

St. Jerome Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

OLPH Novena Wednesdays at 5:30pm

St. Jerome Catholic Church
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday by phone or email
8:30am—noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday and Saturday—Closed
Sunday—8:30am—Noon; Rectory Garden Area

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) - 8am

At the "Outside Adoration Chapel" & on Zoom
Followed by Drive-in Adoration until 3:15pm.

Rain or shine we will have mass and adoration

Sunday Mass

"Drive-in Masses" — **8am and 10am**

"Sunday Mass in the Church" — **Noon and 5pm**

All OUTDOOR masses will be on Zoom

Meeting ID: 661-442-999. Password: 162-954

If you need to use our "wi-fi" we have limited bandwidth at
"St. Jerome Guest Outdoor" password SJguest2020

Confessions: Saturday 1:30pm to 2:30pm

In the Rectory Garden Area

Also by appointment on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Holy Hour - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Friday Evening Charismatic Prayer Meeting

It begins at 7pm. All are welcome to be renewed and refreshed.

Meeting ID: 870-2775-1085 Password: 821-822

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

From Fr. Bill

On Monday, April 13, 2020 we began having on a our "drive-in" masses. I was given a phone call to remind me that I was forbidden to give communion to anyone else present as it would not be safe.

Truth be told, Christianity and Eucharist has never been about safety, but rather about truth, grace, forgiveness and salvation. My mind goes back to C.S. Lewis' book, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe." As the three children are being brought into the presence of Aslan, the Lion (aka: Christ), they, with good reason ask their guide, "Is he safe?" Mr. Beaver responds, "No, but he is true." The road though Calvary to the Resurrection is about dying to ourselves. We are asked to carry our cross each day and follow Him. The blood of the martyrs as well as St. Paul remind us that remaining with the Lord is a demanding race which requires persistence and sacrifice to complete... but we should run as to win for this is the path to eternal life. Christians know that living life gracefully is more important than a safe life without reasonable risks.

Congratulations to our children who received their First Communion last night. May this heavenly food give them what they need to remain in Christ and bear fruit for Him. Communion is the cups of water we need in the marathon of life.

For this race Jesus gives His followers what we need as "standard equipment" (the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit) which, if accepted and used, help us to live the challenge of staying connected with Him and being His disciples in the race of life.

The first is called **Wonder and Awe** or "Fear of the Lord." We realize God is greater, more and "Wow!" Who am I? We are like grains of sand and yet our creator loves us... loves me... so very much. His fingerprints are visible in all His creation from the majesty of the stars at night to His plants, flowers and all the creatures of land, sea and sky.

Recognizing that we are insignificant in comparison, the second is called **Reverence** or "Piety." We pray and honor the God who is. This is our response to His world that He has given us, the family He has placed us in, and the life He has given us. Reverence (hyper-dulia) is due to God alone. Reverence (Dulia) is due to all which God loves. Our Blessed Mother and His Saints are due this reverence. Our grandparents and parents are due reverence. Even His creation is due reverence. Reverence is respecting all of the gifts and people that God has brought into our life.

Realizing that He is the one who made all, the third gift is **Knowledge**. We study, reflect and learn about God, His creation, and His Church. Our ability to pass on knowledge and experience from one generation to

the next is a precious treasure. Our ability to discover and gain new insights we believe will ultimately lead us to a deeper appreciation for the One who set forth this universe with all its laws and forces.

As we study, pray and reflect about God, ourselves and the world we grow in the fourth gift, **Understanding**. We can sympathize and empathize with others. We grow in appreciation and respect for the challenges which others face. We can see the connectedness of how one person's actions effect not just themselves, but the community... and in essence all creation. We are called not to be isolated but in a collaborative union which cares for the weak and the little ones. We are all in this together with selfishness and sin being the flaw tearing the fabric of God's hopes for us.

As we are better in comprehending human motives, God's laws and consequences to our choices we grow in the gift of **Right Judgment**. Just because I can do something doesn't mean I should. Even if I believe I won't "get caught" or it won't hurt anyone else or it isn't anyone else's business... people living in God's mercy and grace recognize that what we do or don't do, matters. If I choose to love it makes a difference. If I choose not to love, it makes a difference. Our life is a gift from God. How I use this gift is what we offer to God in return.

To help us to follow through on these good choices we are given and build up the gift of **Courage**. The world and our selfish nature will tempt us with shortcuts and the easy, self-satisfying choices. Courage enables us to go against public opinion and do what is right, true, loving and good, regardless of the consequences the powers of this world will try to inflict. Courage doesn't mean we have no fear. Courage means we go ahead despite the fear as we know the God who has lead us here, will be with us and lead us through this. We know that only through the cross can we reach the resurrection. Therefore we take up our cross each day and follow Him.

Finally, having carried our cross, though our experiences and praying and meditating on the adversity of trying to live faithfully, we grow in **Wisdom**. Wisdom which is one of the fruits of adversity and suffering helps us to see ourselves and the world through God's eyes. Our suffering prepares us for service. Where I have been wounded, I am better able to help another's healing. They are not the only one. They are not alone. Someone else does understand and help them bear and grow from their cross. God empowers us to be instruments of His mercy and grace in the race of life.

If keeping safe was a Christian's highest priority, the disciples would still be hiding in the upper room. Do use wisdom but don't let fear and anxiety rule your life. Have a blessed month of May!

St. Jerome's School Collection



Today the second collection 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 and not just for the privileged.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

First Holy Eucharist Celebration



Congratulations to the children and families of our St. Jerome's School and Religious Education children who made their First Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 1st:

Richard Baltazar, Ava Brown, Zhoe Delos Santos, Bradly Hawkins, Kyla Haynes, Danilo Hizon, Vicente Lazarre, Walter Macias, Daphne McBean, David McBean, Xavier Manuel, Cedro Nishii, Udodirium Nwosu, Benicio Perez, Lua Rosas.

Let us pray for them and rejoice with them!

Mother's Day Cards and Novena

Mother's Day Cards and Novena envelopes are available at the "Outside Chapel" during the weekdays and with Roxanne at her table by the hall on Sundays. Be sure to return the Novena envelopes to the rectory or place them in next week's collection basket so that your Mother's name will be placed on the Altar throughout our Mother's Day Novena in May.



St. Jerome Bible Study will launch a 10-week study titled "St. Paul's Letters From Prison" on Tuesday evening, April 13, from 7:30 to 9pm online via Zoom. The study will run for 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings. Next to Jesus, St. Paul was the most influential person on the thought and teachings of the early Christian Church. St. Paul is famous, among other things, for his numerous incarcerations "for the defense of the gospel" (Phil 1:16) and for the letters he wrote from prison to several first-century Christian communities and his friends. Join us on Tuesday evenings as we explore some of Paul's writings and encounter his tremendous love for Jesus and Jesus' followers. For more information and to register for the course, email Steve Picard at sjpocard526@att.net.

All are welcome. No experience necessary

May's Special Collections

School Support: May 2nd
Cardinal McIntyre Fund : May 9th
Building Fund: May 16th

Envelopes are located at the Drive-In Chapel near the donation box.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021

Last week our Archdiocese mailed appeal letters to those who made gifts in the past. Please mail in your gift directly to the Together in Mission Office. If you wish to make a donation in helping the less fortunate Catholic parishes and schools, you donate online at:

www.ourmissionla.org



Celebration of Confirmation

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 5pm Mass

Our young people have been preparing for the past two Years for this important moment. Let us keep our candidates and their sponsors in our prayers.



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Grand Prize:

Round Trip Air to Maui, Hawaii
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8 days & 7 nights at the Royal Lahaina Resort
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two complimentary Luau tickets.

2nd Prize: \$1,000

3rd Prize: \$100 (5 draws)

Drawing will be held on **May 10th!**

Proceeds benefit St. Jerome School

Tickets on Sales at the table in front of the parish hall or at the rectory.

We now have a regularly scheduled mass at noon & 5pm on Sundays INSIDE the church. These masses will have the basic rules of masks, appropriate social distancing, and sanitizing before and after mass. Attendance is limited to the first 600 people coming to the mass. The doors will be closed when we reach capacity.

These opportunities continue!

Drive-in-Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from **8am to 3:15pm Monday through Saturday.**



Our Friday Evening Prayer Group meets at **7pm.** This charismatic group continues to pray for us and invites all to be open to the Spirit of Jesus allowing themselves to be refreshed and renewed.

(Meeting ID: **870-2775-1085**. Password: **821-822**).

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

5/2/2021

NOW IS THE TIME – Tom Kendzia

(Refrain)

Come to us, you who say, “I will not forget you.”

Be with us, you who say, “Do not be afraid.”

Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.

Make us your own, now is the time.

1. Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred.
Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us your own, now is the time.
2. Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger.
Spirit of life, break the chains of death.
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us your own, now is the time.

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From the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 9:26-31)

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps22

(ANTIPHON)

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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From the first letter of John

(1 Jn 3:18-24)

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse:

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

From the Gospel according to John

(Jn 15:1-8)

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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CHRISTIANS LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER – PICARDY

1. Christians, let us love one another,
As we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
With his flesh and blood we are fed.

(Refrain)

**Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life. God is love.**

2. We who break this bread are one body,
We who share this cup are all one.
Children of our Father in heaven,
We are heirs with God's only son.
3. We who eat and drink at this table
Die and rise again with our Lord.
Drawing from our Rock living water
Giv'n to all who thirst for accord.
4. On the path of life we may falter,
Earthly food alone leaves us weak;
Always you invite from the altar,
"Hungry souls their food here must seek."

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TASTE AND SEE – Ricky Manalo

(Refrain)

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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SPIRIT AND GRACE – Trevor Thomson

(Refrain)

**In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.**

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CHRIST IN ME ARISE – Trevor Thomson

(Refrain)

**Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.**

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BE NOT AFRAID – Bob Dufford, SJ

(Refrain)

**Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.**

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS – Peter Scholtes

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be re stored:

(Refrain)

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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TABLE OF PLENTY – Dan Schutte

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.**

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LORD OF THE DANCE – Sydney Carter

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun.
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth

**Dance, then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the dance, said He
I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
I will lead you all in the dance, said He**

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John.
They came with me so the dance went on
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people, they said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped, and they hung me high,
And they left me there on the cross to die
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone.
But I am the dance, and I still go on
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the dance, said He

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HOLY SPIRIT — Ken Canedo

**Holy Spirit, come into our lives.
Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.**

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Open Registration For Religious Education

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For more information, call 213 841-6775



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot **TODAY** from 8am to 1:30pm.

Please bring any useable items that will help in their efforts to assist people in need.

For furniture and larger appliances please call 323 224-6280 to schedule a free pickup at your home.

Thank You!

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MAY IS FOSTER AWARENESS MONTH!

Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me.*

Perhaps he was thinking of the many children who are in need of foster care in safe, supportive and loving homes? L.A. has 34,000 foster children, the highest number in the nation. 21% are under age two.

May is Foster Awareness month and a time to honor those who are already fostering, and to invite others to consider fostering a child. For more information about fostering or to know how you can help see:

www.archla.org/foster or www.fosterall.org

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of extended to the family and friends of

Janice Dennis

(Wife of William Dennis)



Kevin Kelly

(Father of Margaret Kelly)

Delores Mouton

(St. Jerome Parishioner)

May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick

Allene Muccia	Mary Bolton	David Bajot
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Sam Quatto	Glen Bordenave	Maria Ross
Craig Kinoshita	Margarita Mendez	Rodney Moore
Perdana Tamzil	Arnold Tena	Natalie Tun
Bob Smith	Carina Tapia	Rorrie de la Vega
Cynthia Flores Zapata	Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana	
Luis Eduardo Restrepo	Carol Igetei	Abigail Cubbit

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Gerie Anderson	Angelica Domingo	Chika Okafor
Mary Asoera	Josie Bennett	Dorothy Ikeri
Nancy Wagas	Tess Abraham	Leslie Flores
Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
Liz Ortega	Ambur Peppers	Alisa Moniayo
Daniel Brousseau	Kerry Kasl	Heather Kearney
Christina Olumba	Virginia Waters	Ramin Modabber
Stephanie Vandiver	Kearney	Monica Modabber

Scheduling Services (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

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.

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers: Tina Gustavson 310-649-1474

Music: Jim Drollinger 310-617-2465

Ushers: Tony Holloway 323-309-4116

Education and Fellowship

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Lara Ratleff 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

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study: Zoom
Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

Parish Organizations

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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

Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy-*Retired* 714-602-6122
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: Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

ZOOM id For all Masses: 661-442-999

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 05/02

8am:FM Mario Stanton (D)

10am:FB Mary Asoera &
Margaret Ireh (T)

Noon: FB Joel Aquino (D)

5pm:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 05/03

8am:FM Dena Hathout (SI)

Tuesday: 05/04

8am:FB Mayson Burton (SI)
(birthday)

Wednesday: 05/05

8am:FB Joyce Holt (SI)
(birthday)

Thursday: 05/06

8am: FB Sandra Walker (D)

Friday: 05/07

8am:FB All Souls in Purgatory (D)

Saturday: 05/08

8am:FB Leticia Bustillo (D)

Dead (D) Thanksgiving (T) Special Intention (SI)

NEXT WEEKEND'S CELEBRANTS:

8am FB 10am FM Noon FB 5pm FB
Fr. Bill Bolton (FB) Fr. Michael Tang (FM)

To book a mass:

**Call the rectory at 310 384-8212 or
rshaw@stjeromewestcher.org**

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