

St. Jerome Church

Our November Anointing of the Sick at the Senior Center including some St. Jerome School children who led us in song.



**First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2019**

**5550 Thornburn Street
www.stjeromelax.org**

**Los Angeles, CA 90045
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

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 Hal 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 Ramloch 310-348-9380

From Fr. Bill

So, I get introduced to someone by my grandmother and the next thing I realize, she has broken out all of my baby pictures which include the sweaters, mittens, booties and caps that she knitted for me those long years ago. I am thankful that, to my knowledge, there are no pictures of me as an infant without an appropriate degree of modesty.

I know she is proud of me. I know she is amazed at how much I've grown, and I am now old enough to realize that when we have known someone a lifetime, the image we hold of them in our heart is a morphing amalgamation of our relationship with them. (In my memories, despite shared pictures, my dad was never a baby, a child or a teen. He was and is a man, from young adult to senior citizen. Every time I left him his last years, he grew taller and younger. Every time I visited him after his 80th birthday, rather than the "You've grown so much." I tired of hearing as a child, I couldn't help but think "When did you get so old?" Which, of course, I did not say aloud.) The image we carry of another reveals more about our relationship with them, then how they actually are.

My relationship with Jesus begins not at the cradle, but at the cross. Over my bed as a child was a crucifix. In May and October my family knelt before the cross and prayed the Rosary together before we went to bed. On the day of my first communion I received my first, my own Rosary... of course with a cross. Fridays were not only a day without meat but were a time for the Stations of the Cross.

I knew that to help save my soul, I needed to take up my cross... little sacrifices and obstacles... each day and follow Him on the way to and through Calvary.

The babe in the manger wasn't someone I really knew. My Jesus walked on water and calmed the winds and sea. My Jesus cured the sick and raised the dead. My Jesus was beaten, whipped, crowned and carried the cross for me. My Jesus is someone who was always teaching and carrying me. I was the babe. I was the child. I was the teen. He is my teacher and Lord. I didn't need a baby, I needed someone who could whip Satan, sin, death and help me face the challenges and adversity I experienced each day. The crucifix gave me comfort and hope.

The infant in the manger was helpless... which I felt sometimes... but gave me little comfort in seeking to follow Him. It felt like looking at an old baby picture rather than the Lord and Savior He truly is. Again, what we notice about others reveals more about us than them... I also projected my embarrassment at my baby pictures being trotted out when I was now much more the man God had called me to be.

Only as an adult have I begun to appreciate baby Jesus. He is born into the fullness of the mess of this world. He needs the assistance of others to complete His mission. He is a reminder of our responsibility for the poor and the little ones. He wants us to carry Him with us. He trusts me... us... to do our part in sharing

the good news of God's mercy, love and forgiveness. For Jesus to be encountered in the world, we need to carry Jesus with us.

Advent isn't a season to get ready for the birth of our Savior. He has already been there and done that. We are preparing for His return in glory, what many call His Second Coming. We omit the Gloria during Advent as we are getting ready to rejoice at His RETURN. Until then we wait. Until then we try to be faithful, patient and persistent in tending the precious treasure which has been given to us.

The last nine days of Advent shift our focus to Christ's First Coming. It reminds us that God keeps His promises and tends to enjoy surprising us by coming WHEN we least expect, WHERE we least expect and HOW we least expect. Don't worry about the day or the hour, just make sure you are holding Jesus in your arms... and in the blink of an eye we will know we are the ones being held in His arms.

SCHOOL COLLECTION: Last Year we had 101 students. This year we currently have 111 students. As we continue to enroll more children, it will strengthen our financial situation. Please know that if all 111 of our students were paying their full tuition rates, we would be roughly breaking even financially at our parish school. (Yearly tuition is \$6,000 per child for Catholics, \$8,000 per child for non-Catholics; Pre-K is \$7,100 per child.) 46 of our students are getting serious financial grants from the parish. 32 of these children are Catholic and the other 14 are Christian families who are making sacrifices to get their children out of what they see as school systems which indoctrinate values contrary to their faith.

I believe working class families deserve the opportunity for their children to receive a great education. You might be aware of how increasing taxes, gas prices, utility costs, rent increases and housing costs are squeezing many people. Our 32 Catholic Children whose families need assistance are receiving from as little as \$1,500 per child to as much as \$4,500 per child from the parish. I have stepped up to teach religion to our middle school children to improve quality and cut expenses.

Our children need your help to assist them in getting the education they deserve. Help us keep their dream alive. Help our children get a strong foundation in the faith in the midst of our secular culture. Our children and their families need our help. Two children have already been "adopted" by generous parishioners to help pay for the parish grant. This leaves 30 catholic children who I have promised we would somehow make things work.

We need assistance is making up for the aid given to families. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more of these children to help them get a solid foundation in the faith. Thank you for any assistance you can give and please know that 100% of what you give in the school collection or what you mark for tuition assistance goes to helping our children afford Catholic education. Our children are our future. Thank you.

St. Jerome's School Collection



Today the second collection basket will help support our school. Each month please remember to use the yellow "School Support"

envelopes to help our catholic families and their children have access to a great education which should be their right..not just for the privileged few. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Last weekend was the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! This Collection helps to support many people across our country in developing work projects which will lift lives out of poverty. If you would still like to contribute, please find special collection envelopes located in the pews. **Thank you!**

Advent Prayer for Patience and Watchfulness



Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, you prepare us for the fulfillment of your promise, the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant us patience as we wait for Christ to come in the fullness of time. Help us to see the signs that point to him and to stay awake so that when he arrives we will be found watching and ready.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

"Parish Staff Sunday"— December 8th

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

Plan Giving

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez has written to each parish regarding year-end financial planning and consideration of a legacy gift. He writes: "I urge everyone to consider leaving a legacy gift to our parishes, schools and ministries in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. There are many ways to structure such a gift in your will or by trust. The trained professionals of the Legacy Society are here to help you. For Legacy Society information contact:

Kim Jetton at 213-637-7504

Her address: Director of Plan Giving

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

Email: plangiving@la-archdiocese.org

Also, a year-end gift to St. Jerome Church will be deeply appreciated. Your gift at Christmas will be especially important to help strengthen our parish's ability to serve well the wonderful families of this community.

May God bless our parish community abundantly.

Senior Center

Mon. Dec. 2: 12—4pm, Cards & Social

Wed. Dec. 4: 12—4pm, Cards & Social



Wednesday, December 11th: Doors will open at 11am for our fabulous the Senior Christmas Luncheon!

For more information, please call 310 216-7354.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



First Friday Adoration

On **Friday, December 6th, 2019**, immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until the celebration of Benediction at 10:00am.

Baby Jesus Birthday Party –December 7th

Bring your children to the Baby Jesus Birthday Party, a great way to put Christ in Christmas. Enjoy meeting St. Nicholas, sing to Baby Jesus, storytelling, games, etc. and birthday cake. 1:00pm—3:00pm.



Free at Pauline Books & Media, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City. For more information, call 310 397-8676.



Monday, December 9th, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, usually a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, but not when it is transferred from the 8th. We celebrate Mary's conception free from stain of sin. **Mass will only be at 8am.**

St. Jerome Church Christmas Bag-It Up 2019



Bags were distributed with 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 this weekend 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.

St. Jerome Bible Study



Last Tuesday, we began a brief, four-week bible study focusing 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 following Sunday.

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

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 sjpicaard526@att.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 11/30—5:30pm FV Adam R Mercier (M)
and Brandy Swanson (SI)
Sun. 12/01—7:30am FN St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
9:00am FB Ryan Nugent (M)
11:00am FV David Hill (SI)
5:30pm FP Sybil Avis (M)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 12/02—8:00am FV Anthony Weisbrich (M)
Tues. 12/03—8:00am FB Loenito Somod-Ong (M)
and Marciana Cabasan (M)
Wed. 12/04—8:00am FB Edgar Dasco (M)
Thurs. 12/05—8:00am FV Eileen Bigelow (SI)
Fri. 12/06—8:00am FV Maureen McDonough Miller (SI)
Sat. 12/07—8:00am FV For all Souls in Purgatory (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

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 Mc Nerney	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



Bible Study with Fr. Valentine “Preparing The Way”

The study will take place in the Senior Center following the Thursday morning’s mass and rosary.

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**.

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

Clothing Drive Fund Raiser



St. Jerome School will be hosting a used clothing drive beginning **December 15th thru December 20th**. A trailer will be parked on the west side of our school parking lot for easy drop off.



We ask for gently used clothes, shoes, belts, curtains and stuff toys.



The school will received money based on the weight we are able to gather. Even though it is fall please help us and do a little spring cleaning.

Parish Christmas Party

You and your family are invited to the Parish Hall for food, caroling and even a little comedy on **Saturday, December 14th. You might attend the 5:30pm Mass and join us afterward for dinner fun!** Come and experience the Joy of the Christmas season with us.



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St. Jerome School

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10/30/2019

End Date:

01/05/2020

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