

St. Jerome Church

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

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019**

The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me... to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

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, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &
Wed. 6:30pm with Our **Lady of Perpetual Help** prayers 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

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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 310-348-8212

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

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not send the Apostles out with copies of the New Testament. I know we speak about scripture being inspired, but who determined what writings would be considered sacred and inspired? Please note that being Christian was illegal, and the church established by Jesus Christ was under sporadic severe persecution throughout the Roman Empire during much of its first three hundred years.

The various books New Testament which we now have such easy access to, were chosen by the blood of martyrs. Realize before the printing press (1440) most books (including the bible) were hand written. Yes, scribes weren't just adversaries of Christ but had the job of reading, writing and copying correspondence and manuscripts. Therefore manuscripts (such as our sacred scriptures) were considered valuable, rare and precious. If your copy was destroyed or ruined, Amazon was not an option. Men spent their entire lives painstakingly copying the texts so that future generations would have an accurate copy of something they considered precious and sacred.

The apostles and those who had encountered Jesus were no longer around. The Roman Empire decided that one way to suppress Christianity was to eliminate all copies of our sacred texts. Obliteration of all writings and images of a person or people who had fallen out of favor was a common practice which the Romans had mastered with several hundred years of experience. Rewriting history is a common practice used from ancient times even to today. (Fahrenheit 451 explores this.)

We sometimes forget that Christianity spread into Africa during the lives of Christ and the Apostles. The Gospel of Luke records that Simon, a Cyrenian, was compelled to bear the cross for Jesus on the road to Calvary. Cyrene was located in North Africa. The book of Acts records that, on the day of Pentecost, Egyptians and Cyrenians were among the crowd, and heard the apostles proclaim the Gospel in their native languages. Acts (chapter 8) records the conversion of an influential Ethiopian eunuch to Christianity by the Deacon Philip. Finally, the book of

Acts records that following the apostles' missionary journey to Cyprus, new converts from Cyprus and Cyrene preached the Gospel to the Greeks of Antioch.

The Egyptian city of Alexandria (where the bible was first translated into Greek) boasted a very large Jewish community. It is believed that African Jews in Alexandria were converted from Judaism to Christianity following a Jewish revolt in A.D. 115 that all but extinguished Judaism from the region. Alexandria became one of the five hubs of Christianity: Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem.

North Africans were among the first to receive and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The early church in North Africa went through severe persecutions A.D. 64 thru 311. Many significant leaders of the faith emerged from the early African church including the well-known St. Augustine .

The Guardians of the Holy Scriptures are the over 200 men and women of North Africa who during these persecutions sacrificed their lives rather than turn over their community's manuscripts of the Christian Scriptures. We don't know their names but they so wanted others to know the "Good News" and to have access to the truth... that they were willing to have their own body burned at the stake rather than hand over the parts of the New Testament their own community treasured and used at the Eucharist.

St. Augustine (354-430) had high praise for those Guardians of the Holy Scriptures. The fourth-century Latin poet Prudentius wrote a hymn in their honor. One detail we have from the martyrdom of these Guardians is of a woman who was singing sacred songs to encourage those to be executed. She would not be silent and was shot with an arrow through the throat in the midst of an alleluia. (Would that all Christians could have the courage to sing!)

The next time you pick up a New Testament, know that you have this treasure because men and women gave up their lives for you to have it. Their feast day is February 11th.

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.

Black History Month

As you know, February is Black History Month, and here at Saint Jerome we're celebrating that history with a brief introduction to saints of African decent in our bulletin each week. It is our hope that you will look to these men and women for their intercession. This weekend we focus on the Guardians of the Holy Scriptures.



World Marriage Day

More than 100 couples will celebrate World Marriage Day by renewing their vows on **Sunday, February 10th**, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Couples married for 25, 50 or 75 years will renew their wedding vows. Mass will be held at 10am.

World Marriage Day celebrates the beauty, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. In 1993, it received the apostolic blessing of Pope John Paul II. For more information or to register, please email:

CathedralWorldMarriageDay@gmail.com

St. Jerome Tuesday Night Bible Study



St. Jerome Bible Study began a study of the Gospel According to Luke (the gospel we will hear at mass on most Sundays in 2019) on

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm in the Religious Education Center. The study will run for 12 consecutive Tuesday evenings. The cost is **\$30** for course materials. In this gospel Luke portrays Jesus as a mighty prophet and Savior of the world who fulfills the expectations of the Old Testament, is dedicated to prayer and guided by the Spirit. And it is from Luke we encounter Jesus' words of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

For more information, contact

Steve Picard at spicard526@att.net or

Alan Bernstein at 310.645.5355.

All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Senior Center

Mon., Feb. 04: 12-4pm, Rosary, cards and social.

Wed., Feb. 06: 12-4pm January & February Birthday Celebration!



Annual Membership: \$7.00 only!!

For more information, call Allene at 310 348-8212 x 314

Together In Mission 2019

This is a year is a time to have strong faith and not to give up hope. Each year we come to you to offer support to the poorest of Arch-diocesan parishes and schools.

What we can give to them will enable them to continue for another year to serve God's people. In the midst of our own struggles, we can yet try to extend a blessing to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Next Sunday, February 10th, we invite your generosity to the Together in Mission appeal at St. Jerome. Direct mailing of Together in Mission materials to those who made a pledge last year will take place this week. Please bring your commitment form with you to Mass next Sunday, or return it in the mail if you wish. We will have commitment cards here at church for next Sunday.

We have a Parish Goal that reflects the great needs of so many parishes, and we hope you will all help us to reach our goal. With every family willing to help, we hope to reach this goal in your generous "missionary" care and zeal. God bless you for your generosity!

Bereavement Support Group

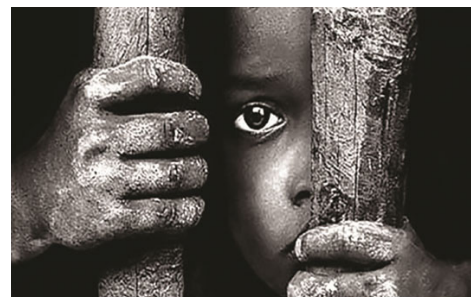
The Bereavement Support Group at Visitation Parish will start on **Wednesday, February 20th thru Wednesday, April 24th, from 6-8pm in the Parish Center**. You must to commit to attend all of the 8 consecutive sessions. The Group Facilitator will take you through the process of grieving in easy-to-handle steps. **The cost is \$80** payable upfront to cover the cost of material and guest speakers. Please make **checks payable to Visitation Church**.

To sign up or for more information please call **Candy Blanekenship at 310-338-9043**.

One LA-IAF Academy

"Pipeline from Foster Care to Homelessness to Human Trafficking"

February 8th, 6:00pm—8:00pm



Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
1955 W. Jefferson Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90018

An Evening of Education, Collaboration and Commitment
Light refreshments will be served

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 02/02—5:30pm FB Carmencita Vallejo (M)
 Sun. 02/03—7:30am SJ Ryan Cochran (M)
 9:00am FB Johnny Bal (M)
 11:00am FV Jose Luis Cornejo (M)
 5:30pm FP St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 02/04—8:00am FV The Agembah Family (SI)
 Tues. 02/05—8:00am FB The Agembah Family (SI)
 Wed. 02/06—8:00am FB Sofronio Somod-ong & Modesto Somd-ong (M)
 Thurs. 02/07—8:00am FV Scott Gow (M)
 Fri. 02/08—8:00am FV Benny Munoz (SI)
 Sat. 02/09—8:00am FV In memory of our beloved Dead (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



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| Darlene Bejnar | Mark Bejnar | James Bennett |
| Senen Blanco | Vincent Butt | Robert Buchanan |
| Rorrie se la Vega | Elizabeth Ezeana | Chris Ezeokoli |
| Lordes Flores | Anne Gingris | Hank Grady |
| Miguel Garcia | Theresa Henderson | George Koury |
| Frances Lalan | Robert Mallillin | Bill Medina |
| Bob Migneault | Jerry Neubauer | Angela Parks |
| Dorothy Polk | Sam Quatto | Betty Spindler |
| Kondra Tapia | Sandra Walker | Sr. Pauline Daries |
| Germaine Nickels-Chau | | Sr. Betty Nikels, O.P. |

**Listen to a 24 hour Catholic Radio Station
 AM Station 930—Immaculate Heart Radio**

Please remember in your prayers our Youth who will be attending a Confirmation Retreat next weekend, February 8th, 9th & 10th, to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.



May God bless them and keep them safe.

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. Everyone is welcome!

Liturgical Ministries

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| 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 or you may visit the school office to pick one up.



Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org
or call 310 670-1678.



Coffee and Donuts

The Youth Ministry will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot **Sunday, February 10th—8am to 1:30pm**. Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist needy individuals. There is also need for furniture and larger appliances. Call **323 224-6280** to schedule a free pickup at your home for the larger items. Thank You!

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, February 16th, from 10:30am to 12 noon**.

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



SJS Student 2019 MARDI GRAS

PARTY

*Saturday, February 23, 2019
7pm-11pm*



Tickets \$10 per student

STRICT RSVP BY FEBRUARY 14, 2019

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