# 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 sharing His Holy Word and His Teaching.

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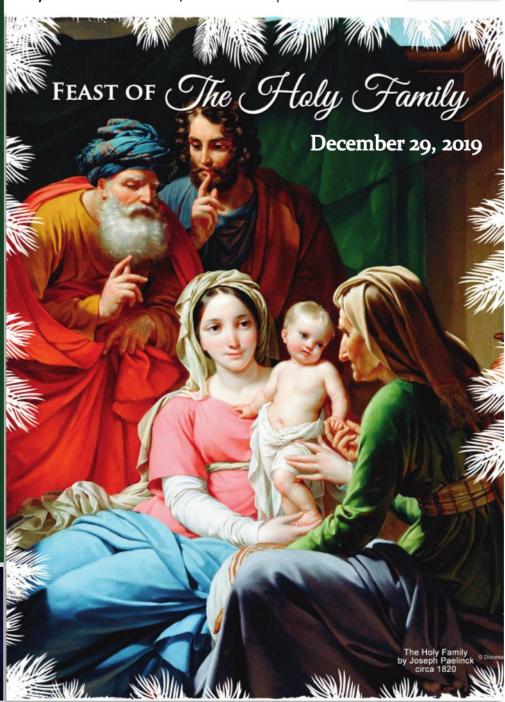
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www.stjeromeonline.org Receptionist@stjeromeonline.org Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 5:30pm Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5pm Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am, and Saturday at 9am

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





#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

#### Page 2 - Pastoral Message



Dear Friends:

We believe when Jesus spoke to John from the Cross and told him, "*Behold your mother*," (John 19:27) He was giving Mary His Mother to all believers. On Tuesday, January 1st, we celebrate that the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are:

Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00pm Vigil and Wednesday, January 1st at 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am and 12:30pm *There will NOT be a 5pm Mass on January 1st.* 



The Church teaches that, "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos)." #495 The Catechism of the Catholic Church. Mary is indeed the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. She is also the Mother of all Christians. As we begin this new year let usdraw close to Mary who always leads those she loves closer to her Son Jesus. Let us consider and reflect on the few words she speaks in the Holy Scriptures and let us consider and reflect on some of the words spoken about her:

- Luke 1:38 "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."
- Luke 1:46 & 47 "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."
- Luke 2:19 "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."
- John 2:5 "Do whatever, He tells you."
- John 19:25 "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother..."

I have included below 10 virtues of Mary that were inspired by St. Louis de Monfort, who had a great devotion to Mary and advocated devotion toward her to others.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

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Fr. Tom Morgan

#### The 10 Virtues of Mary

- 1) *Ardent Charity*: Letting her love for God be the driving force behind every decision
- 2) *Profound Humility*: Knowing who she is before God, nothing more and nothing less
- 3) Universal Mortification: Seeking to lay down her life and her will at every moment
- 4) Constant Mental Prayer: Always being aware of God's presence
- 5) Blind Obedience: Following God's call without counting the cost
- 6) Divine Wisdom: Always begging for God's Spirit to guide her
- 7) *Surpassing Purity*: Having a heart immaculately clean and unstained by sin
- 8) *Angelic Sweetness*: Radiating joy and peace to everyone she encountered
- 9) Lively Faith: Constantly seeking God's will and never settling for complacency
- 10) *Heroic Patience*: Always trusting that God was on the move; having more faith in His plans than her own



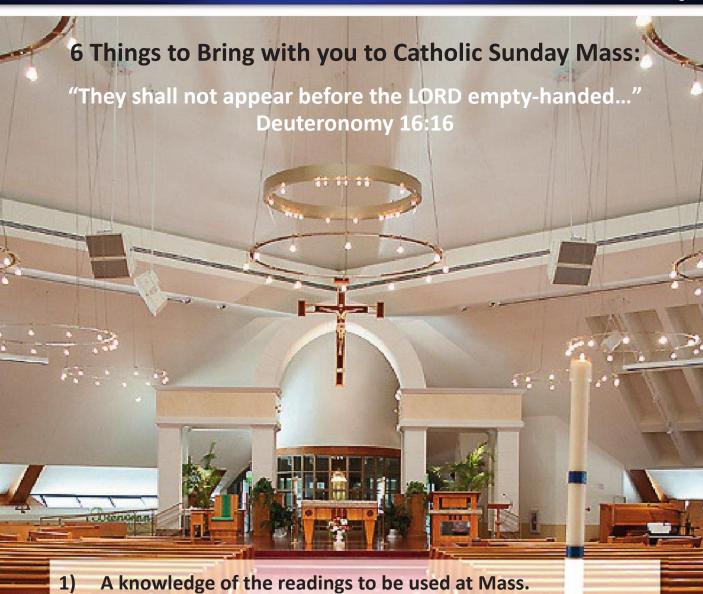
# Question & Mission of the Week:

## **Question:**

What memories do you treasure and reflect upon? What lessons do they teach you?

## Mission:

Bless the new year, and be a blessing for those around you. Treasure the good and holy things in your past, and decide on how you can share your treasure with a needy world.



- 2) At least one sacrifice that you have made for God or for others during the week.
- Your list of petitions for others and for yourself. 3)
- 4) An attitude of heart and mind to join your fellow believers in participating through praying the Mass prayers and singing.
- A decision to actively listen for God's "small still voice" that 5) will make itself known in the prayers, the hymns, the readings, or the homily and to welcome and ponder what "word" Jesus will give you.

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An attentive ear that will listen for a mission 6) that you will take with you into the world.



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# The University of Notre Dame Women's Choir in Concert

here at St. Jerome Catholic Church!!!

# Sunday, January 5th, 2020 7:30pm

Come enjoy an evening of beautiful sacred and classical choral music!

for these ladies for one night, January 5th.

If you are interested in hosting, please call the Parish Office at 727-595-4610 and leave your name and phone number.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

#### December 29, 2019

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#### What does the Martha Mary Guild Do?

Intentional activities build relationships and offer women opportunities to connect with one another. The aim of the Guild is to unite women of the parish in purpose, direction and action in religious, educational, social and economic fields.

#### We meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center at 11am. Our meetings are from September thru May. ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!!!!

January 8th - General Meeting. Guest speaker Karen MacClellan Clear Captions. GREAT for those with hearing loss. Your calls get captioned & then you can read them. No cost to qualified users through a federally-funded program.

# February 5th - Day of Recollection / General Meeting.

Guest speaker Sister Renetta Graff, SND. She will speak of peace and calmness in our daily journeys.

**April 1st - General Meeting**. Guest speaker Julie Norton ARNP, Bone Clinic of Orthopedic Association of West Pinellas. Talk called: "About Our Bones" She will also bring her testing equipment to do bone density testing. This would be good for men in our parish to attend also.

January 1st General Meeting January 5th **Guild Mass** February 2nd Guild Mass February 5th Day of Recollection / **Continental Breakfast & Mtg Guild Mass** March 1st March 4th **General Meeting** April 1st **General Meeting** April 5th **Guild Mass** May 3rd **Guild Mass** May 6th General Meeting / Picnic Lunch

Patricia Lorenz is an inspirational, art-of-living speaker and writer and lifelong Catholic. She is the author of 14 books, over 400 newspaper and magazine articles, four dozen anthologies, a contributing writer to 60 Chicken Soup for the Soul books, award-winning newspaper columnist, and contributing writer to 30 'Daily Guideposts" books. She has spoken across state lines many times in the past twenty years.

## SAVE THE DATE RETREAT FOR A DAY AND COME OUT SMILING!

Women's Retreat at St. Jerome's Parish Saturday, January 25, 2020, from 9am - 3pm

Tickets: \$15 donation per person Music by Jamie Topolski & Tom Kurt Talks by Patricia Lorenz

- 1. LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD. We all talk to God, praise God, confess to God, thank God and ask God for blessings. But do we ever listen, really listen, for God to speak to us?
- LEARNING TO LOVE YOUR STRUGGLES. Learn how to appreciate the struggles we have in life and how they make us much better people. You'll learn how to take life's stumbling blocks and turn them into terrific building materials.
- 3. THE FIVE THINGS WE NEED TO BE HAPPY. This talk will help you set your priorities, adjust your attitude, eliminate stress and appreciate the blessings you already have.
- Note: Talks & music are in the Church and lunch is in the Parish Center. Tickets are available in the Parish Center and also in the Gathering Space in back of Church.

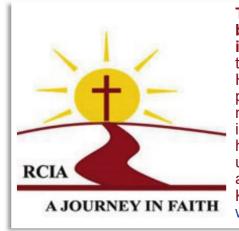


#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



# Break Open the Word

 Reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings
 Meet Wednesday mornings after the 9am Mass in the Parish Center. All are welcome! BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Take a deeper look at Sunday's Gospel



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The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the means by which we welcome and instruct new members of the Church in what it means to be Catholic. We are changing our meeting time to Sunday at the 10:45am Mass. We will leave Mass after the Homily and go to discuss the readings and then have our formational portion of the Journey immediately following. So we will begin to meet once a week as opposed to the twice we currently meet. RCIA is a journey, a personal journey with Christ into his Church. If you have thought of becoming Catholic or would like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be Catholic, join us each Sunday at the 10:45am Mass. For more information contact Deacon Fred Kunder at the office 727-595-4610 or visit our website at: http:// www.stjeromeonline.org/rcia.html.

# St. Jerome Catholic Church Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Families have a choice of five Mass times to attend on Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm or 5pm Remember to attend a Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation

# CELEBRATING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

God hung a beautiful star in the sky to announce the birth of His son. The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany encourages us to look and hope for signs of the diving in the ordinary, just like the star the Magi followed. It also reminds us to be faithful, watchful and optimistic. God can shine light into our lives in ways we can never predict. –adapted from adelcathparish.org

# EPIPHANY IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

**Home Blessing-** Use the kit provided by St. Jerome to bless your home as a family. Invite other relatives and friends to be part of this blessing. Have a simple celebration after the blessing.

<u>Create a Star-</u> Work as a family to brainstorm ideas to create a special star to display above the Nativity. Gather materials together and create the star as a family. Then hang the star about The Prince of Peace.



<u>Journey of the Magi-</u> Depending on the age of your children, send the Magi on a journey around your house (beginning Christmas day or any day before Epiphany). Older children can participate by doing this for younger family members or parents! Each day, the family can search for the Magi as they make their way closer to The Prince of Peace.

**Procession of the Magi-** On the Feast of the Epiphany, read the Gospel account of the visit of the three wise men (Matthew 2:1-12), then have your children march through the house holding the figures of the three kings and singing "We Three Kings."

# YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Tina Bowen, youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org Tel: 727-595-4610, ext. 302

# BUNCO is back!

All women are invited to a special ladies night... Saturday, January 11th in the Parish Center Doors open at 6:30 pm – play begins at 7:00 pm Cost: \$10



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Join us as we celebrate 2020 with a "Roaring 20's" themed Bunco game! Food, fun and fellowship - No Bunco experience necessary. Proceeds will benefit MOPS at St. Jerome, a group for <u>ALL</u> MOMS! Learn more at <u>www.stjeromeonline.org/mops</u>

Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, Jan. 5th in the Education Building following the 5pm Mass.



Once again the Knights of Columbus will provide a FREE BREAKFAST on the first Sunday of January - (January 5th) after the 7:30am, 9am, and 10:45am Masses.



The meal will consist of eggs. bacon and sausage, biscuits and gravy, and condiments. Our breakfasts are well received. Join us and see why!

Donations will be accepted.



# EMBRACE: EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP

"Go and make disciples of all nations" . . . Matthew 28:19

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"Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinat- ing journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love... Rather, it is precisely there where it be- gins!" (Pope Francis)

# **Using Our Gifts, Blessing Our Families Especially for our families raising children:** The 5th Gifts & Talents Workshop

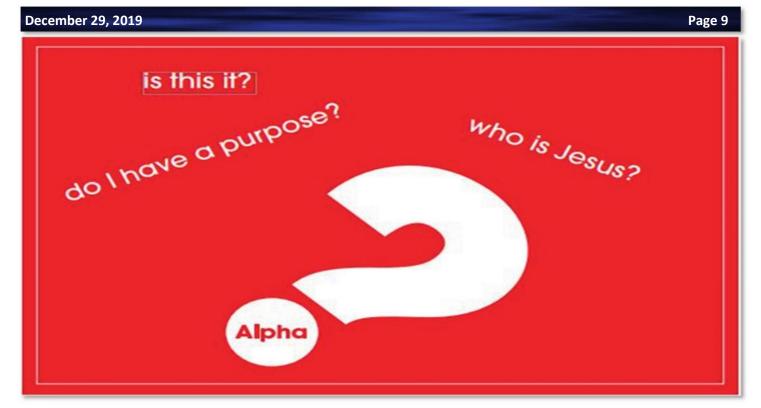
As part of **Courageously Living the Gospel**, St. Jerome Catholic Church has committed to encouraging all parishioners to learn more about their God-given talents. Find the Gifts & Talents Questionnaire on the Parish Website Time & Talent page, explore how your gifts enrich and bless your family!

Our next workshop is especially for parents and guardians of children and teens, to be held in the TV Lounge on Sunday morning, February 9, 2020 from 9:30 to 11:30. We look forward to sharing coffee and conversation. Please email Lori Puterbaugh at drloriputerbaugh@earthlink.net for further information. No reservation is needed!

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# You are invited to Alpha!

Join us for a great meal and conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached. If you come, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the check – the ball is completely in your court.

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

# What do you have to lose?

Beginning - Wednesday, Jan.15, 2020 at 6:30 pm Parish Center at St. Jerome Catholic Church 10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, Florida 33774

For questions, registration or free childcare contact: StJeromeAlpha@gmail.com or 727-537-0143

"Finding friends, peace and purpose."

The St. Jerome, Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249, Largo Florida, meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. At the first Wednesday night's meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm, we will have a 30-minute officers' meeting after which we will share in our Holy Hour with all interested parties, pray, and learn how to increase the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence within us.

During the second Wednesday of the month, the Knights gather at 6:30 pm to pray together the Rosary, then at 7 pm we will have our regular general business meeting: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Go to http://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html Or Call 727 244-2832 for more information.



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#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

# Mass Intentions

| Saturday, December 28<br>Vigil for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph<br>4:00 pm † Paul Dolan<br>5:30 pm † Sue Leary  | Fr. Carro<br>Fr. Waters   |
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| Sunday, December 29The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph7:30 amAll the People of the Parish9:00 am† Frances McBride10:45 am† Emanuel Mizzi12:30 pm† Rev. Joseph Walsh5:00 pm† Marilyn Harlan Maher | Fr. Cadrecha<br>Fr. Tom<br>Fr. Tom<br>Fr. Cadrecha<br>Msgr. Muldoon |
| Monday, December 30<br>7:00 am † Claudio Bassetta<br>9:00 am † Jack McGlone  | Fr. Cadrecha<br>Fr. Tom   |
| Tuesday, December 317:00 amAll the People of the Parish9:00 am† Gregory SowadaSOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL   | Msgr. Muldoon<br>Fr. Cadrecha                                       |
| 4:00 pm <b>† Charles &amp; Wilhemina Farley</b>  | Fr. Frans   |
| Wednesday, January 1<br>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD<br>7:30 am † Kevin Connors<br>9:00 am † Paul Chapman<br>10:45 am † Kukie Families<br>12:30 pm † Ann Blazer                                    | Fr. Waters<br>Msgr. Muldoon<br>Fr. Cadrecha<br>Fr. Tom              |
| Thursday, January 2<br>7:00 am † George Campbell<br>9:00 am † Jack McGlone   | Fr. Tom<br>Fr. Cadrecha   |
| Friday, January 3<br>7:00 am † Meghan Onarheim<br>9:00 am † Anette Scotti  | Fr. Frans<br>Fr. Tom  |
| Saturday, January 4<br>8:45 am Novena<br>9:00 am † Jack McGlone  | Fr. Frans   |
| Saturday, January 4<br>Vigil for the Epiphany of the Lord<br>4:00 pm † Suzanne Florescu<br>5:30 pm † Doris Couture   | Msgr. Muldoon<br>Fr. Waters   |
| Sunday, January 5<br>The Epiphany of the Lord<br>7:30 am † Nick and Mary Rella<br>9:00 am † Edgar Vallar<br>10:45 am † Ron Barretto<br>12:30 pm † Robert White<br>5:00 pm All the People of the Parish | Fr. Waters<br>Fr. Tom<br>Msgr. Muldoon<br>Fr. Frans<br>Fr. Tom      |

\*Priest Schedule subject to change. \*\*If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office.



# **Scripture Readings**

# Prepare & Pray the Word of God

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Today's Readings: December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6;12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

> **Monday, December 30** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

> **Thursday, January 2** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday's Readings: January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

First Reading — Kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you. (Sir 3:14)

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128)

Second Reading — And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. (Col 3:15)

Gospel — When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you." (Mt 2:13a)



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