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

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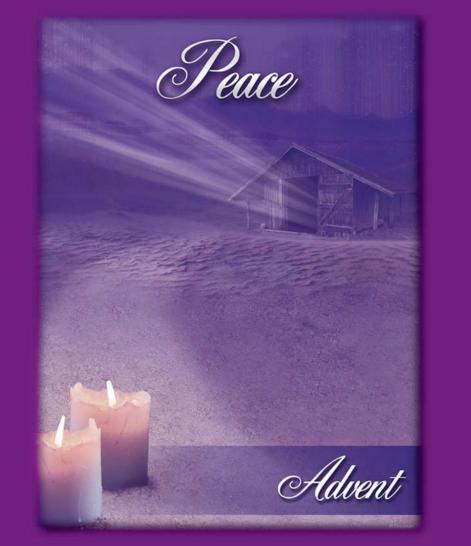
www.stjeromeonline.org receptionist@stjeromeonline.org Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center) Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am (Family Liturgy), 11am (Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen) Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and 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



Parish Office Hours: Address/Phone:

Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm 10895 Hamlin Blvd • Largo, FL 33774 • (727) 595-4610

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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We continue to make our Advent Journey to Christmas. We will be blessing hay this weekend at all of our Sunday Masses. With our concerns for COVID-19, small bags of hav will be blessed. You will then be invited to take home today some of the blessed hay in the small bag. You can add it to your nativity scene, or you can follow the old custom and tuck it under the tablecloth. By putting straw under the tablecloth, we make our homes like Bethlehem, a word that means "the

house of bread." Whenever we welcome quests to eat with us in love, our home becomes a place where God comes to live.





We will have our parish Christmas tree lighting this week on Wednesday, December 9. 2020, beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm and then the tree lighting event begins at 7:00 pm. This event will include the lighting of the parish Christmas tree, Christmas caroling, refreshments, a visit from Santa, and an outside Christmas movie.

We will also be celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this week. The Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, December 7th at 4:00 pm and Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:30 pm.

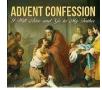




All are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Saturday, December 12, 2020. This event will begin at 8:30 am with a Rose Procession into the Church with the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 9:00 am and conclude with refreshments, Mexican food and folklore in the Gathering Space and Plaza.

Please remember that we will once again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 12-13, at all of our Sunday Masses. The children and all parishioners will be invited to bring their figurines from home of the Christ Child to be blessed.





Mark your calendars for our additional drive through confessions during Advent which will take place on Monday, December 14. Confessions will be heard at the north and south entrances of the church and at the Carriage House. These confessions will be at 9:45 am and 7:00 pm. Please follow the directions of the Knights of Columbus members.

Please see the church bulletin on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19-20, for special blessings for the home - the Domestic Church - for expectant mothers and for the blessing of your Christmas tree.



THE CHILD



WITHIN Finally, the St. Jerome Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Service will take place on Sunday, December 20, 2020 following the 11:00 am Mass (approximately 12:10 pm).

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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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 this weekend December 5 and 6, 2020.

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

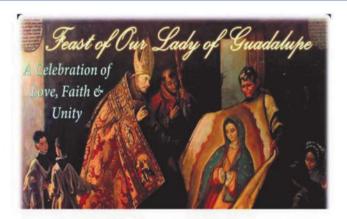
Stewardship isn't just about being a good manager of our time, our talents and our treasure. The discipline of biblical stewardship calls us to use all these gifts in the way the Lord desires - to employ them not for us, but for His glory. Thank you for sharing His gifts.

Collection for the weekend of November 21 - 22, 2020

Offertory	\$ 28,382.32
Electronic Giving	4,065.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	1,005.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	1,005.00
Totals this weekend	\$ 34,457.32

Collection for the weekend of November 28 - 29, 2020

Offertory	\$	16,882.73	
Electronic Giving		3,266.00	
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)		20.00	
Raise the Roof (cash)	370.00		
Totals this weekend	\$	20,538.73	



In 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 prated at 9:00am in the church followed by refreshments and Mexican folklor

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
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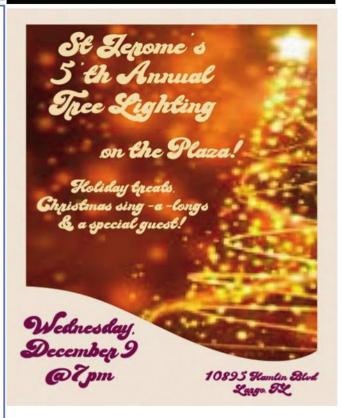
We encourage everyone to bring roto Our Lady of Guadalupe Monetary donations are also welcomed -

Call Sister Queia @ 727-410-1175

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to Weel the upcoming collection Decemb

Weekend of December 12 - 13



PLEASE NOTE: The 7:30PM Daily Mass for this evening will begin at 6:30PM instead, so that everyone can also join us at Mass before the Christmas Tree lighting begins with food and fun at 7:00PM.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES

Christmas flowers are used to beautify the Church during the Christmas Season. We are continuing our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church. The name of the person being memorialized or honored will be listed along with the donor name in the Parish bulletin during the Christmas Season. In addition, those using the flower envelope in the December packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.

To place an order, please complete the form below. Your offering (a \$10 suggested minimum per name) should be attached. Please make your check payable to "St. Jerome Church." You may place it in the Offertory collection or drop it off at the Parish Office.

The deadline to place your order is MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 at Noon

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO YOU MAY BE CONTACTED WITH ANY QUESTIONS

YOUR NAME	·		
ADDRESS			
PHONE		ENVELOPE#	
PLEASE CIRCLE EITHER "IN HONOR OF" OR "IN MEMORY OF"			
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Please include any ac	lditional names on a sep	parate sheet of paper	0

If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Merry Christmas!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



December 6, 2020

St Jerome ECC Presents:

Christmas Live Nativity Drive Through

Saturday December 12, 2020 6:00 – 8:00 pm Starts at South Entrance of Church Parking Lot

- Music
- Refreshments
- Lights
- Live Animals
- Fire Truck
- Santa



A St. Jerome Christmas



2020 Christmas Concert

Featuring: St. Jerome Chorale Bell Choir Soloists

Friday Dec. 18, 2020 7:30 PM On the Plaza

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Youth Ministry

To the Heights - OK - To the Gulf

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati lived in Italy in the early 1900's and died at 24 years old. He is known for seeing God in nature and taking friends, as well as teens, to climb mountains where, at that height, they could experience the awe of Our Father and have a Priest celebrate Mass.

On Saturday, November 22 our youth group took eight teens to the heights. Since there are no mountains to climb in Largo, we adapted and went to the Gulf. The teens as well as our Youth Ministers Mr. Mike and Ms. Marissa joined Fr. Rob on a kayaking trip guided by one of our parishioners Joe Blum. While kayaking, we had to paddle a lot, draw our kayaks across a sand bar, brave out a storm, watch as birds dove under our kayaks, and saw countless fish. Our destination was the island, where on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico we held Mass. At the conclusion of the trip we asked the youth what they enjoyed the most, and everyone agreed Mass on the deserted beach. We thank God for opening the youth at St. Jerome to say "Yes" and experience God in nature.

We look forward to our next youth gathering on December 13!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us by email or phone at the following:

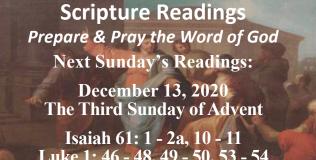
YouthMinistry@stjeromeonline.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7
7:00 am † Robert Hansen
9:00 am † Stewart Waller
4:00 pm † Edgar Vallar
Tuesday, December 8
7:00 am † Theresa Cunningham
9:00 am † Dennis Morrow 11:00 am † Raymond Joseph Sutter
11:00 am †Raymond Joseph Sutter
7:30 pm †Michael Bosler
Wednesday, December 9
7:00 am † T. David Heffron
9:00 am † Gregory Sowada
6:30 pm* † Katie Stirnaman
* Note: Special Mass time this week due to Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 10
7:00 am † George Young
9:00 am † O'Connor Family
Friday, December 11
7:00 am † Peter John Speroni
9:00 am † Michael Connolly
Saturday, December 12
8:45 am Novena
9:00 am Christine and Jerry Bray
Saturday, December 12
Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm Church † Roxanne Whaley
4:00 pm PC † Andrew Ermilio
Sunday, December 13
The Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 am † Daniel Steeg
9:00 am † Jimmy White
11:00 am Church † Freida Kowalski
11:00 am PC Dana Grady III

5:00 pm **Dwayne Michael Bastress**

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



John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28



Fr. Waters Fr. Cadrecha Msgr. Muldoon Fr. Cadrecha

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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!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Support our Early Childhood program while getting your holiday shopping



done. St. Jerome ECC is continuing their Scrip Fundraising program. Fundraising while you shop using gift cards instead of your cash or credit cards!!! You can use the gift cards to make

your own purchases or to give as gifts.

We offer PUBLIX cards as well as over 700 other retailers including Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Walgreens,



Speedway, Wawa's. We keep many cards on hand for immediate sale or you can place an order. You pay full face value for the gift cards and the retailers give us a percentage of the sale. The amount of our rebate varies from 1.5% to 13% depending on the retailer.

A representative will be in the Gathering Space of the Church after the 4:00 Masses on December 5th and 12th and all Masses on December 6th and 13^{th} .

If you would like to place an order between those dates, please contact the ECC office at 727-596-9491 or preschool@stjeromeecc.org. The last day to order will be December 14th.





) ray often for the souls of your loved ones and please consid joining us at the Month's Mind Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

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