# **St. Jerome Catholic Church**

As parishioners of St. Jerome and as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, we respond to our Lord's invitation to walk with Him in the Sacraments and prayer, to deepen our faith through lifelong formation, to serve those in need, and to invite others to the fullness of the Catholic faith through His Holy Word and the teaching of His Church.

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Tom Morgan Pastor

Rev. Robert Cadrecha Parochial Vicar

Deacon Fred Kunder Permanent Deacon

**Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC** Pastoral Care / Outreach Life Long Formation

<u>RETIRED</u>

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Gregory Reisert, OFM Cap.** Assisting Priest

Msgr. Dacian Dee Assisting Priest

FORMATION TEAM

Lisa Brett-Reeves Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tina Bowen Youth and Family Coordinator

#### ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Cindi Munroe Karen Kurt

<u>MUSIC TEAM</u> Tom Kurt, Music Director Erica DiCeglie, Asst. Music Director vigilant at all times.

BETHLEHEM CENTRE Joanne Biamonte, Coordinator 727-596-9394

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Denise Roach, Administrator 727-596-9491

FACILITIES Chris Grevenites, Manager facilities@stjeromeonline.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Address: 10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, FL 33774 Tel: (727) 595-4610 Web: www.stjeromeonline.org receptionist@stjeromeonline.org

#### Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 5:30pm Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5pm

Daily Mass, Monday - Saturday: 7am & 9am in the Holy Family Chapel

Holy Family Chapel open 24 hours every day;
Confessions, Saturday: 3pm - 3:45pm; Anointing of the Sick, last weekend of the month Saturday 9:30am & Sunday 1:30pm;
Holy Hour and Benediction, 1st & 3rd Friday 9:30am - 10:30am



# December 2, 2018





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Mass schedule: Friday, December 7th at 4pm Saturday, December 8th at 7am, 9am and 10:45am



#### Page 2 - From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Advent Season!

We will be blessing hay next weekend at all of our Sunday Masses. You will be invited to take some blessed hay home with you. You can add it to your nativity scene, or you can follow the old custom and tuck it under the tablecloth. By putting straw on the table, we make our homes like Bethlehem, a word that means "the house of bread."



Whenever we welcome guests to eat with us in love, our home becomes a place where God comes to live.



We will have our parish Christmas tree lighting this week on Wednesday, December 5th at 7pm in the Gathering Space. This event will include the lighting of the parish Christmas tree, Christmas caroling, refreshments, a visit from Santa, and an outside Christmas movie.

We will be celebrating the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** this week. The Mass schedule is: Friday, December 7th at 4pm and Saturday, December 8th at 7am, 9am and 10:45am.





All are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Sunday, December 9th: 4pm Rosary, 4:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe greeted by Mariachis and Dancers at entrance of the church, 4:45pm procession with statue into the church, 5pm Solemn Mass, and 6pm Refreshments in the parish center.

Mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service with individual Confessions on Monday, December 10th at 4pm and 7pm.





Please remember that we will once again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15/16 at all of our Sunday Masses. The children and all parishioners will be invited to bring their figures of the Christ Child to be blessed. Please visit the gift shop for items for Bambinelli Sunday.

The St. Jerome Christmas Wafer (Oplatek Service) will take place on Sunday, December 16th at 1:45pm in the Chapel.

Please see the church bulletin on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23/24 for special blessings for the home - The Domestic Church - for expectant mothers and for the blessing of your Christmas tree.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan







#### Mass Intentions - Page 3

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Dec	cember 1	
Vigil for the	First Sunday of Advent	
4:00 pm	† Fred Sauer	Fr. Tom
5:30 pm	† Henry Austin	Msgr. Muldoon
Sunday, Dece	mber 2	
The First Su	nday of Advent	
7:30 am	† Nathan Bruno	Fr. Cadrecha
	† Fr. Stanley Kolasa	Fr. Waters
	† Liberta Guarini	Fr. Tom
	Living & † Deceased Benefactors of St. Jerome	
5:00 pm	† Bill & Janet Murell	Fr. Tom
Monday, Dec		
	† Clair Mirro	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am	† Walt Cushing	Fr. Tom
Tuesday, Dec	ember 4	
7:00 am	† George Wisdom	Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am	† Sue Leary	Fr. Cadrecha
Wednesday,	December 5	
7:00 am	† Palma Chiarelli	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am	† Helen Sundelius - 6th Anniversary	Fr. Tom
Thursday, De	cember 6	
7:00 am		Fr. Tom
	† Bobbie Jagielski	Fr. Cadrecha
Friday, Decen		
7:00 am		Fr. Reisert
9:00 am	Intentions of Don Mahoney	Fr. Tom
Vigil for the	Immaculate Conception	
4:00 pm	† Catherine Bassler	Msgr. Muldoon
Saturday, Dec	cember 8	
-	late Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7:00 am		Fr. Tom
8:45 am		Fr. Reisert
9:00 am	† James Harris	Fr. Reisert
1045 am	† Raymond Joseph Sutter	Msgr. Muldoon
Saturday, Dec	cember 8	
-	Second Sunday of Advent	
	† Moses and Marie Asaf	Msgr. Muldoon
5:30 pm		Fr. Cadrecha
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Sunday, Dece		
	<i>Sunday of Advent</i> † Richard Wilk	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am		Fr. Cadrecha
	† Henri Austin	Fr. Cadrecha
	† Florence Williamson	Fr. Waters
4:00 pm	Procession & Rosary - Our Lady of Guadalupe	
5:00 pm	All the People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
	*Priest Schedule subject to change.	
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\*\*If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office.

# Lectio Divina

Readings Prepare & Pray the Word of God

Scripture

Today's Readings: December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

> **Monday, December 3** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 4** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 5** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 6** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 7** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 8** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

#### Next Sunday's Readings: December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

### **PRAY:** For our Parish Family

#### For our Sick, especially ...

Matthew Johnson, Antoinette Brenner, Elizabeth Gavin, Karelene Tellone, Carla Levesque, Brian Johns & Angele Bennett

... May they again experience health of mind and body.

#### Page 4 - Adult Faith Formation / Ministries of Mercy



If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic or if you are Catholic and want to better understand your faith, we invite you to join us on a journey of We journey together and that is exactly what the RCIA is all about, discovery. journeying together toward a deeper relationship with Christ and a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

For more information contact Deacon Fred Kunder at the office 727-595-4610 or visit our website at: http://www.stjeromeonline.org/rcia.html

We meet on the date below in the RCIA room in education building at 7:00 pm.

Next Topic: December 5, 2018 Walk through the Mass - Traditional Catholic Prayers

Every Sunday, Catholics gather together to celebrate the Mass. But do we understand the deeper meaning of what happens there? Now we can.

# **RESPITE CARE MINISTRY**



Interested in giving caregivers a couple of hours to socialize with friends and accomplish

important errands while you sit with their loved To volunteer, please contact Ellen ones? Crabtree, 727-595-4610. Training will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 1pm in the Parish Office Conference Room .



Want to get involved in a ministry at St. Jerome, but don't know where to start?

Please contact Ellen Crabtree, our volunteer coordinator, at 727-595-4610, for more details or to sign up for any of our St. Jerome ministries. We especially invite all our winter visitors to get involved. We want your friendly faces and suggestions!



**HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING!!!!** 

All are invited to help the Altar Society decorate our church this Christmas. Decorating begins the evening of Wednesday. December 19th in the church at 6pm. They will also be decorating Friday, December 21st in the Parish Center, and back in the church Saturday, December 22nd – Monday, December 24th. If you

love Christmas and love creating a festive and holy atmosphere for the parish celebrations, come out and help! For more information contact Debbie Cole at debbiec1012@yahoo.com.





AA meets weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 8pm in the Ed Kilroy Outreach Building. All Meetings are Open.

**Al-Anon** meets every Monday at 1pm in the Ed Kilroy Outreach Building.

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Invites you to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Breakfast With Santa

December 8, 2018 8 am to 11 am

St. Jerome Parish Center 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo 727-596-9491

Ticket price In Advance\* - \$6.00 each At the door - \$7.00 each Children under 2 admitted free.

> Kiddie Crafts Face Painting Secret Santa Shop

Music Raffle Great Food

Visit with Santa

Pictures with Santa \$3.00 (Optional)

\*Advance Tickets are available in the Early Childhood Center Office

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

**Denise Roach, ECC Administrator** preschool@stjeromeecc.org

Tel: 727-596-9491 stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org



St. Jerome Early Childhood Center: School is back in session! Space available in our three class this school year! St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and

four. Our VPK classes are free to all eligible four year olds. Full and half day options are available.

St. Jerome ECC is the only nationally accredited (NAEYC) Catholic preschool in Pinellas County and was voted Best Preschool by TBN. All are welcome! For additional

information and forms, please call the ECC office at 727 -596-9491, email at preschool@stjeromeecc.org or visit our website at stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org.







Support our Early Childhood program while getting your holiday shopping done. St. Jerome ECC is continuing their Scrip Fundraising program. Fundraising while you shop using gift cards instead of your cash or credit cards!!! You can use the gift cards to make your own purchases or to give as gifts.

We offer PUBLIX cards as well as over 700 other retailers including Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Speedway, Wawa's. We keep many cards on hand for immediate sale or you can place an order. You pay full face value for the gift cards and the retailers give us a percentage of the sale. The amount of our rebate varies from 1.5% to 13% depending on the retailer.

A representative will be in the Gathering Space of the Church between the 4:00 and 5:30 Masses on December 1st and 8th and all Masses on December 2nd and 9th.

If you would like to place an order before those dates, please contact the ECC office at 727-596-9491 or preschool@stjeromeecc.org.

ST. JEROME MUSIC MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS!!! 

- Parish Tree Lighting in the Gathering Space: Wednesday, December 5th, 7pm. Join the parish in the festive tree lighting with snacks and carols and Christmas movies!
- Suncoast Symphony Orchestra Concert in the Church: Saturday, December 8th, 7:30pm. Enjoy an evening of beautiful, orchestral Christmas favorites!
- St. Jerome Christmas Concert in the Church: Friday, December 14th, 7:30pm. Come out for the Christmas concert with all our parish choirs and sing-a-long opportunities – Joy to the World! Hark the Herald Angels Sing! And Silent Night! Be a part of this special annual event!



- Christmas Eve Prelude Concert in the Church: Monday, December 24th, **11pm**. All are invited to an hour prelude concert leading up to St. Jerome's Midnight Mass.
- SAVE THE DATE! Notre Dame Liturgical Choir Concert in the Church: Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 7:30pm. We are excited to host the University of Notre Dame Liturgical Choir for an evening of vocal music. Come see these talented college students!



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#### December 2, 2018



**CGS News:** The feast day of St. Nicholas is just around the corner on December 6th. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children. He loved children and did many charitable acts during his time. St. Nicholas's life inspires us to be more giving, charitable and compassionate. St. Nicholas honored the Christ Child through his works. How can we honor the Christ Child as we prepare for Advent?

Parents, please remember to pick-up your red paper bag (one per child) after CGS the week of Dec. 2nd. to help celebrate St. Nicholas.



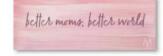
This week at Edge we will see how the Sacraments lead to transformation in our lives. We have begun

collecting donations for our upcoming nursing home visit. Please bring donations to Edge no later than December 9th. Contact Tina Bowen for more information 727-595-4610 ext. 302

The High School Youth Group Sunday evening meetings are temporarily on hold. Keep watching the bulletin for new High School event information... coming soon!

In leu of our Fun Friday for December - all youth and families are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, December 5th for the St. Jerome Christmas Tree Lighting. Christmas Carols. Sweet Treats. Outdoor Movie. Loads of FUN!

Moms...find your tribe! Beginning January 2019



#### St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive!

We would like to make Christmas a special time of year for any member of our parish family in need. Please call the office 727-595-4610 to put your family's name on the list by December 16th.



For the rest of our parish community: Please join us in helping our fellow parishioners. Our Toy Boxes will open the weekend of November 25th. Help us fill our Toy Boxes by donating new unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. Please place the gifts in the Toy Boxes at the church entrances. Monetary donations are also welcome. Although many families are financially hurting, let's do our best to make Christmas enjoyable for the children! Thank you for your continued generosity!



#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD MINISTRY!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available for all children who have not yet received their First Communion the 9am Mass. It will be held the first and last Sunday of every month now through May.

# **SHARE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE!

Offertory Collection - November 18, 2018				
Offertory Envelopes	\$	11,538.00		
Loose Cash	\$	3,141.00		
Loose Checks	\$	2,143.00		
e-giving	\$	2,718.00		
Total Offertory	\$	19,540.00		



Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish!

### Annual Pastoral Appeal Update as of November 20, 2018

2018 Goal	\$292,644.00
Pledged	\$125,449.00
Paid	\$167,195.00
# Participating	Families: 361



We appreciate all who made pledges to the 2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Thank you!

Tax Free Charitable Distribution from your IRA Account at age 70 ½! Congress has permanently enacted qualified charitable distributions from your traditional IRA accounts. These distributions can be used to satisfy all or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution. These distributions are free of federal and state income tax.

Additionally, these gifts help you avoid the Medicare high income surcharge and can help to reduce taxes on your social security benefits. Distributions must be made directly from your IRA account to St. Jerome.



#### Page 8 - Ministries of Mercy

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Daily Rosary**

The Holy Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 7:30am in the Holy Family Chapel. Every Wednesday after the Rosary join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Every Friday after the Rosary we will have the Stations of the Cross.

#### Weekly Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed every Wednesday at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

#### **Morning Prayer**

You are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours Monday through Friday at 8:40am.

#### Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

The Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is held every Saturday at 8:45 am.

Lifeline is continually in need of the following nonperishable food items which can be left in the LIFELINE bins in the church:

- -boxed macaroni and cheese -boxed mashed potatoes
- -beef stew

-pasta/spaghetti -pasta sauce

-canned fruit

-hearty canned soups -canned pork and beans

-canned tuna -rice (2 lb. bag) -cereal

-peanut butter and grape jelly

-canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)

#### Thank you for your generosity!



Lifeline is open on Wednesday mornings and the last Saturday morning of each month. This month Lifeline is open

Saturday, December 29th. Please call 727-351-4756 to request assistance.



The object of the Legion of Mary is the Glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals, nursing facilities, ALFs, and through collaboration in apostolate and missionary works sponsored by the parish. Every Legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. We meet weekly in the Ed Kilroy Center on Thursday at 10am. For more info call Rhea Gasway 727-815-6400 or Elrita Basak 727-421-7894.



#### **GRIEF SHARE**

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are Thursdays and are held in the Education Building TV Lounge from 10am - 11:30am every Thursday. We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience in our meetings. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Selak 727-415-8742.

# Join us for St. Jerome's **Nativity Play!**

It's the most wonderful time of the vear! We need your children (and you) to participate in St Jerome's Christmas Nativity Play!

The play will take place at the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass in the Church. All are invited and welcome to rejoice in the birth of our Lord, Jesus!

Practices are 12/3 at 7pm, 12/9 at 3pm, 12/16 at 3pm and 12/22 at 12pm - all in the Church. Also, 12/10 at 7pm will be in the Music Room.

Please contact Erica for more info and to sign up, edicegliesings@gmail.com.



#### December 2, 2018

#### Parish Activities - Page 9

## **Gift Shop:**

#### December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent!

Don't forget to pick up your Little Blue Book for Advent in the Gift Shop or gathering space. Pray Advent in 6 minutes a day !!!

The gift shop has Advent wreaths and candles, Bambinellis and Illuminatio sets, as well as many gifts to make your Christmas season more meaningful. We now also carry a line of Pets 4 Christ merchandise. Come on over and give us a try! Come check out our religious articles and books every Sunday from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

#### 50+ Singles

There will be no December meeting due to Christmas.



Come and join us for fun, fellowship and refreshments in

the New Year on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Center!

For more information, contact Barbara Austin coordinator at 727-459-7664.



The Bethlehem Centre invites all of our senior parishioners and friends to join in the activities listed below in the Education Building. For info on classes or to register, contact Joanne Biamonte at727-596-9394.

#### BethlehemCentre

Art (Acrylic)	Fr	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Rm 5/6
Art (Watercolor)	Tu	10am – 2pm Rm	Rm 5/6
Bridge	Tu, Fr	11:45 am - 3:00 pm	Hall
Exercise	Tu, Fr	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hall
Pinochle	Tu, Fr	12:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Lounge
Spanish	Tu	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Rm 8
Tai Chi	Tu & Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Hall
Yoga	We/Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lounge
Zumba	We	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Hall

#### **Bethlehem Centre Senior Lunch Program**

Please join us in the Parish Center on Tuesdays from 11:30am – 12pm (salad and beverage are available at 11:15am) Come early to meet old friends and make new ones. Donation \$6.00

- 12/4 Baked Chicken, Tater Tots and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Roll & Butter, Beverage, Peanute Butter Cream Cake
- 12/11 Baked Ziti, Italian White Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage, Pistachio Salad
- 12/18 Sauerbraten with Red Cabbage, Pierogies, Salad, Roll & butter, Beverage, German Chocolate Cake

Lunches Resume on 1/8/2019





Martha and Mary Guild Mass is Sunday December 2nd at 10:45am. Please meet in the Gathering Space by 10:30.

December meeting is Wednesday, December 5th, at 11:00am in the Parish Center. Please be seated by 10:45 as we have entertainment by the Early Childhood Singers. This is our Christmas Pot Luck. Please bring a dish to share. Please bring a wrapped gift marked for a man or woman for Nursing Home residents. Assistance from your car will be available if needed. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is at Alfano's on Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30. Cost to attend is \$25.00. Deadline to pay and make your lunch choice (one of six entrees) is at our December 5 meeting. Please bring exact change or a check payable to Martha and Mary Guild.

#### St. Jerome Healthy Ministry

For more information on the St. Jerome Health Ministry and its programs, please call or email Dr. Shyler Neveaux D.O.M., Chairman at 727-386-9877 or stjeromehealthministry@gmail.com.

For the parishioners of St. Jerome our Faith Community Nurses are providing **Blood Pressure Readings** Sundays, 8:30am - 11am in the Parish Center. Volunteer Nurses wanted! Call or email Beth or Pat at 727-386-9783 or stjeromenurses@gmail.com. *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jn 10:10* 

# **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES**

Christmas flowers are used to beautify the Church during the Christmas Season. We are continuing our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church. The name of the person being memorialized or honored will be listed along with the donor name in the Parish bulletin during the Christmas Season. In addition, those using the flower envelope in the December packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.

To place an order, please complete this form. Your offering (a \$10 suggested minimum per name) should be attached. Please make your check payable to "St. Jerome Church". You may place it in the Offertory collection or drop it off at the Parish Office.

# The deadline to place your order is Wednesday, December 19th at Noon.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO YOU MAY BE CONTACTED WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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