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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. Robert Cadrecha
Parochial Vicar

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Permanent Deacon

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Life Long Formation

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Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Dacian Dee
Assisting Priest

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Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass:
4pm (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center)

**Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am (Family Liturgy), 11am
(Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen)**

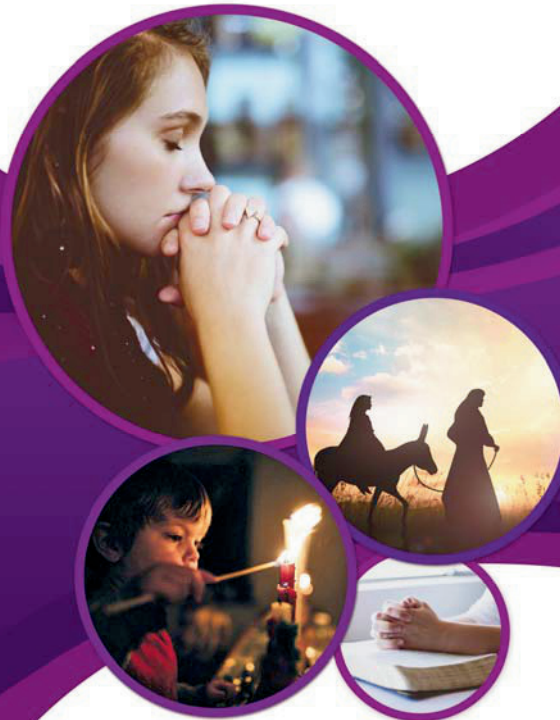
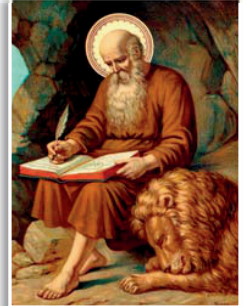
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for
those unable to participate at a public Mass

**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**



Advent is a time of
Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation,
Prayerful penance and Spiritual
Preparation.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

The Church teaches that “....(in) the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.” *#524 Catechism of the Catholic Church*

We are assisted both in our church and our homes to be mindful of our awaiting the arrival of the Messiah through our use of the “Advent Wreath.” The Advent wreath has German origins, and is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited its Redeemer. It also represents the years that we have and will await His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally-spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the penitential Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday in Advent.

In addition to blessing Advent wreaths this weekend, we will also be blessing Holy Water for home use. “Holy water has a double meaning of reminding us of our baptism as well as a symbol of spiritual cleansing. Holy water is said to have great power over the devil, as the devil cannot stand this ‘clean’ water, since he is entirely unclean for all eternity. It is a reminder of the water that flowed out of Christ’s side on the cross, which is a symbol of Baptism, and brings to mind the day of the devil’s defeat (that is, Christ’s crucifixion). It is an ancient custom to have ‘holy water fonts’ on the walls of a home. They are elaborate or simple cups that hold holy water, which can then be used to bless oneself throughout the day. It is especially helpful to have them at the doors that lead outside the house as well as in the bedrooms of family members. That way we keep ourselves always fixed on Christ and remind ourselves to remain pure. It also keeps the holy water handy when needed to ward off any influence of the Evil One.” (<https://aleteia.org/2020/06/24/3-powerful-sacramentals-to-have-in-your-home/>)

If by chance you did not bring a container with water to be blessed for home use, please feel free to do so anytime you come to Mass and the priests or deacon will be happy to bless the water.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

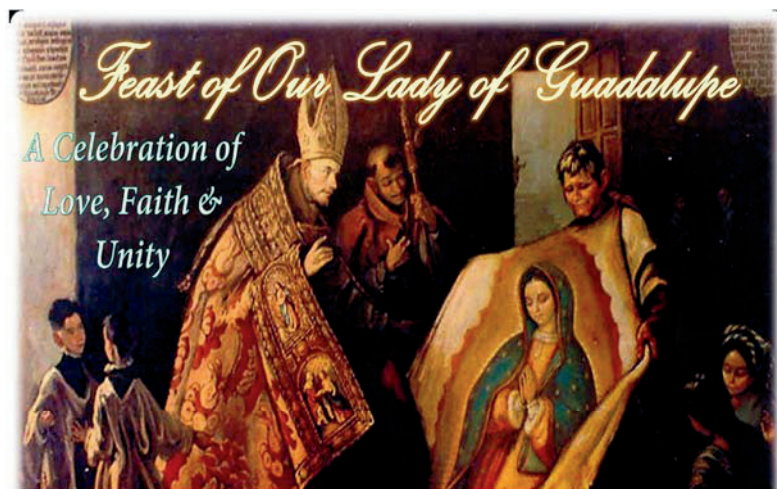
“What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” 1 Corinthians 4:7

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 November 21 - 22, 2020

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be reporting this collection in the next bulletin.

Regal		"EASY-READ"		
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<small>Nov. 1 to 15</small>	<small>Nov. 16 to 20</small>	<small>Nov. 21 to 25</small>	<small>Nov. 26 to 30</small>	<small>Nov. 31 to 75</small>
2	23	43	54	71
15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63



An Invitation for Everyone

Join us on Saturday, December 12, 2020- 8:30 am

The St. Jerome Hispanic Outreach invites you to join our Spanish brothers and sisters in celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of all the Americas and Honored Virgin Queen of Mexico. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the church followed by refreshments and Mexican folklore.

8:30 am Parishioners will greet Our Lady- Main entrance (The Plaza)
 8:45 am Rose Procession into the Church w/Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00am Solemn Mass
 10:00 am Refreshments, Mexican food and folklore in the Gathering Space and Plaza



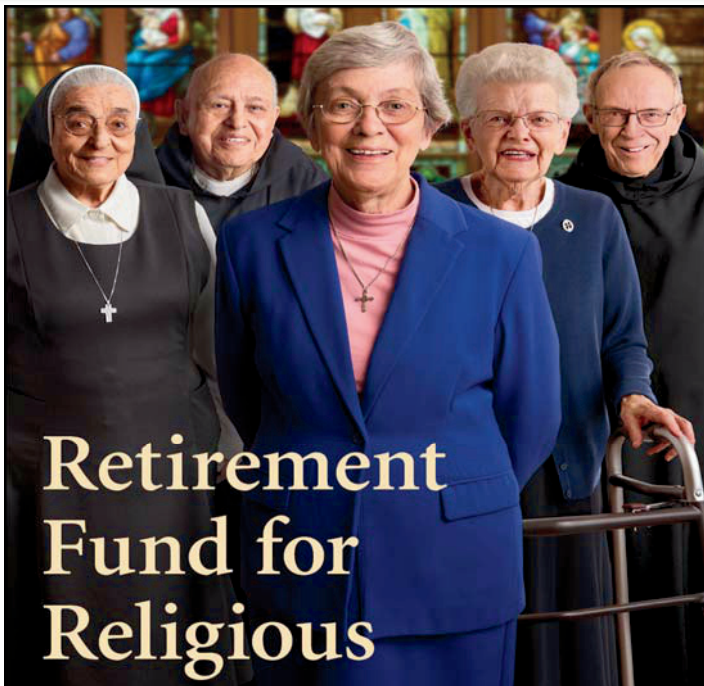
We encourage everyone to bring roses to Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Monetary donations are also welcomed -
 Call Sister Lucia @ 727-410-1175*

We are hoping to resume weekly Bingo some time in the new year. We will need enough players to successfully reopen. While no commitment is necessary, if you would like to join us when we reopen, would you please call the parish office at (727) 595-4610 NOW to let us know of your desire to be with us when we reopen! Bingo will be held on Thursdays, with the doors opening at 10:00 AM and the games beginning at noon. We hope to see you soon!

With your safety in mind, we will follow accepted protocols as indicated below:

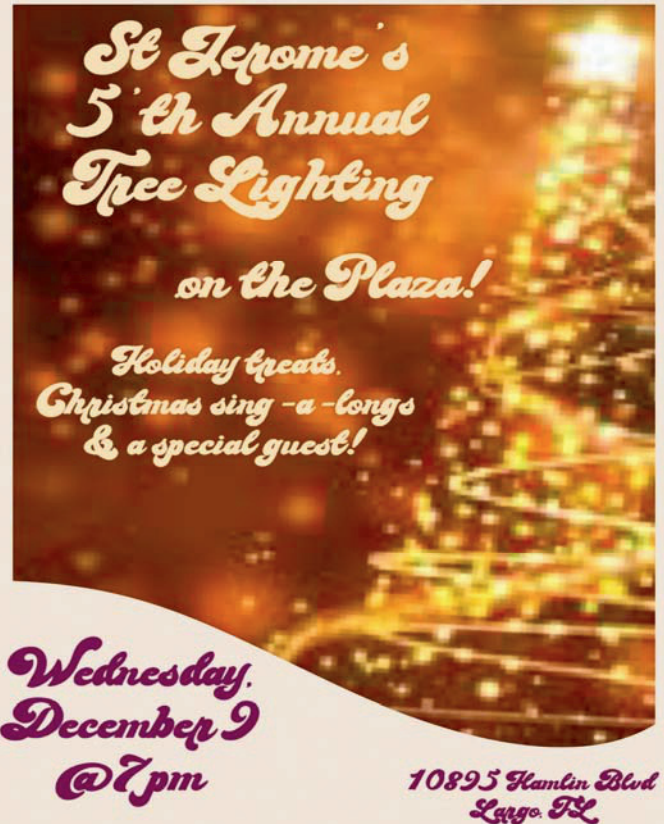
- The hall will be sanitized before Bingo starts
- Masks will be worn at all times
- Your temperature will be taken upon entry
- Hand sanitizers will be provided
- Players will be spread out, honoring social distancing
- Players must provide their own food and beverage



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

From left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB.
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*St. Jerome's
5th Annual
Tree Lighting
on the Plaza!*

*Holiday treats,
Christmas sing-a-longs
& a special guest!*

*Wednesday,
December 9
@ 7pm*

*10895 Hamlin Blvd
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Shoebox Nativity Family Project
Sponsored by the St. Jerome Parish Knights of Columbus

All families are invited to participate in this Christmas project. Use a shoebox to make a 3-dimensional Nativity scene. The Nativity boxes will be displayed in the church for all to view. Participants will receive a certificate.

- Rules:
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1) Involve the whole family | 2) Use materials you already own |
| 3) No more than \$10 for supplies | 4) Use a standard size shoebox |
| 5) Be creative and have fun! | 6) Turn in to the ECC office by Friday Dec. 4 th |

Upon completion of the display, the boxes will be distributed to local nursing home residents and the VA hospital. Call the Early Childhood Center at (727) 596-9491 if you need a shoebox or have any questions.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Schedule

Sun, Nov 29, 2020—No Youth Gathering

Sun Dec 6, 2020—No Youth Gathering



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What's Happening at St. Jerome Early Childhood Center?



Our preschool students completed a unit about farm animals and plants. This led into their studies of Nutritional Food. We want children to understand the importance of good food and how it helps them grow and be healthy.



Our students learned about nutrition through many educational activities. They sorted grocery items at their classroom "Publix", explored real fruits and vegetables with taste tests, and practiced fine motor skills by using tongs to pick up and classify items. Students also collected canned foods for Lifeline. These items were then sorted into food groups and delivered to the food pantry.



Submitted by P. Steele

Songs for a Winter's Night

w/ Erica DiCeglie
& friends

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Plaza!



St. Jerome Church
10895 Hamlin Blvd
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Friday, December 4
@ 7pm

free will offering accepted

St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive



We would like to make Christmas special for many families in need.

Please join us! Our Toy Boxes are now open! Please help us fill our Toy Boxes by donating new and unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. Please place the gifts in the Toy Boxes at the church and in the parish office. Monetary donations are also welcomed and accepted. Please place your monetary donation in the offertory baskets or mail it/bring it to the Parish Office.

Although many families are financially hurting based on this pandemic, let's do our best to make Christmas enjoyable for the children! Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

7:00 am † Paul Grassinger Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am Catherine-Ash McKenny Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 am † Jack & Ann Zidar Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Bill Magi Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, December 2

7:00 am † Grace DeMatteo Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Stewart Waller Msgr. Muldoon
7:30 pm † Edgar Vallar Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, December 3

7:00 am † Mary Stella Woodson Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Walter Cushing Fr. Tom

Friday, December 4

7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hellerman (50th Wed Anniv) Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Matthias Wittenbauer Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, December 5

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Stewart A. Waller Fr. Tom

Saturday, December 5

Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm Church All The People of the Parish Msgr. Muldoon
4:00 pm PC † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, December 6

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am † Dorothy Cucci Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Betty Ann Sloss Fr. Tom
11:00 am Church † Freida Kowalski Fr. Waters
11:00 am PC Special Intention Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm † Jim Loughlin 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.*



For your convenience:

Advent Wreaths Candles Little Blue Books for Advent

will be available in the Gathering Space after the 4PM Vigil, 9AM, and 11 AM Masses on the weekends of:

**NOV 28 and 29
DEC 5 and 6**

Have a Blessed Christmas Season



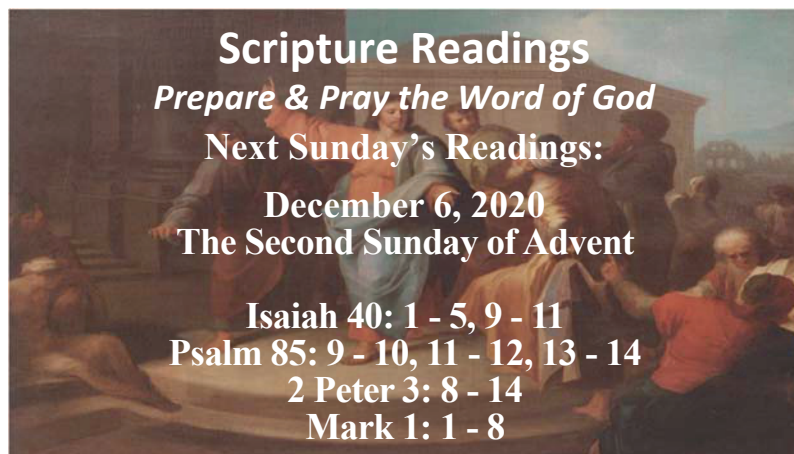
The St. Jerome, Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249, Largo Florida, meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday night's

meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is an officers' meeting. The second Wednesday night's meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is a general meeting.

Due to COVID-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom. An email will be sent with the Zoom link prior to the meetings.

Please call 727 244-2832 or for more information, please go to: <http://www.stjeromeonline.org/kofc.html>

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



Scripture Readings

Prepare & Pray the Word of God

Next Sunday's Readings:

December 6, 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11

Psalms 85: 9 - 10, 11 - 12, 13 - 14

2 Peter 3: 8 - 14

Mark 1: 1 - 8

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