

St. Jerome Church



Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020



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

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) - 8am

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

Please note that a Funeral Mass
may cause a daily mass to be canceled.

Sunday Mass

"Drive-in Masses" — 8am, 10am and 5pm
At the "Outside Adoration Chapel"

All regularly scheduled masses will be on Zoom
Meeting ID: **661-442-999**. Password: **162-954**

Confessions: Saturday 1:30pm to 2:30pm
In the Rectory Garden Area

Also by appointment on Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Virtual Holy Hour - Wed. 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: **HolyMother**

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

RECTORY STAFF

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton 424-543-4681

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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

From Fr. Bill

It was wonderful having Bishop Clark with us for our Confirmation Mass. I was surprised to learn that this was his first public mass in over a year. He actually got cleared to resume masses around St. Patrick's Day... but the church's response to Covid-19 closed that door. (Bishop Clark had been scheduled to be our Good Friday presider.)

Bishop Clark shared with us the story of a good friend of Dorothy Day, Michael Gold. For those who might not know the difference between Doris and Dorothy Day, Dorothy Day was a committed communist from her college days in 1914 through the 1920's.

She identified the three fundamentals of Communist belief as: (1) There is no other world than this; our last end is death and the grave, not God. (2) The ideal state is one where all people have the same outcomes from their efforts... insured by the state controlling ownership and property. (3) Since there is no other way of achieving this except by violent means, then we must use those violent means. It is a cause worth dying for.

In the despair of losing a generation of young men to the horror of "the War to End All Wars" (WWI) as well as the Spanish Flu Epidemic, which killed mostly young adults, Dorothy wrote about the attractiveness of communist beliefs to the young who have rejected God but remain hungry for their life to have meaning and purpose.

"Of course this analysis is oversimplified, but it will serve to show how easy it is for idealist young people, brought up without religion, to accept Communism. Paul Claudel says that youth demands the heroic. Someone else wrote once that he who is not a Socialist at the age of twenty has no heart, and he who is a Socialist at the age of thirty has no head."

Dorothy discovered the Catholic Church, and embraced Christ and His church. She continued to work for the poor and working class by starting "The Catholic Workers' Movement." They do have a soup kitchen and health center in Los Angeles. Her cause for beatification and canonization is in process.

One of Dorothy's long-time communist friends was named Michael Gold and this is the story Bishop Clark told.

Michael's family were Romanian Jewish Immigrants who lived in a Jewish community in the east side of New York City. Everyone Michael knew was Jewish. The stores were Jewish. His school, was Jewish. Men wore their braided hair, yarmulke, jackets as well as shirts and pants with tassels. Strangers, although rare, were easy to recognize.

Michael's mother drilled into her young son the importance of staying in their neighborhood. "This is our home. We belong here. It is safe here." She made sure he knew the boundaries of their neighborhood by the time he was five... but like most boys, the forbidden fruit... the mystery of what might lay beyond in a world where radio was new and movies with sound (talkies) had not yet been invented, tempted him.

At 7 or 8 years of age he crossed the forbidden street. He noticed that they had trees on their streets. The houses were not stacked upon each other and were more spread out. Things looked newer, fresher and smelled cleaner. He even noticed a building which looked like their synagogue but rather than a Star of David had something he would later learn was called a cross. He noticed some boys his age playing stick-ball and walked over to see if he might join them at play.

Getting their attention was a mistake. His hair and clothing proclaimed his foreignness. They seemed upset and angry at his very existence. "Get out of here you, Christ killer!" They yelled at him, chased him and hit him. "You don't belong here, Christ killer." They left him bruised and bloodied confident he would remember that he did not belong in their neighborhood.

When he reached home his mother immediately knew where he had been and what he had done. Holding him and cuddling him she tearfully reminded him, "Stay where people love you. Stay where we are safe and where we belong."

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Michael's response to his mother's comforting was the question, "Who is Christ and why did they say that I killed him?"

Those boys may have thought that Michael was a "Christ killer" but that day they forever killed Christ for Michael. Regardless of anything Dorothy or other Christians might say about Christ and his church... Michael's experience taught him that he didn't belong. Christ might love Christians, but not anyone else.

We, the confirmed, represent Christ and His church. People judge Catholics and Jesus based upon OUR behavior, words and actions. Am I killing Christ for someone else? Are my actions and words leading others to reject Christ?

Mahatma Gandhi, a Hindu leader who through non-violence helped India gain independence from England, after reading the New Testament allegedly said, "I like your Jesus, but I not you Christians." He believed the word stopped with Jesus and Christians were not putting it into practice.

Am I leading people to Jesus or away from Jesus?

By the way, in St. John's letters when he writes about the "anti-Christ's" (plural), who are damaging the Christian community. They are the people who claim to know Jesus, but live lives of hatred and anger... pushing non-believers away from understanding and accepting the faith. He is writing of those who kill Jesus for others. For St. John, those who claim to love the God they cannot see, and hate the neighbors they can see are liars... and if they claim to belong to Christ, are actually an anti-Christ.

Am I leading people to Jesus or away from Jesus? We are anointed to be His witnesses. We are anointed to bring others to better know Him. We are anointed to share His love and to serve Him by bringing myself and others into deeper relationship with Him... after all... by His invitation we can all belong. Am I living a life which testifies to this?

Thank you for bringing Christ alive for me.



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Scriptures

7/19/2020

A reading from the book of Wisdom

(Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19)

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 86

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.

For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(Rom 8:26-27)

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

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

Gospel Verse (Matthew 11:25)

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(Matthew 13: 24-30)

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

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

GATHER US IN – Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in' all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 86 - Michel Guimont

(Antiphon)

Lord you are good and forgiving.

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YOU ARE NEAR – Dan Schutte

(Refrain)

O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE - John Michael Talbot

(Refrain)

I am the bread of life.
All who eat this bread will never die.
I am God's love revealed.
I am broken that you might be healed.

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TASTE AND SEE – Bob Hurd

(Refrain)

Taste and see. O Taste and see.
Taste and see the goodness of God.

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WE BELONG TO YOU - Trevor & Victoria Thomson

(Refrain)

We belong to you, O Lord of our longing,
We belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising
We belong to you.

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Congratulations!

We offer sincere congratulations to our married couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

Grant Smith & Mary Collins-Smith
20th Anniversary

John Wiemken & Juanita Rivera-Wiemken
20th Anniversary

Engelberto & Maricela Zapata
17th Anniversary

May God continue to bless them!

Pictures are from our 2020 Confirmation (7/11/20) courtesy of Miss Hannah Madril



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.st-jeromeschool.org or call 310 670-1678

"Parish Staff Sunday"

Our office staff is available every Sunday in the Garden Area which is located behind the rectory. You are welcome to stop by to ask question regarding baptisms, parish registration, or about having a mass said for your special intention. You can also purchase Candles for \$5 each.

We hope this makes our ministry of service more accessible to you and your family.

These summer 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). **NEW CODES!**

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of



Yolanda Martinez Medina

Sister of Elvira Quevedo

May she rest in peace.



Prayers for the Sick

Mike Asuncion	Hector G. Amezcua	Myrtle Bijole
Mimi Bolton	Jaime Brazile	Vincent Butt
Silvia Barrios	Hazel Chu	Kenneth Chua
Rorrie de la Vega	Elizabeth Ezeani	Agatha Ezeani
Came Fasico	Roana Fasico	Kathy Fitzpatrick
Joan Flynn	Xavier Galindo	Carlos Galo
Jesus Garber	Mark Gauerke	Jimmy Glenn
Michelle Gonzalez	Dindo Honrado	Celestius Ibe
Monique Isaac	Viola Maldonado	Willy Maldonado
John Marcello	Vilma Matolek	John McCreary
Louise Meehan	Caroline Metz	Nina Mueller
Silvia Olumba	Wiley Pugh	Sam Quatto
Maria Ross	Morris Stapler	Annie Strange
Perdana Tamzil	Arnold Tena	Natalie Tun
Brooklyn Dvi-Vardhana	Cynthia Flores Zapata	



Baptism Information

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants through 6 year olds are celebrated with our parish community during the regularly scheduled mass. Baptismal registration and information packets are available by calling **Roxanne Shaw at the rectory at 310 348-8212** during business hours or by email at: rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org

Remember all those who work in healthcare, especially:

Mary Asoera	Josie Bennett	Dorothy Ikeri
Nancy Wagas	Tess Abraham	Leslie Flores
Dinobi Nwosu	Georgeann Callinan	Monica Pavon
Virginia Waters	Ammur Peppers	Alisa Moniayo
Daniel Brousseau	Kerry Kasl	Heather Kearney
Christina Olumba	Liz Ortega	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 323-295-4287

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

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

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

Password: 162-954

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 07/19

8am:FB Yolanda Mercer,
Remo & Sophi Matteucci (D)

10am:FM Augustina Ezeokoli (D)

5pm:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)

WEEKDAY OUTSIDE ADORATION CHAPEL MASSES

Monday: 07/20

8am:FM Bernita Flojo (D)

Tuesday: 07/21

8am FB Yolanda Martinez Medina (D)

Wednesday: 07/22

8am FB Linda Lewis (SI)

Thursday: 07/23

8am FB No Intention

Friday: 07/24

8am FB Ralph Basham (D)

Saturday: 07/25

8am FB Bobbie Joe Carli (D)

Deceased (D) Thanksgiving (T)

Special Intentions (SI)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

8am FB, 10am FB 5pm FM

Fr. Bill Bolton (FB) Fr. Michael Tang (FM)

To reserve a mass for your intention:

Call the rectory at 310 384-8212 or

rshaw@stjeromewestcher.org