred to these situations as the grotesqueness of grace: that in dying to ourselves in one way, we are given the chance for insight and a transformed way of living. Yet, if Christians are rejoicing at the harm or misfortune of another, even if it may lead to conversion, I find this sad. And those who seem giddy at karma apparently slapping someone else down? Their behavior is at best, disappointing, and at worst, outright evil.

Stuff does happen in this world. These situations give us opportunities to witness: studying, praying and serving. Adversity does give us the opportunity to reveal our quality and character while acting to make God's love more visible. Bad stuff gives us the chance to make a difference and let God's light shine. These are opportunities to open our

hearts, hands and voices in support... not time for laughter, finger-wagging and derision. Kicking people when they are down may feel good but reaching out my hand to help raise them up, does good. Remember whatever you do to the least (and those goats being sent away didn't recognize Jesus in those they encountered, either) you do unto me.

We all have people who drive us nuts and make us a little crazy. And there are some who we may feel rise to the level of being an enemy, with ill intent toward us or those we love. Yet, Jesus is clear about His expectation for His disciples: "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" (Matthew 5:44-47)

Praying for someone's conversion is excellent. (We all need that.) Asking for pain and suffering upon another isn't something Jesus would want upon the lips of any of His followers. We are called to ask for God's blessing on them. Aren't they also made by our heavenly Father? Didn't Jesus give up His life for them as well? Aren't I challenged to love them as Jesus has loved me?

I understand resentment and wrath, but they are not Christian qualities. When one finds joy in the pain, loss and suffering of others... I must question if Christ is truly present in their life. When envy and anger own one's heart, there is no room for God. If I am unable to develop pity and compassion for others (especially for family and friends and even for enemies), I have much work needed in prayer, confession and perhaps counseling to soften my heart of stone.

This Prayer of St. Francis is more about what it means to be like our heavenly Father: "Lord make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console..."

Just as my going into a garage doesn't mean I am a car, so going into a church doesn't mean that I yet truly belong to Christ. I need to be intentional about putting on Christ, taking up my cross and following Him. We each need to allow the Divine Physician to work on our deformed hearts. How I respond to the joys and sorrows of others reveals who is dwelling in my heart. I pray we are in His and He is in mine.

DIAMONDS IN OUR MIDST

Our Senior Parishioners are diamonds in our midst and St. Jerome would like to honor you! We are going to hold a celebration on **Sunday, July 28th** honoring all those born in 1944 or before - that is, over 75 years young!

We will begin with **11:00am Mass**, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. We will have a small gift for you to show our love for you and the example you've been to us. *We hope you won't want to miss it.* It is our way of appreciating you and the wisdom you bring.

We do need your names so we can make preparation for the event! Please sign your name on the clipboard located in the vestibule of the church. Also, if you know someone who qualifies but might need transportation assistance please let us know so that we might contact them and arrange for them to be with us this special day.

Summer Series At Saint Jerome

The African American Catholic Center will be presenting its summer series of speakers again this year at Saint Jerome. We are pleased to announce our first speaker will be Dr. Darnise Martin PhD, who is a professor from Loyola Marymount University. She will speak on How to use your Faith when facing life's challenges.

Join us **THIS Sunday, July 14th at 3pm in the hall.**

Mark your calendar also for August 11th and our second speaker, Lori Stanley, who is Executive Director of the Loyola Institute in Orange CA. She will speak on Finding God in All Things.

All are welcome. There will be refreshments. Mark your calendar for these two important dates!

National Needs Combined Collection

Next weekend, July 20th & 21st your generosity is requested for the National Needs Combined Collection. Through vital evangelization programs, the Black and Indian Home Mission provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities. This collection enables us to insure the highest standards of quality Catholic education through the Catholic University of America's exceptional programs of scholarship, research and service. Special envelopes are in the pews. Thank you!

Thank you for your efforts regarding **SB 360**, State oversight of Confessions and the requirement to violate the Seal of Confession. It has been withdrawn because of questions regarding enforcement and First Amendment concerns.

Last Weekend's Collection

July 6th & 7th, 2019:	\$14,099 (Envelopes)
July 7th & 8th, 2018:	\$11,495 (Envelopes)
July 6th & 7th, 2019:	\$2,587 (School Fund)
July 7th & 8th 2018:	\$2,804 (School Fund)

Two weeks ago:

June 29th & 30th, 2019:	\$14,944 (Envelopes)
June 30th & July 1st, 2018:	\$16,967 (Envelopes)

Senior Center

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

Wed. Jul 17: 12-4pm, Cards & Social.

For more information, please call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to

Valentino Zikora Juwon Aghadi

who was baptized into the Christian Community

May God bless you!



Thank You And Good Luck Ijeoma!

St. Jerome Parish has been blessed to have **Ijeoma Oti**, as our Director of Youth Ministry and we also thank her for the many years she assisted our Youth Ministry. She has enriched our youth with knowledge and excitement of our Catholic faith. We are grateful for her devotion to the Lord and our young people.

Ijeoma will be leaving us in August to study Law at the University of Notre Dame. We wish her all the best. She has promised to be with us at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Please keep her and her family in your prayers!



Congratulations to:

David and Cathy Heppell

celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary
and

Robert and Charletta Muldrow

celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

May God bless them!

St. Bernadette's Catholic Church

Women Moving In The Spirit Presents:

Carrying Excess Baggage? "Let Go and Let God"

When: Saturday, July 20th, 8:30am—2pm

Where: St Bernadette's Parish Hall

3825 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, 90008

Cost: \$22— includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch
(make check payable to St Bernadette Catholic Church)

RSVP by July 16th, to Carol James at 323-394-5441
or **Carole Walker at 323 547-6290.**

Registration forms on our *Welcome Table* at the church entrance.

Bring your Bible!

Knights of Columbus Vintage Car Show

Join us on **Sunday, July 21st, from 9am—2pm** at the Sunday Westchester Farmers' Market held in Westchester's Downtown Triangle. Council 3744 is sponsoring a Vintage Car Show with live music played by our favorite local Irish Band, *the Praties aka The Irish Potatoes!* There will be two types of fun carnival games for small children, a petting zoo, a pie baking & tasting contest, Beer & Mimosa Garden and all your favorite Farmers & Venders!

Email us directly to sign up for the pie contest at:

westchester.cfm@gmail.com

Make sure to visit the Knights of Columbus booth to find out more about their Council and the work they do for local charities and the community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 07/13—5:30pm FB Emerson & Mary Hardwick (M)
 Sun. 07/14—7:30am FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
 9:00am SJ Alfonso Cardenas (M)
 11:00am FB Juanita Rivera-Wiemken (SI)
 5:30pm FV St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 07/15—8:00am FV Francesco Crisafulli (M)
 Tues. 07/16—8:00am FB Juanita Munoz (D)
 Wed. 07/17—8:00am FB Iris Ferrier (T)
 Thurs. 07/18—8:00am FV Roxanne Shaw (SI)
 Fri. 07/19—8:00am FV The Zapata Family (SI)
 Sat. 07/20—8:00am FV Pat Menezes (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

Frank Albert	Carlos Bautista	Darlene Bejnar
Mark Bejnar	James Bennett	Senen Blanco
Jamie Brazile	Vincent Butt	Angel Cardona
Jordan Carter	Steve Clarke	Nyhira Coates
Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Michael Fitzpatrick	Margaret Gamble
Anne Gingras	Breheda Harris	Kathleen Harris
George Koury	Eileen LaCasse	Thomas McDonough
Louise Meehan	Mary Lou MacDonald	Allene Muccia
Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler	Cathy St. John
Sandra Walker	Baby Zachary Dvi-Vardhara	Sr. Pauline Daries

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

 **Walter G. Derebeew and Esomchi Enenwali** 
 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. On Thursday at 1:15pm we meet in the church to pray the Cenacles. Pease 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.

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

During the summer please leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call.

Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot on **this Sunday, July 14th—8am to 1:30pm.**



Please bring any useable items that will help assist needy individuals. There is also needed for furniture and larger appliances. A free pick up at your home for larger items is available by calling **323 224-6280.**

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE ON

Saturday, July 20th; 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!**



St. Jerome's 70th Anniversary

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

Beverly Bell	Gail Buchanan	Devron Carter
Dietrich Davis	Alfreda Demery	Chiamaka Enemouh
Vida Floyd	Benay Furtivo	Mark Gibbs
Carole Gray	Vanessa Lanoix	Paul Liles
Laura Lockwood	Mitch Means	Antoinette Njle
Carolyn Pyles	Denise Ridley-Davis	Roxy Roberson
John Saldanha	Janet Sparrow	Cathy St. John
Larry Strawn	Brian Washington	



Mark Your Calendar:

November 9th and 10th

St. Jerome's 2019 Holiday Craft Faire



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.

Parking lot Awareness: Be the eyes and hands of God for our senior and disabled parishioners. Make sure they get safely to their cars after mass and special events. They are our Diamonds!