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.

PASTORAL TEAM

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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



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

> Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2274

January 19, 2020



Renewed Call to a Culture of Life on the Tragic Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: A Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Florida

January 22, 2020 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22, 2020 marks a sad anniversary: the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision legalizing the deliberate taking of unborn human life through elective abortion. Judicial sanction of the termination of life in the womb seen by some as a "right" is a "wrong" that for 47 years has coarsened hearts and darkened minds. Today, after more than 60 million abortions, there is less regard for all human life as society discards those deemed inconvenient because of age, infirmity or any other reason.

This past year, in one of the most polarized political environments experienced in recent history, we were appalled that some states sought to strengthen laws that permit abortions even to the moment of birth. We also saw the U.S. Congress fail repeatedly to consider protections that ensure infants who survive abortion receive proper medical care.

Yet, amid this darkness, signs of hope remain, and good and courageous acts light a way forward. The passage of laws by several state legislatures to restrict abortion is encouraging. Wide support in Florida for the vital help provided to pregnant women and their families by pregnancy care centers is greatly welcomed. Parish and other ministries that provide material and spiritual help and offer hope and healing for those suffering from past abortions hearten us and are to be commended.

The prevailing interpretation of the privacy clause in our Florida constitution, which has provided broader rights to abortion than the U.S. Constitution, is frustrating. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that legislation requiring a 24-hour reflection period prior to an abortion will ultimately survive court challenges and be upheld as law.

Despite the claims by some that *Roe v. Wade* is "settled law", Americans are still conflicted about abortion, and this is what lies behind much of the divisiveness of today's political discourse. As Catholics, we do not pretend to impose our views about human life on the citizenry of this great nation. Nevertheless, as Americans, we wish to contribute, as faithful and faith-filled citizens, to the common good and to promote human flourishing in our society by making our proposal. Dr. Martin Luther King's proposal on the need for racial justice touched the conscience of a nation and brought about the end of Jim Crow. In the same way, our proposal informed by Catholic teachings but accessible to reason hopes to touch consciences and bring an end to America's "slaughter of the innocents".

This proposal holds that everyone's human dignity is served when each human life is protected in law from the moment of conception until natural death. Respect for the right to life and dignity of every human person – whether he or she be poor, an immigrant, a refugee, incarcerated, infirmed, sick, elderly or unborn – simply reaffirms the self-evident truth that "all men are created equal" and "endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights" and thus promotes the "more perfect union" to which our founders aspired.

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski Archdiocese of Miami

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Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito Diocese of Palm Beach Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane Diocese of Venice Most Rev. John G. Noonan Diocese of Orlando

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Most Rev. William A. Wack, C.S.C. Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado Archdiocese of Miami

Question & Mission of the Week:

Question: How do you come to recognize who Jesus is? How does the knowledge shape your life?

Mission: Christian witness is vital to growth in faith. When you do good works, or make tough decisions, be clear with people how your faith motivates you. And when blessings come your way, don't call it luck. Give the glory to God.

January 19, 2020

SHARE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE!

Offertory Collection - January 5, 2020



Thank you * Thank you * Thank you * to everyone who generously gave to our 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your faithful support has helped our parish tremendously and has brought thousands within our diocese closer to God through the ministries, programs, and services funded through APA. We have much to be thankful for, and your participation in APA tops the list! Thank you!

The weekend of February 9th we will kick off our Raise the Roof Capital Campaign to raise money to replace our church roof. We are replacing our roof with



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a metal roof which will meet or exceed all State and Federal requirements for wind resistance and last at least 50 years. Our goal is to raise \$600,000 and we are asking parishioners to make a pledge they can pay as a one time gift or over a period of 3 years. Envelopes are available in the pews and church vestibule racks and in addition, we offer online e-giving, which can be accessed through our website: www.stjeromeonline.org. We appreciate your financial support.

A Charitable Gift Annuity enables interested individuals to support the ministry of St. Jerome Parish through an irrevocable gift. By doing so you receive fixed payments at a rate higher than standard bank products and obtain substantial tax savings. To learn more, call Meegan Wright at the Diocesan Stewardship Office 727-341-6825.

<i>Single Life – Charitable Gift Annuity</i> Effective January 6, 2020 (<i>Rates are subject to change</i>)									
Age on Gift Day	65	70	72	74	78	80	85		
Fixed Annuity Rate	4.7%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%	6.4%	6.8%	7.8%		

Charitable Gift Annuity \mathbf{n}



St. Jerome Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:30am.



February 23rd at 3:00pm. Following the celebration, photos and light refreshments will be in the St. Jude parish center. Please RSVP to the St. Jerome Parish Office, 727-595-4610, by Friday, January 31st. CONGRATULATIONS!

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For Sponsorship and Ticket Information: (727) 374-0220 or foundation@dosp.org

Hilton Downtown Tampa February 1, 2020

With guest speaker

THOMAS JONES, PhD

Among the first Catholic astronauts to receive Holy Communion in space





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Preschool Open House: St. Jerome Early Childhood Center will join Catholic schools across our nation in celebrating Catholic Schools' Week, January 26 - 31. Join us for our Annual Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 10:00am-St Jerome Early Childhood Center 12:30pm. All families and parishioners are invited to visit our center, tour our

facilities, meet our teaching staff, shop our Book Fair and enjoy our children's art display in the ECC hallway. Registration applications for the 2020-21 school year are available for families interested in enrolling their two, three,

or four year old children. Registration for new families begins January 30th. St. Jerome ECC is nationally accredited, a Gold Seal School, and a VPK Provider for four year olds. Half day and/or full day options are available. For further information, please contact the ECC office, 727-596-9491, preschool@stjeromeecc.org or visit our website at www.stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org.





<u>Roaring Twenties Gala</u>

Ring in 2020 with a salute to 1920! To benet the St. Jerome Church Roof Campaign Car ra-e winner to be announced during event Catered Dinner and Live Music with Dancing Friday, February 21, 2020 St. Jerome Parish Center 6:30 pm -11:00 pm \$35.00 per person Cocktail attire Roaring Twenties dress encouraged Costume prizes awarded Tickets available after all Weekend Masses at St Jerome Church or at the Early Childhood Center Oce Contact Chair Person Phyllis Steele with questions. 727.596.9491 Preschool@StJeromeECC.org





Only 100 tickets available!

All proceeds of this raffle will directly benefit the St. Jerome Early Childhood Center, a ministry of the St. Jerome Catholic Church.

Raffle Drawing Information

Date: February 21, 2020 Time: 8:45pm Location: St Jerome Parish Center Winner does not need to be present to win.

RAFFLE:

1929 Mercedes Benz Gazelle Replica

2020 is your year! Start it out with the chance to win a 1929 Mercedes replica car! This fabulous car was built in 1981 and is completely road-ready. With its 5 speed manual transmission and a Ford 4-cylinder fuel injected engine, it is fuel efficient and ready to go!

Suggested Donation: \$100.00

Other features: New Battery and Alternator New Top and Side Curtains Newer Tires and Brakes New Fuel Gauge New Speakers **Custom Wire Rims** Street Legal

St. Jerome Catholic Church invites you! Friday, January 24th at 7:30pm in the church!

Join us for an evening of inspirational heart songs, timeless classics and some of Erica's original Christian compositions. Featuring Stan Collins on the Steinway piano.



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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 Continental breakfast and lunch provided

- 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.

Restorative Justice Workshop St. Jerome Catholic Church February 8, 2020

Mass and Morning hospitality begin at 9am Workshop begins at 10am to 12:30pm

Catholic social teaching leads us to encourage models of restorative justice that seek to address crime in terms of the harm done to victims and communities, not simply as a violation of law. Restorative justice is concerned about who was impacted, what their needs are, and how to move forward with healing and right-relationship.



At this workshop, you will hear the story of a family directly impacted by crime and examples of restorative practices in criminal justice, schools, and ministry. We hope that this workshop may lay the groundwork for future trainings in our diocese and help us to become better advocates for the incorporation of restorative practices in our homes, schools, prisons and beyond.

Presenters:

- Deacon Andy Grosmaire, Chief of Licensing, Office of Financial Regulation for State of Florida
- Kate Grosmaire, Author of Forgiving My Daughter's Killer
- Caitlin Morneau, Director of Restorative Justice at Catholic Mobilizing Network
- Deb Close, Licensed Trainer for International Institute for Restorative Practices
- Dr. Sandra Pavelka, Nationally Recognized Restorative Justice Practitioner

Register at https://tinyurl.com/vyho2lm

EMBRACE: Evangelization & Discipleship

Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)

"Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once

you have won each other's love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins!" ~ 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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Gift Shop

We are open on Sunday mornings from 8:30am – 12:30pm in the Parish Center.

Come check out our devotionals, prayer books, bibles and spiritual books to encourage your New Year's resolutions for a deeper prayer life.

For the parishioners of St. Jerome, our Faith Community Nurses are providing Blood Pressure



Bethlehem

Center

Readings on the last Sunday of each month, 8:30am - 11am in the Parish Center. Volunteer nurses wanted! Call or email Beth at 727-595-4610 or healthministry@stjeromeonline.org.

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jn 10:10





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 at 727-596-9394.

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	Lounge	
Tai Chi	Tu & Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Hall	
Yoga	We/Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lounge	
Zumba GOLD	We	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hall	

Mahjong Lessons are 12pm – 2pm in the TV Lounge January 24th & 30th. Contact Diane Palmer Clarisse for further info 316-350-6522.

The Bethlehem Centre lunch program is served in the Parish Center from 11:30am – 12pm on Tuesdays, November through March. Salad and beverage are available at 11:15am. Come early to meet old friends and make some new ones. Donation \$6.00. **Tuesday Menu:** Baked Quarter Chicken, Baked Macaroni, Salad, Roll & Butter, Beverage, Dessert

MOVIES of JUSTICE

Come join our conversation using contemporary movies which provide Spiritual witness to Justice issues in our world. Sponsored by St Jerome Justice & FAST Ministry.

Monthly meeting: 4pm. Movie shown on mega TV screen: 4:30pm Informal discussion following movie. (Come for what you can)

St Jerome Catholic Church: Education Center Lounge (first door & parking adjacent to main church entry)

January 30 – **Bella**; one moment can change your life forever. Movie starts: 4:30pm.

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Lifeline

is continually in need of the following non-perishable food items which can be left in the LIFELINE bins in the church:

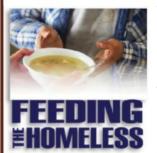
- -boxed macaroni and
- cheese
- -pasta/spaghetti
- -boxed mashed potatoes
- -pasta sauce
- -beef stew -canned fruit



- -hearty canned soups
- -canned tuna
- -canned pork and beans
- -rice (2 lb. bag)
- -peanut butter and grape jelly
- -cereal
- -canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)

Lifeline is open on Wednesday mornings and the last Saturday morning of each month. This month Lifeline is open Saturday, January 25th. Please call 727-351-4756 to request assistance.

The Homeless Ministry ...



Thanks to the generosity of St. Jerome parishioners the Homeless Ministry is pleased to be able to feed approximately 200 dinners to residents at Pinellas Hope. Each dinner includes a healthy variety of main courses, such as beef stew or chicken cacciatore. In

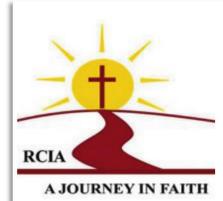
addition, vegetables, stuffing, deviled eggs, bread and pastries are provided. PB & J sandwiches and fruit are also distributed for a future need. Volunteers prepare at the Parish Center during the day each Monday and serve at Pinellas Hope for 7pm dinner. We do not cook or serve the last Monday of each month.

Please contact Pat or Rich Jennings 727-289-7550 for more information. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated!



Bible Study Every Thursday - 10-11am

Please join us for Bible Study in the Education Building every Thursday.



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 If you have thought of becoming Church. 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.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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. is this it?

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

What do you have to lose?

who is Jesus?

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."

Once again the Knights of Columbus will provide a FREE BREAKFAST on the first Sunday of February - (February 2nd) - in the Parish Center 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.



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 18		
Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00 pm † Dorothy Egan	Fr. Tom	
5:30 pm † Geraldine Schwartz	Msgr. Muldoon	
Sunday, January 19		
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 am † Sue Leary	Fr. Cadrecha	
9:00 am † Antonio Alfonso	Fr. Cadrecha	
10:45 am 🕆 Fred & Marian Fabi	Msgr. Muldoon	
12:30 pm 🕆 Villoo & Morgy Madon	Fr. Tom	
5:00 pm † Fred Schlager	Fr. Tom	
Monday, January 20		
7:00 am Intentions for Dorothy Carolan	Fr. Cadrecha	
9:00 am † Kyle Compton	Fr. Tom	
Tuesday, January 21 7:00 am † Bernie Cassella	Msgr. Muldoon	
9:00 am † Paul Chapman	Fr. Cadrecha	
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Wednesday, January 22	Magr. Muldoon	
7:30 am † Edward Pankonin	Msgr. Muldoon	
9:00 am Jackie & Lucian Boulanger	Msgr. Muldoon	
Thursday, January 23		
7:00 am † Rafael Candelanio	Fr. Tom	
9:00 am † Delroy Sowada	Fr. Cadrecha	
Friday, January 24		
7:00 am Intentions of Tom Morgan	Fr. Tom	A
9:00 am Intentions of Stanislaw Tarczynski	Msgr. Muldoon	
Saturday, January 25		
8:45 am Novena		
9:00 am † Valerie Schmid	Msgr. Muldoon	I
Saturday, January 25		
Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		F
4:00 pm † Weber & Herold Families	Fr. Cadrecha	d
5:30 pm † Jack McGlone	Fr. Tom	w sl
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Sunday, January 26		P Sa
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mage Muldes	S
7:30 am † Wesson Family	Msgr. Muldoon	Si
9:00 am All the People of the Parish	Fr. Tom	
10:45 am † Charles Tellone	Fr. Cadrecha	th b
12:30 pm † Jeanette and Arthur Hebert	Fr. Waters	p
5:00 pm Special Intentions of Wayne Morrell	Fr. Cadrecha	G

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

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Scripture Readings

Prepare & Pray the Word of God

Today's Readings: January 19 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3,5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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Monday, January 20 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 21 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 22 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 23 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 24 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117]; Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday's Readings: January 26 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time s 8:23–9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

First Reading — The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. (Is 9:1)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading — I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same burpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel — From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt 4:17)



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