

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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Rev. Tom Morgan
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Rev. Robert Cadrecha
Parochial Vicar

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Permanent Deacon

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Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Dacian Dee
Assisting Priest

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Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm

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

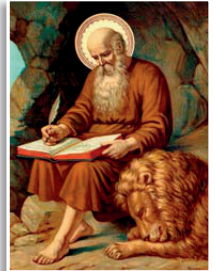
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for
those unable to participate at a public Mass.

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

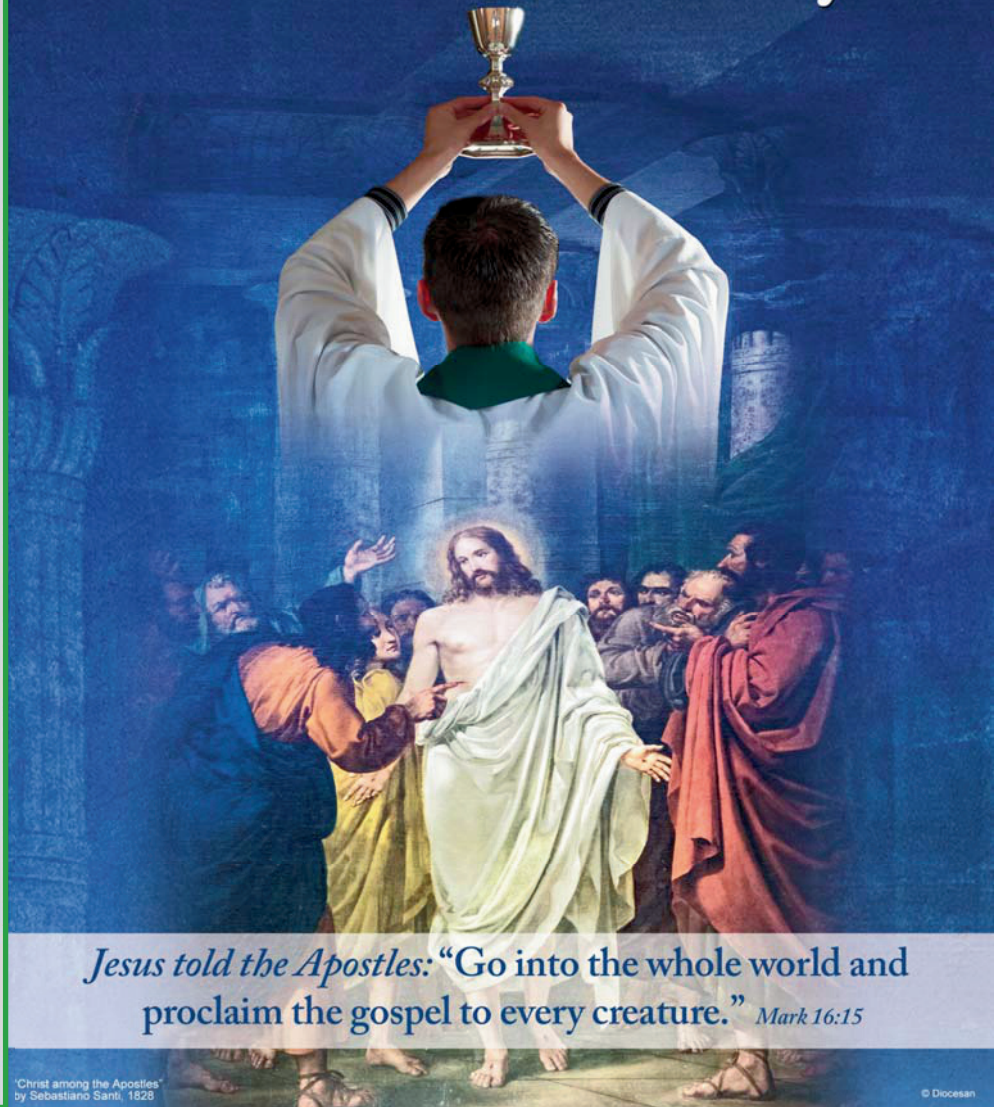
Confessions: Saturday morning 9:30am - 10:30am

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

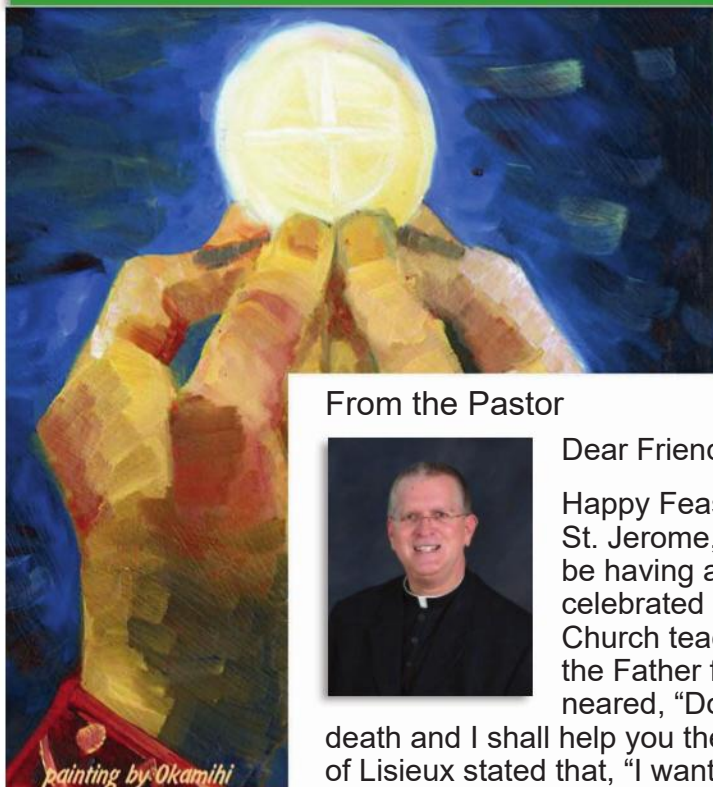
Holy Hour and Benediction: Every Thursday and every First
Friday and First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am



Priesthood Sunday



*Jesus told the Apostles: "Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15*



How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Lord, I am your servant.

Psalm 116:12-14, 16a

From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

Happy Feast Day! Normally, we would be celebrating our patron, St. Jerome, but due to our efforts to social distance, we will not be having a special celebration. St. Jerome's feast day is celebrated on September 30th. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "...the saints...do not cease to intercede with the Father for us..." #956 In fact, St. Dominic said as his death neared, "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." St. Thérèse of Lisieux stated that, "I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth." 1 John 3:2 states, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him..." Let's never forget what Romans 8:34 teaches, "Christ [Jesus]...intercedes for us..." St. Jerome, like the other saints in heaven, is now doing what our Divine Lord Jesus never ceases to do, intercede for us. I express gratitude on behalf of our parish to our patron, St. Jerome, who is always looking out for us.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Tom Kurt and Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, pastor emeritus, for installing our livestream system in our church. Livestreaming has been a blessing during these COVID-19 times, especially for those who are not able to join us for the celebration of Mass on Sunday and weekdays. We would like to announce our next effort that we hope will expand our capability to communicate to our parishioners as well as helping us to make strides in evangelization. We are in the process of constructing a broadcasting studio in our parish offices. We will keep you informed in the days ahead as to our progress. We ask that the Archangel Gabriel, who is the patron of broadcasters and communication workers, would intercede for us to bring this project to completion.

We invite you to participate in two special drive through events in October:

October 3: Drive through St. Francis Pet Blessing (11:00am - 12 noon) at the Early Childhood Center drive through (please follow the directions of the Knights of Columbus - the priests will bless pets in their owners' vehicles)

October 24: Blessing of "Motorcycles" (9:45am - 10:15am - southern entrance of the church)

See page 3 for additional October events.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Priesthood
Sunday

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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 19 - 20, 2020

Offertory	\$ 12,598.25
Electronic Giving	5,909.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	23.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	41.00
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 18,571.25</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

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER, 2020 EVENTS

Starting on Saturday, October 3, 2020, we will be adding an additional Mass to our weekend schedule. The Mass will be held on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in the Parish Center. Parishioners will now have the option of attending the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass either in the church or in the Parish Center.

October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Thursday - Exposition/Benediction (9:30am - 10:30am)

October 2: First Friday Exposition/Benediction (9:30am - 10:30am)

October 3: First Saturday Exposition/Benediction (9:30am - 10:30am). Drive through St. Francis Pet Blessing (11:00am - 12 noon) at the Early Childhood Center drive through (please follow the directions of the Knights of Columbus - the priests will bless pets in their owners' vehicles)

October 3 & 4: Respect Life Weekend

October 11: Anointing of the Sick (following the 9:00am Sunday Mass - approximately 10:00am)

October 24: Blessing of "Motorcycles" (9:45am - 10:15am - southern entrance of the church)

October 24 & 25: Parishioners invited to place photos of deceased family and friends on the "Wall of Remembrance" in the church



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

Vatican confirms World Mission Day 2020 will be observed on Oct. 18, 2020

The Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples has cleared doubts about the postponement of the annual Church observance.

The Catholic Church's World Mission Day 2020 will be observed as usual on October 18, 2020, the Vatican said recently.

"In response to some requests about the celebration of World Mission Day 2020, the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples confirms that it will be celebrated this year at the universal level on Sunday, October 18, 2020, with no change in the calendar," the Congregation said in a press release.

Several worldwide observances of the Catholic Church have been postponed and rescheduled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In many countries and regions, Holy Masses and liturgies are being streamed live or are celebrated in keeping with health protocols.

The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples has now confirmed that World Mission Day, this year, will be observed as usual on the penultimate Sunday of October. Most of the countries observe it on that day.

"In many dioceses," the Congregation noted, "the preparation for World Mission Day has been underway for some time and the missionary animation of the People of God remains pre-eminent."

"Faith, in fact, by its very nature, is missionary and the celebration of World Mission Day serves to keep this essential dimension of the Christian faith alive in all the faithful."

Collection to support mission lands

The Congregation, which oversees the missionary work and related activities of the Catholic Church worldwide, said it also "relies on the sense of communion and co-responsibility of the bishops for the collection of that Day in favor of the Pontifical Mission Societies, which work in a universal context for an equitable support of the Churches in mission territories".

Pope's message

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020, Pope Francis released his message for this year's celebration. Based on theme taken from the Book of Isaiah, "Here am I, send me", the Pope's message says that the Covid-19 pandemic is an opportunity for mission and service to others.

World Mission Day, or Mission Sunday, was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, to remind Catholics about their commitment and support to the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice.

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Our Lady of Fatima 2020 Rosary Rally

St. Jerome Catholic Church

Saturday, October 10, 2020



This year marks the 103rd Anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, the parishioners of St. Jerome will have a wonderful opportunity of grace to attend mass, venerate the sacred statue, dedicate our families to her loving care and honor her as the Mother of God and the Mother of us all. It will start with 9 a.m. mass in the main church, followed by procession and recitation of the rosary in different languages.

An estimated one million Catholics will attend the Rosary rallies and pray for the conversion of America- in honor of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will remain in the Church for public veneration.

Please bring red and white roses. Thanks !

For more information, please contact Sister Lucia Brady, OSC @ 727-595-4610



Dear Friends of Kimberly Home,

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Thank you so much for your continued support of Kimberly Home. We will be hosting our Annual Gala (virtual) on October 3 and would greatly appreciate if you would register and help us to spread the word! Join us from the comfort of your own

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www.kimberlyhome.org/2020-annual-gala or call (727) 331-7014

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 28

7:00 am † Jim Lover Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Eugene Ciesiel Fr. Tom

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 am † Pablo Buenaventura Arce Silva Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † David Kudelko Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 am † Mary Trignani Fr. Tom
9:00 am † James Kinney Fr. Cadrecha
7:30 pm Joey Banks Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, October 1

7:00 am † Eileen Anne Ballard Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Giuseppe DeFilippis Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, September 2

7:00 am † Mary Andrews Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Daniel Brooks Fr. Tom

Saturday, October 3

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Pablo Bueaventura Arce Silva Fr. Tom

Saturday, October 3

Vigil for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Church Pete & Cyndi DeNunzio Fr. Cadrecha
4:00 pm PC † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Tom

Sunday, October 4

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Troy Winright Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Jimmy White Fr. Tom
11:00 am Ann Stonestreet Fr. Waters
5:00 pm All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha

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

Sunday October 4: 12:30pm - Fr. Waters - Pete & Cyndi DeNunzio

**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: October 4, 2020
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7
Psalm 80: 9, 12, 13 - 14, 15 - 16, 19 - 20
Philippians 4: 6 - 9
Matthew 21: 33 - 43

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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