

# 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

**Rev. Tom Morgan**  
Pastor

**Rev. Robert Cadrecha**  
Parochial Vicar

**Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL**  
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**Deacon Fred Kunder**  
Permanent Deacon

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Pastor Emeritus

**Msgr. Dacian Dee**  
Assisting Priest

## FORMATION

**Lisa Brett-Reeves**  
Coordinator of Catechesis  
of the Good Shepherd

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**Deacon Cris Stout**

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**Tom Kurt**, Music Director  
**Erica DiCeglie**, Assoc. Music  
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**Joanne Biamonte**, Coordinator  
(727) 596-9394

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**Phyllis Steele**, Administrator  
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Monday - Friday, 9:30am -  
4:30pm

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## **Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm**

### **Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am, and 5pm**

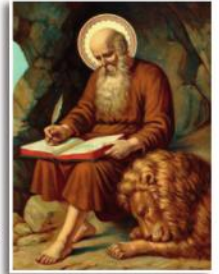
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm  
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for  
those unable to participate at a public Mass.

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am**  
**Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am**

**Confessions: Saturday morning 9:30am - 10:30am**

**Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month following the**  
9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in the church, also by request

**Holy Hour and Benediction: Every Thursday and every First**  
Friday and First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am



*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went  
out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.*

Matthew 20:1

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*

## From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We continue to make every effort to encourage social distancing and the wearing of masks at our Sunday and Daily Masses. We ask all to assist us with this effort, but we are aware of the difficulties that some may have wearing masks due to their health condition.

We continue, due to social distancing and the maximum allowed seating capacity for our church, to monitor the current numbers for the attendance at our different Masses. We are anticipating our planning as follows:

- 1) The average attendance for our Masses up to this point has been: Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil - 140; Sunday: 7:00 am - 90, 9:00 am - 120, 11:00 am - 160; and 5:00 pm - 70.
- 1) There are usually some Masses that are more attended and some Masses that are less attended. Those wishing to attend a Mass with fewer people may choose to attend a Mass that currently has fewer people attending.
- 2) When we reach our seating capacity in the future at the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass, or the 9:00 or 11:00 am Sunday Masses, it is our intent to have overflow Masses in our Parish Center for those Masses previously mentioned.
- 3) If we reach our seating capacity at our better-attended Masses as well as our overflow Masses at the same times in the Parish Center, we will add additional Masses.

Bishop Gregory Parkes, our bishop, has recently stated that he anticipates continuing the allowance for a dispensation to attend Mass until a vaccine is widely available to the public. It is good to remember, however, that #2181 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *"The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants)..."*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

## In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

*"What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?" 1 Corinthians 4:7*

Stewardship isn't just about being a good manager of our time, our talents and our treasure. The discipline of biblical stewardship calls us to use all these gifts in the way the Lord desires - to employ them not for us, but for His glory. Thank you for sharing His gifts.

### Collection for the weekend of September 5 - 6, 2020

Offertory	\$ 22,810.00
Electronic Giving	6,881.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	134.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	1,883.00
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Totals this weekend	<u><u>\$ 31,708.00</u></u>

### Collection for the weekend of September 12 - 13, 2020

Offertory	\$ 12,408.00
Electronic Giving	3,784.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	10.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	25.00
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Totals this weekend	<u><u>\$ 16,227.00</u></u>

## Mass of the Angels

The annual Diocesan **Mass of the Angels** for children (born or unborn) who have gone to be with the Lord will be celebrated by Fr. John Lipscomb on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 11:00am.

The location of this Mass this year will be St. Timothy Parish, 17512 Lakeshore Road in Lutz Florida. Please wear a face mask.

For more information or to have a child's name added to the program, please contact Diane at:

(727) 344-1611 ext 5308

or email her at:

[dcs@dosp.org](mailto:dcs@dosp.org)

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Culture of Life Conference Conception to Natural Death

October 24, 2020



The annual Florida Culture of Life Conference, formerly known as the state Respect Life Conference, keeps with Church teaching that all human life has dignity and is to be protected. This year's conference, hosted by the Diocese of Palm Beach, will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual conference promises to be an informative and uplifting event with speakers on a variety of life topics, including the unborn, theology of the body, end of life, and the death penalty.

More information along with registration can be found at: [www.ccdpb.org/respectlife2020](http://www.ccdpb.org/respectlife2020)  
A \$25.00 donation is suggested.



**Study. Connect. Transform.**

These words describe the mission of **The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study**. We invite YOU to join us this year for a study of **The Gospel According to Mark** at the DuBose Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Dunedin. The study is open to both men and women.

This year we are offering a hybrid study with the opportunity to meet in person on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM while observing the necessary precautions currently **OR** through Zoom. We begin on Wednesday, **September 30th** at 9:30 AM and will continue through 20 lessons ending in the Spring. To join please contact Mary at 727-791-3240 or Carol at 727-735-1151. For more information visit [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org).



## You are invited to **Alpha!**

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

It is a series of sessions, each looking at a different question people may have about faith and is designed to create conversation about life's big questions.

Due to the limits posed by the Covid-19 pandemic we are not able to gather for a meal, but we can gather online for fun and fellowship.

Each session will include a video then small group conversation.

**There is no judgment.**

Although sessions are basic Christianity, they can also be a great renewal of faith.

It is simply an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Our next program begins on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00pm in the comfort of your own home.

Sessions last approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

Please register at:

[www.stjeromeonline.org/alpha-ministry.html](http://www.stjeromeonline.org/alpha-ministry.html) or call

727-537-0143

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Join Captain Morgan for the *“Weekly Adventures of Pirate Luke and Pirate Jake.”* Captain Morgan tells the story of the weekly adventures of two pirate brothers and their mom and dad. Pirate Luke and Pirate Jake sail the seas, seeking to learn the lessons that Jesus wishes to teach them. The “Weekly Adventures of Pirate Luke and Pirate Jake” are posted on the parish Facebook page on Friday evenings at <https://www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo> and the parish web page at <https://www.stjeromeonline.org/pirate1.html> on Saturdays. All are invited, the young and the young at heart, to sail the seas with Captain Morgan and Pirate Luke and Pirate Jake.

### What’s Happening at St. Jerome Early Childhood Center???

Our EC4 students engage in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities everyday. In this photo to the right, they are using magnetic building materials to create roads and bridges. Our teachers guide student exploration with questions designed to help the children make their own discoveries about the world of math and science.



Father Tom blessed our classrooms with holy water and a special prayer for a safe and healthy school year. We are very grateful for his wise leadership and continued support through these difficult times.

Submitted by P. Steele

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, September 21

7:00 am † Anthony Delaney Fr. Tom  
9:00 am † Matt Wittenbauer Fr. Tom

### Tuesday, September 22

7:00 am † Joel Mallare, II Fr. Cadrecha  
9:00 am † Albin Zbela Fr. Tom

### Wednesday, September 23

7:00 am † Frank "Buddy" Roberts, Jr. Fr. Cadrecha  
9:00 am † Garrett McKernan Fr. Cadrecha  
7:30 pm † Dana Santoyo Fr. Tom

### Thursday, September 24

7:00 am † Harry & Hannah Newhook Fr. Tom  
9:00 am † Kimberly Ford Fr. Cadrecha

### Friday, September 25

7:00 am John Gray Fr. Tom  
9:00 am † Troy Winright Fr. Tom

### Saturday, September 26

8:45 am Novena  
9:00 am † Vera Solly Fr. Cadrecha

### Saturday, September 26

#### *Vigil for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm † Brian Rollins Fr. Tom

### Sunday, September 27

#### *The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am † Jackie & Lucien Boulanger Fr. Tom  
9:00 am † Catherine McCabe Fr. Waters  
11:00 am † Barbara Sutter Fr. Cadrecha  
5:00 pm † Patrick O'Hanlon Fr. Cadrecha

Mass Intentions said privately by our Priests at home - NOT A PUBLIC MASS:

Saturday September 26: 5:30pm Vigil - Fr. Waters - Domingos Pateiro †

Sunday September 27: 12:30pm - Fr. Waters - All the People of the Parish

*\*Priest Schedule subject to change. \*\*If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.*

## Scripture Readings

### *Prepare & Pray the Word of God*

**Next Sunday's Readings: September 27, 2020**  
**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28  
Psalm 25: 4 - 5, 8 - 9, 10, 14  
Philippians 2: 1 - 11  
Matthew 22: 28 - 32

## Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi's Transitus



**On Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.,** our parish will celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi's**

**Transitus**, that is, his passing over from this life to the next. The service promises to be a moving and impactful event.

In his "Canticle of the Creatures," St. Francis wrote, "*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.*" His words draw our attention to the importance and natural character of death in the life of all creation. St. Francis was not afraid of what would come at the end of his earthly life, but rather recognized that death is not an end, but a transition from one way of living to another.

Please join us for this very special service!

## We are still recruiting for our Livestream Ministry Team!

Optimally, our team would consist of 25 team members so that we can rotate on a schedule with each member helping at one Mass a month.

At present, we have 5 parishioners that have joined the team. SO, we need you! If you are willing to be part of this ministry, please contact Tom Kurt by calling (727) 595-4610 and leaving your name and contact information. We will soon be in touch with you for the necessary training.



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