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 Assisting Priest

Deacon Fred Kunder Permanent Deacon

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

RETIRED Msgr. Brendan Muldoon 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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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Phyllis Steele, Administrator (727) 596-9491

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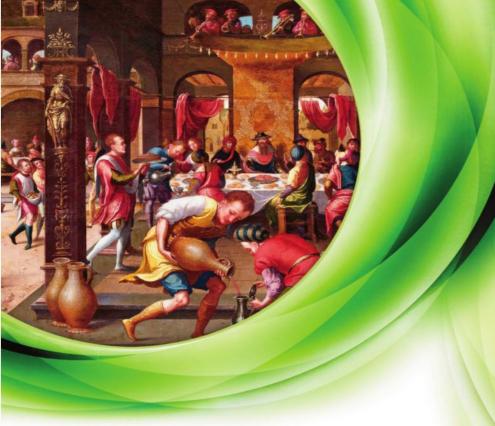
Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center) Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am (Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm

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—available on Livestream





"Many are invited, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

Our Bishop, Gregory Parkes, has requested that we provide this letter to our parishioners to inform them of the upcoming Diocesan Special Collection for the Missions.



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG Office of the Bishop

October 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday (WMS) on October 18th this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

In his message for World Mission Sunday (WMS), Pope Francis implores us — "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: *"Here I am, send me"* (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: *'Whom shall I send?'* This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

The Holy Father reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called *personally* to mission — especially at this time — to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father's own Missionary. He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to "step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor." What will your answer be? "*Here I Am, Send Me*" is the response we will all endeavor to live out through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the WMS collection.

This year's COVID crisis created setbacks for our nation, but it presented far greater hardships for our brothers and sisters in poor mission countries. This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this diocese to respond in the most generous way possible. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love on World Mission Sunday.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes Bishop of St. Petersburg

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Matthew 22:14

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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 October 3 - 4, 2020

Offertory	\$	18,397.00
Electronic Giving		7,209.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)		6.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	8 .	619.00
Totals this weekend	\$	26,231.00

Messa in Italiano - Cathedral of St. Jude

5815 - 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL - Fr. Arthur Proulx, Rector. Mass in Italiano: Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00 PM (one hour earlier than usual). Please come to pray and sing in ITALIANO (Italian). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M.

Fortunato, O. de M. (Mercedarian Friar). The wearing of a mask is required.



Solemn Exposition

of the Holy Eucharist

"WHEN YOU CALL ME, WHEN YOU PRAY TO ME, I WILL LISTEN TO YOU. WHEN YOU LOOK FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND ME. YES, WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOU HEART...."

JEREMIAH 29: 12-13

34th 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: <u>www.ccdpb.org/respectlife2020</u> A \$25.00 donation is suggested.

Please join us every Thursday morning following the 9:00 AM Daily Mass (approximately 9:30 AM) and on every First Friday and First Saturday of the month (at the same time) for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with

Benediction which should conclude at 10:30 AM. Please honor all socialdistancing requirements. And please note:

Exposition and Benediction are Livestreamed, so that those not able to come to the church can still experience the graces of this special devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist!

YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR PRESENCE ARE NEEDED!



How can you help end the scourge of abortion? Well, for one, everyone in the whole St. Petersburg diocese is being asked to pray and fast especially for an end to abortion from now

through November 1, 2020. In addition, most parishes are sponsoring ONE DAY where they will provide volunteers to pray at an abortion clinic site; for the babies, for the moms, and for a conversion of the clinic staff. St. Jerome's day is Tuesday, October 27. From 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. we need volunteers who are willing to hold a sign and to PRAY for an hour or two. The abortion site at 28960 US Hwy 19 North in Clearwater is visible to many drivers, and by being there you provide a wonderful witness for life! Are you being called to take that extra step to help save the innocent? Please call Cecilia Burke at 727-510-0783 for more details. Let's all contribute so that THIS can be the year that the United States protects ALL children, born and unborn! Please see:

40daysforlife.com/clearwater



GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are held on Wednesdays on the portico entrance to the church from 10 am – 11:30 am until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.



We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience on our journey "From mourning to joy." If you have any questions, please call Judy DeFillipis at (727) 595-4610.



Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM St. Jerome Catholic Church

All donors will receive a OneBlood Halloween T-shirt & a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged, please visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #12669

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Study. Connect. Transform.

Catholic Scripture Study 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



THE CORNERSTONE

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

This week our students celebrated the life of St. Jerome, our patron Saint. Father Rob visited our classroom prayer services and taught the children. Students took

part in activities related to St. Jerome such as writing with a feather and paint, and removing "thorns" from a "lion's paw."

Our classrooms were transformed into Italian cultural centers! Students drew pictures on the "ceiling" of the "Sistine Chapel"



just like Michelangelo. They reconstructed the Coliseum and, of course, did several activities involving PIZZA!







Upcoming events include the Pet Blessing, Parent/Teacher conferences and a Trike-a-Thon benefitting St. Jude Children's Hospital. Submitted by P. Steele

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 12 7:00 am † Pablo Buenaventura Arce Silva 9:00 am † Nancy Reese	Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom
Tuesday, October 137:00 am # Frank Jones9:00 am # Carlo & Assunta Esposito	Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Cadrecha
Wednesday, October 147:00 am† Gregorio Mallare, Sr.9:00 am† Matt Wittenbauer7:30 pm† John Scullin, III	Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom
Thursday, October 157:00 am† Tommy Lee Johnson9:00 am† James Sampey	Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom
Friday, October 16 7:00 am † Ronald Scrudato 9:00 am † Francis Hafner	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom
Saturday, October 17 8:45 am Novena 9:00 am † Jimmy White	Fr. Tom
Saturday, October 17 Vigil for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Church Patricia Zigarelli 4:00 pm PC † Rita Tellone	Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Waters
Sunday, October 18 The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am † Bob Skolmowski	Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Russell Schmidt 11:00 am Church † Kyle Compton 11:00 am PC † James Sampey 5:00 pm † Jessica Dailey	Fr. Tom Fr. Waters Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Cadrecha

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



Thanksgiving Food Drive



LifeLine Ministries will collect Thanksgiving dinner items for families in need beginning on October 1, 2020 through November 8, 2020.

Please use this shopping list and fill a bag with the foods listed below to complete a package for one family. Leave the bag in one of the LifeLine bins at St. Jerome Church.

We appreciate whatever you can provide from this list. No other items are needed. THANK YOU!

- 1 box or bag of stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 jar turkey gravy
- 1 can corn or beans
- 1 large can of yams
- 1 box mashed potatoes
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 can of pumpkin or apple pie filling
- 1 box pie crust mix (no refrigerated or frozen)

We thank you for your generosity in assisting us to serve those in need among us!



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