

St Jerome Parish invites everyone to our annual
**SOUL-FULL NEW YEAR'S EVE
 GUMBO CELEBRATION & MASS**

Event starts at 7:00 pm on New Year's Eve, December 31st, in the Parish Hall. The event will include a delicious Gumbo dinner and desert prepared by parishioners and a professional chef.

There will also be Live Jazz Music, Dancing, Amazing Gumbos, and raffling off wonderful gift baskets. You may choose Creole gumbo or vegetarian. Tickets prices are \$20.00 Pre-Sale (or) \$25.00 "At The Door."



Our 11:00 pm Mass will be featuring the incredible **African American Pastoral Center Choir**



Our event will conclude with 11:00 pm Mass



For more information please call **Kathy Fitzpatrick: 310-703-2519**

St. Jerome Church



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 23, 2018**

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

Our Senior Center Christmas Party was Wonderful.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm
 Friday - 10am-1:30pm

**CLOSED Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 CLOSED New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**

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.

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.

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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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

Song has been used from the early church to celebrate and educate about the faith. St. Paul encouraged singing hymns and even cited a well known hymn of the day: "Though He was in the form of God... (Phil. 2: 5-11). Saint Thomas Aquinas used music (He both wrote and composed five hymns) as a teaching tool including Adoro te Devote which we continue to use at Benediction (Down in Adoration Falling) and Pange Lingua (Sing My Tongue The Savior's Glory) which we sing on Holy Thursday.

It has been suggested that some creative Catholic educator may have written "The Twelve Days of Christmas" or accommodated it as a teaching tool for young Catholics in England during the time (1558-1829) when it was illegal to publically practice the faith. I must admit this is shorter than the Baltimore Catechism questions I had to study, but this carol easily predates that 1885 resource.

For those who are aware, Twelve Days can have two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known to members of the Church. Therefore it could help people remember or hand-on some of the basics of the Catholic Faith. Each gift in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could learn about. I encourage you to use this song to help hand on the faith to children we love.

The "True Love" is God, the Father. We are loved into existence and loved so much He sends His Son to us.

The partridge in the pear tree represents Jesus. These birds are willing to sacrifice their life (if necessary) to protect their young by pretending to have a broken wing in order to draw away predators from getting too close to their nest.

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments (Creation and Baptism: Floods and Doves).

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love (Theological Virtues) as well as a reminder of the Holy Trinity. Catholic stuff, including priests, was being smuggled in through France.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The gospels call us to a new life.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation (our six days for work). This gives a chance to speak about Sundays and Holy Days being more for worship, service and family... rather than unnecessary work.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven sacraments: plunging in through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (Initiation); Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (Healing); Marriage and Holy Orders (Vocation).

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes which give us opportunities to nurture and support others: the poor, the mourning, the meek, those who hunger and thirst, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments: Honor God, His Name, His Day, and Our Parents; Don't kill, commit adultery, steal, lie; Don't covet neighbor's wife (lust and porn) or their goods (envy).

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles and you can use our stained-glass windows to help you with this. (Matthias is the one chosen to replace Judas Iscariot.)

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed. 1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. 4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. 5. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. 6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. 7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, 10. the forgiveness of sins, 11. the resurrection of the body, 12. and the life everlasting. Amen.

I encourage you to use this song to remind ourselves about our faith and the God who loves us so much that He gave us His only begotten Son to teach us how to live, forgive, and offer His life on the cross that we can know that His talk of love is so much more than merely words.

Have a Merry Christmas and know that you are in my prayers.

YOUR PARISH AND STAFF WISH EACH FAMILY OF ST. JEROME BLESSING OF JOY AND PEACE AT THIS HOLY SEASON!

At our Christmas liturgies we will pray as a parish family for peace in our world and the gifts of forgiveness and healing to the entire world through the Child born as our Savior.



The Rectory Office will be closed
December 24 and December 25th
for the Christmas Holidays!

Mother of Sorrows Jacket/Toy Drive Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Jacket / Toy Drive which was collected to benefit the children at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, our sister parish in Los Angeles. We appreciate Mr. Arnold Tena for coordinating this special collection and we will inform you later of the total amount collected. Please continue to pray for the children and their families!

Adult Confirmation

If you are of age 21 years or older, and have been baptized Catholic, received First Communion and wish to complete your initiation in the Catholic Faith the **ADULT CONFIRMATION** process is right for you. Preparation sessions will be held during **January and February 2019**, at St. Mark's Church in the parish hall (2475 Lincoln Blvd., Venice CA 90291.) A Retreat for the candidate and sponsor is mandatory. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by a bishop at St. Jerome Church at a day and time to be announced. **Contact the rectory office to make an appointment with Fr. Bill at 310 348-8212.**



Holy Innocents Day Service

Parishioners are invited to a Mass and Rosary centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn on **Friday, December 28th at Holy Cross Cemetery**. The service will begin with Mass at **2pm at the Risen Christ Chapel** with main celebrant Bishop Joseph Satoris, followed by a procession to the Shrine. The procession will be led by the **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps**. During the procession the Rosary will be prayed, hymns, and homily will follow. The cemetery is at 5835 W. Slauson Ave., Culver City. For information, call **Tom Ullman at 310 670-0605**



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!

Senior Center
Happy Holidays! The Center will be closed thru January 1, 2019.



Congratulations!

We offer sincere congratulations to **Peter and Dorothy Saechee** who are celebrating their **40th Wedding Anniversary**. May God bless them!

Fifth Annual OneLife LA Walk

OneLife LA will take place on **January 19, 2019**. It is the first ever large-scale event in Downtown LA celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. **See the website for the events scheduled.** A Youth Rally begins at 11am at La Placita Olvera on Olvera Street. The Walk ends at Los Angeles State Park, the main event locations with the featured speakers, musicians and food! A Requiem Mass for the Unborn will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels at 5pm. To register or for more information please visit: **www.onelifela.org**

Annual Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast

Please join us at the Proud Bird Restaurant for an exciting morning honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast. You won't want to miss this morning of good food and great fellowship with friends! Tickets are available in the parish office from Fr. Bill and Terry Dicks. The **donation is \$50** and will benefit the African American Pastoral Center. All are welcome, so remember to mark your calendar for **January 19 2019**.



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**.

School will be closed during the holidays from December 21st thru January 6th.
We wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

Together In Mission

We are in this together—the mission of helping our fellow brothers and sisters and we are asked to share the light of Christ with others. Every gift regardless of the size matters. For those of you that have already committed to a gift, we gratefully thank you.

Unfortunately we are not near our parish goal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. Find an envelope in the vestibule, or make your pledge online at archila.org/give.

Your gift ensures that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to a Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when your support Together in Mission. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 12/22—5:30pm FV Christopher Ezeokoli (SI)
 Sun. 12/23—7:30am SJ Antonio & Rachel David (SI)
 9:00am FV Chisom Ezeokoli Ikeri (SI)
 11:00am FB Puerto Rico Hurricane
 Relief Supporters (T)
 5:30pm FB St Jerome Parishioners (SI)

Mon. 12/24—8:00am FV Aaron Arugay, Sharon Rakunas,
 and Tanika Bradley (SI)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Mon. 12/24—4:00pm SJ Jack Kennedy (M)
 11:00pm FB Bobby Joe, Yves Serge &
 JoAnne Carli (M)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tues. 12/25—7:30am FV The David Family (SI)
 9:00am FB Gladys, Margie, Juana, Irma,
 Carmen, & Ada Serrano (SI)
 11:00am FV Rosa Sepulveda (M)

Wed. 12/26—8:00am FV Jeannette Fernandes &
 Ramiro Fernandes (M)

Thurs. 12/27—8:00am FV Ezekiel, Catherine &
 Abigail David (SI)

Fri. 12/28—8:00am FV Teri Roa, John Sy &
 Jonathan David (SI)

Sat. 12/29—8:00am FV Ronnie Alvarado,
 Matthew Siu, & Manny Rendon (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil 5:30pm FB, 7:30am SJ, 9am FB, 11am FV, 5:30pm FV
 Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Mary Alcuran	Rebecca Bank	James Bennett
Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan	Dionne Delahoussaye
Rorrie de la Vega	Valarie Dudley	Elizabeth Ezeana
Chris Ezeokoli	Lordes Flores	Mary Gibson
G. Johnson Family	Frances Lalan	Eileen La Casse
Benjamin Lopez	Bill Medina	Bob Migneault
Eurydice Mundy	Jerry Neubauer	Guillermo Ortega
Angela Parks	Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto
Carlos Rodriguez	George Rodriguez	Larry Smith
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Mary Grace Charron

Mary Grace's funeral will be Thurs. Dec. 27th

11am at Holy Cross Cemetery —310 836-5500

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



CHRISTMAS SEASON 2018

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00pm & 11:00pm*

*Carols begin at 10:30pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Masses

7:30am, 9:00am 11:00am

Monday, December 31st

A Soulful New year's Eve

Dinner begins at 7:00pm followed by

11pm Mass

Monday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God

8:00am Mass

(Not an obligation)



CELEBRATE WITH US!

Make your plans now to join your St. Jerome Friends on **New Year's Eve** for an incredible evening with a gumbo dinner, live music and lots of fun! Then end your evening with Mass at 11pm, featuring the incredible mass choir from the African American Pastoral Center.



Tickets for the dinner are on sale today, for \$20 which includes desert. Ticket will be \$25 at the door. You may choose Creole gumbo or vegetarian. There will be beautiful gift baskets raffled that evening!

Mardi Gras

Dinner Party

St. Jerome Parish Hall

Save The Date

2/23/19