# The Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2023

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#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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Monday—Thursday by phone or email 8:30am–noon; 1pm-4:30pm

Office re-opens this Wednesday

Garden Area

#### SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) - 8am In the Church & on Zoom Followed by Drive-in Adoration until 3:15pm.

Rain or shine we will have mass and adoration

#### Sunday Mass Times 8am, 10am, Noon and 5pm

The 8am and 10am masses will be on Zoom as well 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 church Also by appointment

### Mass & Novena Wednesday, January 3rd at 5:30pm Holy Hour in our Church - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Friday Evening Charismatic Prayer Meeting in Hall & Zoom 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

## Holy Family Liturgy of the Word

From the book of Sirach

(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** – Ps128

# Blest are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

From the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Col 3:12-17) Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Gospel Verse: Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

From the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 2:22-40) When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,* in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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#### GLORIA: Mass of St. Anastasia by G. Koppenhaver

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! And on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. Fr. Bill's Musings

The music and decorations at the Simbang Gabi Mass were beautiful. It was nice seeing the faces of some of our parishioners who have moved out of the area. Afterwards we had good food, karaoke Christmas carols and raffles for prizes.

Tina was there.

Tina being present for any St. Jerome event is normal. I've been told that she has been here since the 1970's. She has been a Eucharist Minister, a trainer and later the Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers. She has been and done much more including being on the church environment team and the adult choir.

Like a mother hen she would attend various masses and touch base with her friends and associates. Her "yes" meant "yes" and her "no" meant "no." She was a woman of integrity and kindness. She cared about St. Jerome's and those people she knew and loved. And without a doubt, one of them was Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I am not a big hugger, but if I had known that this would be the last time I would a chance to say good-bye, I would have sought her out. But I was busy... and I didn't know.

So after the Simbang Gabi celebration Tina went home. Then on Monday Tina went Home.

I know Tina had been preparing to meet our Lord face to face. She wasn't someone to put off things to the last minute. I am confident that she is with our Lord as she was with Him in this world. And yet, I am still crying.

I know we must leave this world to enter into heaven. I knew she had some health challenges... but I didn't see this coming this soon.

This reminds me to be more attentive when I say goodbye. I want to make a good memory I can cherish until we meet again. After all, it might be in heaven.

Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? No! I am blessed and grateful for their friendship. These tears are memories of love and joy. I wish you a Happy New Year!

The Rectory Office will be closed Thursday , December 28 thru Tuesday, January 2, 2024 For The New Year Holidays!

#### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high. Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see. Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

#### HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

#### **JOY TO THE WORLD**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

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#### **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

**1**. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

4. Adéste fidéles, laeti triumphántes, Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem. Natum vidéte Regem angelórum.

> Veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

#### SILENT NIGHT

**1**. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin Mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven a far; Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

#### THE FIRST NOÉL

**1**. The first Nowell, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

> Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

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#### WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping.

> This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

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We thank sincerely all who helped in preparing for our Christmas celebrations at St. Jerome. We thank our choirs, cantors, and liturgical ministries throughout this holy season.

We thank all who provided leadership for the beautiful music and liturgies of the Christmas Season. We are grateful to our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans and Ushers for their devoted service.

We thank all our volunteers for preparing our Advent and Christmas church environment, Nativity Scene, and beautiful flowers.

Our gratitude is offered to the collection counters, linen ministry and all parish staff who worked hard to make this a joyful season at our parish.

Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter thank all who offered Christmas cards and gifts at the rectory. We thank all our parishioners for your generosity to our Christmas collection which is so essential for our parish ministry for the new year.

May God Bless you and your family each and every day.

Happy New Year!



St. Jerome Parish Bible Study will begin a study of the Gospel According to Mark on Tuesday evening, January 9, from 7:30 to 9pm in the parish Hall.

The study will run for 11 weeks on Tuesday evenings. We will also run an online version of the same study on Thursday evenings beginning January 11 from 7:30 to 9pm via Zoom.

The shortest and first of the four gospels, Mark is the earliest account of Jesus' life. Mark asks everyone to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" and challenges believers in every generation to accept the reality of the cross.

For more information and/or to register for either study, contact Steve Picard at sipicard526@att.net

All are welcome. No experience necessary.

#### \* YOUR PARISH AND STAFF WISH EACH FAMILY OF ST. JEROME **BLESSINGS OF JOY AND PEACE 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 our Savior. ź

#### **Rectory Office Hours**

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33 YEARS

Closed: December 21, 2023 - December 26, 2023 Open: Wednesday, December 27th and 28th

Closed: December 29, 2023–January 2, 2023 Re-opens: Wednesday, January 3, 2024

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary! **BEN & LINDA DE LOS SANTOS 51 YEARS ETER & DOROTHY SA 46 YEARS JIM & DESIREE PRIOR** 43 YEARS **GARY & ZENY PERA WAYNE & CHERYL GIROD** 

If you would like us to remember your Wedding anniversary please contact Roxanne Shaw

**CRAIG & VALONDA RUCKER** 

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# The St. Vincent de Paul Truck

# 2024 SUNDAY SCHEDULED

February 4

July 7

April 28

November 10

For furniture and larger appliances: Call 323-224-6280 to schedule a free pickup

# **St. Jerome School**

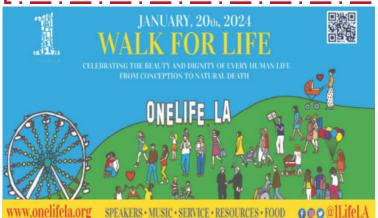
St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8.

Applications may be downloaded from our website. Visit www.st-jeromeschool.org

or call 310 670-1678

#### The Senior Center is Open! On MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS From Noon to 4pm **REOPENING this Wednesday** ينسور Seniors are welcome ds, games and see vou hav January 3rd nethin to see some frier If you have any questions, please contact Joan Hoffman at 310-670-7801. "ONE CAN, YES I CAN!"

We have our parish's ongoing collection of food for those most in need. You may bring a can or package of non-perishable food to Mass and place it in baskets either in the vestibule or near an entrance. (Please no expired items or glass jars.) Tuna, peanut butter, and individual easy-open meals are much in demand. Donations go directly to the clients of Food Pantry, LAX (355 E. Beach Ave., Inglewood. 310-677-5597)



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

**Tina Gustavson** (Diamond Parishioner and Eucharistic Minister Trainer)

Eddie Rutherford (Father of Shirley Ramirez)

Antonio Fernandes (Father of Charmaine Fernandes)

Sr. Rita Callanan, IHM (Friend of Louise Meehan)

Florida Toussant (Diamond Parishioner)

Richard Delgado (St. Jerome Parishioner)

Eleanor J. Patterson (Mother of Suzanne Patterson Jones)

> Bernard Strickland (Diamond Parishioner) May they rest in peace.

## Prayers for the Sick

**Bill Botch Elizabeth Ezeana Gregorio Ramos Delia Rodriguez** Perdana Tamzil Fausta Malagon Josephine Cullison Jane Lorentzen Louise Meehan Dennis McGurk **Steven Whitney** Bernadette Collins Lupe Gallegos Edie Knight Maria Beltran Marshall Cochrane Celia Martinez **Paris Carter Tony Fernandez** Dan McNav Maria Cirsafulli

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BEING and BECOMING CATHOLIC Our next St. Jerome RCIA class on the Catholic Faith has re-zoomed on Thursdays at 7pm. Anyone who is thinking about being baptized Catholic,

anyone who needs to make their Confirmation, and anyone who would like a *refresher* on what the Church teaches, please join us! If you have not already enrolled, please call the Rectory and leave your name and email address. We will send you the





zoom information.

