

# St. Jerome Church



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023

Grandparent's Day at St. Jerome School

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

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

**Holy Hour in our Church - Wed. 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

Meeting ID: 870 7309 0551 . Password: HolyMother

Mass & Novena Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30pm

**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

## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time : Liturgy of the Word

September's Special Collections  
Building Fund & Call To Renew: **TODAY**  
Black Indian Mission: Sept. 24th

From the book of Sirach (Sir 27:30-28:7)  
Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103

The Lord is kind and merciful,  
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

From the letter to the Romans (Rom 14:7-9)  
Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

From the Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 18:21-35)  
Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no

way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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

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### 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.

**GLORY TO GOD:** Mass of St. Anastasia

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.

Fr. Bill's Musings



A picture of our Angel Ministry visiting the sick.

Today is Catechetical Sunday. As St. Jerome Religious Education Classes begin today, we will have a special blessing at our masses for our teachers, religion instructors and support staff. Keep them and our children in your prayers.

The Adult Choir has returned. See Dr. Lorenzo if you are interested in joining. Our other choirs are also open to adding a few members. Ask one of them about getting involved following mass.

Since the Called To Renew Program began, we have begun to notice a decline in the Sunday Collection. Please note that both Called To Renew and the Building Fund can be used for capital projects and maintenance BUT can not be used for operating expenses such as salaries, insurance and utilities. At this point if you need to choose between the two, please give a little extra in our first collection on Sundays. Thank you.

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**Monthly Pledge Fulfillment Collection**

Each 3rd Sunday of the month, our 2nd collection will be a combined collection. Cash and Building Fund envelopes will go 100% to the parish. Checks to "Called to Renew" as well as Called To Renew envelopes will go to Called to Renew Campaign... of which we get 50% for our projects. Thank for your generosity. \$181,990.07 Contributed to date.

**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.



St. Jerome School's 8th Grade Class is providing Coffee, pastries and fruit following the 8am & 10am Masses.

Your support is appreciated.

Next Sunday our Fil-Am group will be cooking up French Toast. Don't miss good food and fellowship.

**SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



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6 YEARS

**May God bless them as they celebrate their anniversary!**

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

**St. Jerome Parish Bible Study**



Our Fall Bible studies begin with orientation sessions on Tuesday evening, September 12, at 7:30pm, in person in the Religious Education room, or online via Zoom on Thursday evening, September 14, at 7:30pm.

The topic of both 10-session studies is the Old Testament books of Joshua and Judges. We meet from 7:30 to 9pm on consecutive Tuesday evenings in person through November 14 or online on Thursday evenings through November 16.

Participation in either the Tuesday in-person version or the Thursday online version of the study begins with advance email registration. To register and receive information about cost and materials or if you have any questions, contact Steve Picard at [sjpocard526@att.net](mailto:sjpocard526@att.net) with "Bible study" in the subject line.

**Do not delay. All are welcome. No experience necessary.**

**2023 Holiday Craft Faire**



St. Jerome Parish will hold our **ANNUAL CRAFT FAIRE** on the weekend of Nov. 18th and Nov. 19th. If you would like to reserve a table as a vendor or know of someone who would be interested in reserving a table...

Please call Joan at 310 670-7801.

## Music For 8am, Noon & 5pm

### Gathering: OUR GOD IS HERE by C. Muglia

Here in this time, here in this place,  
Here we are standing face to face.  
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,  
Our God is here.

Here for the broken, here for the strong,  
Here in this temple we belong.  
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,  
Our God is here.

And we cry "Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"  
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"  
Amen, we do believe our God is here.  
Our God is here.

### Gifts: GOODNESS OF GOD by Jenn Johnson

All my life you have been faithful. All my life you have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

1. I love You, Lord, For Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In the darkest night You are close like no other. I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God.

**BRIDGE:** 'Cause Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. With my life laid down I'm surrendered now. I give You everything, 'Cause Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

### Communion 1: I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST by Tom Booth

I will choose Christ. I will choose love.  
I choose to serve.  
I give my heart, I give my life.  
I give my all to you.

1: How many times must He call my name and show to me that he is God? And as a servant He calls to me. "You must serve too."

2: Christ, my teacher and healer, teach my heart and heal my soul. And as I walk this road with you, teach me to love.

3: As I look upon your cross, so too must I die with you. And with the death of my own desires I'll rise with you.

### Communion 2: New Wine by Brooke Ligertwood

1, 2: In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground. So I yield to You and to Your careful hand. When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering. Make me whatever You want me to be. I came here with nothing but all You have given me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

**Bridge:** Cause where there is new wine there is new power. There is new freedom and the kingdom is here. I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

### Reflection: PROMISES by Maverick City Music

Great is Your faithfulness to me. Great is Your faithfulness to me. From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name. Great is Your faithfulness to me

### Sending: CANTICLE OF THE SUN by Marty Haugen

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1: Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.

2: Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow where they will they blow where they please to please the Lord!

## Music For 10am Mass

**Gathering: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS** by P. 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.

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

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

**Gifts: WADE IN THE WATER** – Traditional

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water. God's going to trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white  
God's a-going to trouble the water  
The leader looks like the Israelite  
God's a-going to trouble the water

**Communion: 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

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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

**Reflection: CITY OF GOD** by Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing. For the Lord our light and our love Has turned the night into day.

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for all people to set their hearts free.

**Sending: EVERY DAY** by Jacob and Matthew Band

From the rising to the setting sun, Every day for you, Lord. From the rising to the setting sun, Every day for you, Lord.

Love has spoken. Spirit of wisdom, breathe on us: We are chosen for you. Holy Spirit, Spirit of fire, rain down on us: We are chosen for you.

Beautiful perfection. Shining forth from God. Send us out to glorify you and proclaim your love.

## Electronic Giving

Thinking about our E-giving service, but are hesitant because you still want to have something to put into the collection plate at Mass? At the end of each transaction, an "E-GIVING ENVELOPE" will appear that can be easily printed out. It displays your electronic contribution and the fund to which it should be applied. Visit our website for all the details at [www.stjeromewestchester.org](http://www.stjeromewestchester.org)

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to peacefully pray with 40 Days for Life Participants in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Lawndale. Our vigil will be 7am to 7pm daily, Sept. 27th-Nov. 5th. For more information and especially if you would like to pray with us, contact Teressa Syta 310 592-4213 or register at [www.40daysforlife.com/.Lawndale/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/.Lawndale/)

## The Senior Center is Open!

On MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS From Noon to 4pm

St. Jerome and St. Anastasia Seniors have scheduled a trip to The Fantasy Spring Casino on Wednesday, October 18th from 9am to 7pm. \$50 per person & you will receive \$40 in play. ID required to play. Call Laurette at 310 - 670 - 2488 to reserve your spot by October 10th.



## 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](http://www.st-jeromeschool.org) or call 310 670-1678

## Open Registration For Religious Education First Communion Classes and More!

Registration Packets are available online at [www.stjeromelax.org/religiouseducation](http://www.stjeromelax.org/religiouseducation)



Completed packets can be sent to [sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com) Or the rectory

For more information, call 213 841-6775

Confirmation



## Confirmation Registration

Applications still being accepted!

- **Classes start TODAY**
- Registration is available online at [stjeromelax.org/youthministry](http://stjeromelax.org/youthministry)

Each year of confirmation is \$250 for the year. If you are unable to pay in full at time of registration please let us know and arrange for installments. All payments must be received by the end of April 2024.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

### Susan Thibodeaux

(teacher, volunteer and wife of Nathan Thibodeaux)

### Kelly Ann Nave

(Mother of Bretney Williams, SJ Teacher)

### Jerry Neubauer

(Husband of Suzanne Neubauer)

### Thomas Hamilton

(Long time parishioner)

### Juanita Tena

(Wife of Arnold Tena, RIP)

### Jude Onyebuchi Okonkwo

(Brother of Nkiruka Ifediba)

### Jason Welch

(Husband of Kartisha Hicks, SJ Teacher)

### Rafael Solis

(Father In-Law of Florence Solis)

May they rest in peace.



## Prayers for the Sick

Bill Botch

Luis Restrepo

|                      |                    |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ronnie Hill          | Elizabeth Ezeana   | Agatha Ezeana      |
| Elvira Lara          | Gregorio Ramos     | Jimmy Glenn        |
| Rodney Moore         | Delia Rodriguez    | Mary Lou MacDonald |
| Jay Parker           | Perdana Tamzil     | Carol Igetei       |
| Carina Tapia         | Fausta Malagon     | Angelica Teissere  |
| Maritza Cardona      | Josephine Cullison | Arthemio Castillo  |
| Paul Swanson         | Jane Lorentzen     | Kathleen Pinzon    |
| Christopher Martinez | Florida Toussant   | Louise Meehan      |
| Robert Gonzales      | Dennis McGurk      | Gregory George     |
| David Kruzek         | Kamica Babbidge    | Herbert Bosley     |
| Larry Smith          | Steven Whitney     | Raymond Shinn      |
| Dolores Shinn        | Bernadette Collins |                    |
| Daria Guthrie        | Lupe Gallegos      | Alexander Shinn    |
| Jennie Waddington    | Annie Kline        | Edie Knight        |
| Faye McCreary        | Jose Beltran       | Maria Beltran      |
| Lina Lugay           | Mary Mathew        | Marshall Cochrane  |
| Ann Cochrane         | Bernard Strickland | Ricky Cardona      |
| Celia Martinez       | David Bajota       | Sam Quatto         |
| Lola McAlpin-Grant   | Paris Carter       | Marilyn Legayada   |
| Daniel Kearney       | Tony Fernandez     | Martha Ortiz       |

## "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)

For Veterans at the  
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9:30am to 2:30pm

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at the rear doors

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday: 09/17**

8am:FB Harold Simpson III &  
Karen Thompson (D)  
10am:FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)  
Noon: FP Chukwueloka Oti (SI)  
(birthday)  
5pm: FB Christopher Heppell (D)  
& John Heppell (SI)  
(birthday)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday: 09/18**

8am: FB Paul Swanson (SI)  
(birthday)

**Tuesday: 09/19**

8am: FP Emmitt Pat Surratt (D)

**Wednesday: 09/20**

8am: FB Mitch & Paulita Means (SI)  
(anniversary)

**Thursday: 09/21**

8am: FB Brandon Inyang (SI)  
(birthday)

**Friday: 09/22**

8am: FB Harold Simpson III (D)

**Saturday: 09/23**

8am: FP Bob Bolton &  
Lola McAlpin- Grant (SI) (birthdays)

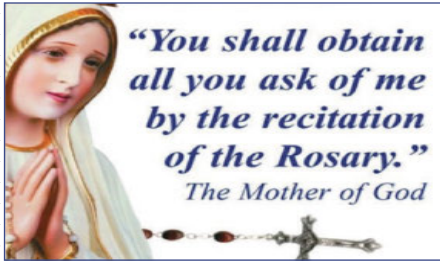
**Dead (D) Thanksgiving (T) Special Intention (SI)**

FB: Fr. Bill \* FP: Fr. Peter \* SJ: Jesuit

To book a mass:

Call the rectory at 310 384-8212  
rshaw@stjeromewestchester.org

**Join us for the Public Square Rosary Crusade!**



Holy Mass &  
The Holy Rosary Procession  
Saturday, October 14, 2023  
Beginning at 8:00 AM  
St. Jerome Church  
5550 Thornburn Street,  
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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  
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

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Music: TBA 310-348-8212  
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Contact about questions regarding Rel-Ed and Confirmation  
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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 323-309-4116  
Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall 323-295-2432  
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein 310-908-9204

**FRAUD ALERT:** We are currently having the Called To Renew Campaign, but Please ignore any text or emails you may receive saying that any priest is asking you to send gift cards or money. This is a scam.

**Susan Thibodeaux**



Friday, September 22nd  
Funeral Mass at 9:30am  
Holy Cross Cemetery

**Jerry Neubauer**

Saturday, September 23rd  
Memorial Mass at 11:00am  
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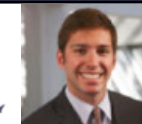
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