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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)

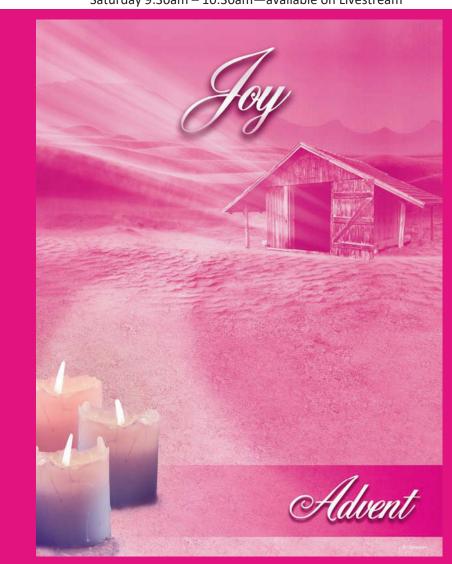
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

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



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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We would like to invite you to the following this week:

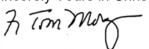
1) We will not be conducting an Advent Penance Service this year, but we have scheduled additional times for drive-through Confessions on Monday, December 14th at 9:45 am and 7:00 pm at the northern entrance of the church, at the southern

entrance of the church, and at the Cottage north of the church. The Knights of Columbus will, as they do each Saturday, assist us in directing penitents to the priests. The priest can only hear one Confession at a time, but if there is more than one person wanting to go to Confession, the Knights will assist in making this happen.



- 2) The St. Jerome Choir Christmas Concert will take place on the Plaza "outside" this Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm. The Plaza is located on the south side of the church.
- 3) We have faithfully had an Oplatek Blessing each year on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The blessing will take place on Sunday December 20th following the 11:00 am Mass in the church. The service includes a brief prayer gathering and sending families home with the Oplatek for Domestic Church use. Historical background: for centuries on Christmas Eve, families in Poland, Lithuania, and the Czech and Slav Republics have practiced a beautiful tradition. It is the breaking and sharing of the Oplatek - Christmas Wafer. Oplatek, taken from the Latin word oblatum, meaning Sacred Bread, has been the symbol of Christianity and Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life, since the Last Supper. On the Holiest Night of the year, a festive 12 course meatless dinner is prepared for the gathered family and friends. An extra setting is placed for a beggar (our Lord) who may come to the door, or a poor family (the Holy Family) looking for a place to stay. The host or hostess leads in a special prayer and distributes an Oplatek to the participants. Each person breaks off a piece of the other's Oplatek and continues until they have exchanged good wishes and blessings with everyone. Traditionally at midnight, the head of the household takes the pink Oplatek and shares it with the animals on his farm or at his home. This custom brings us back to that Holy Night when even animals were able to speak, and to remind us that we are all God's creatures.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



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| Christmas Eve | Thursday, December 24, 202 | 0 |
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| 4:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass | Church |
| 4:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass | Parish Center |
| 4:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass | Outside Church - East parking area |
| 6:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass | Church |
| Christmas Day | Friday, December 25, 2020 | |
| 12 Midnight | Christmas Mass | Church |
| 7:00 am | Christmas Mass | Church |
| 9:00 am | Christmas Mass | Church |
| 11:00 am | Christmas Mass | Church |

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 Dec 5 - 6, 2020

| Offertory | \$ 16,418.51 |
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| Electronic Giving | 7,030.00 |
| Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash) | 120.00 |
| Raise the Roof (cash) | 248.00 |
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Totals this weekend \$ 23,816.51

St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive



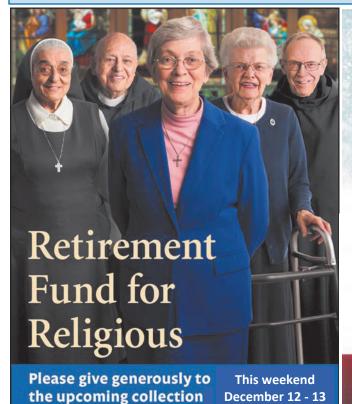
We would like to make Christmas special for many families in need.

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!

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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:

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Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7:30 PM on the Plaza

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Prayer for Expectant Mothers During the Christmas Season

+ Sign of the Cross

Prayer: Lord God, Creator of the human race, your Son, through the working of the Holy Spirit, was born of a woman, so that He might pay the age-old debt of sin and save us by His redemption. Receive with kindness the prayer of your servant as she asks for the birth of a healthy child. Grant that she may safely deliverer a son or daughter to serve you in all things, and to gain eternal life. We ask this through Christ the Lord. All: Amen.

+ Sign of the Cross

Prayers for the Home: Christmas Tree

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen." The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, de attended and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel

17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated. The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying: May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. R/. Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

— From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

Prayers for the Home: Manger

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. R/. Amen.

—From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"





Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14

7:00 am † Edmund McCarthy Fr. Cadrecha 9:00 am † Palma Sterling Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 am † **Mildred Bevilacqua** Msgr. Muldoon 9:00 am † **Bill Magi** Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, December 16

| 7:00 am † Michael O'Reilly | Fr. Tom |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 9:00 am † Ira Blackwood | Msgr. Muldoon |
| 7:30 pm † Kathleen McGlone | Fr. Cadrecha |

Thursday, December 17

| 7:00 am | † Edgar Vallar | Fr. Cadrecha |
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| 9:00 am | † Joseph Mahar | Fr. Tom |

Friday, December 18

| 7:00 am | † Matthias Wittenbauer | Fr. Tom |
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| 9:00 am | Gail Chieco | Msgr. Muldoon |

Saturday, December 19

| 8:45 am | Novena |
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9:00 am † **Dolores French** Fr. Tom

Saturday, December 19

Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

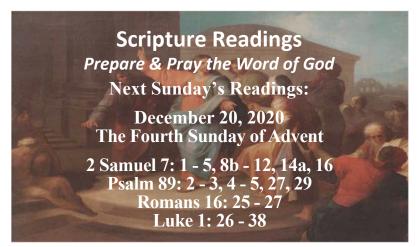
| 4:00 pm Church | † Marjorie & Johnny Hall | Msgr. Muldoon |
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| 4:00 pm PC | † Andrew Ermilio | Fr. Cadrecha |

Sunday, December 20

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

| 7:00 am † Sue Leary | Fr. Tom |
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| 9:00 am † William Filippi | Fr. Tom |
| 11:00 am Church † Freida Kowalski | Fr. Waters |
| 11:00 am PC All The People of The Parish | Fr. Cadrecha |
| 5:00 pm † Dr. Joseph J. Tepas III | Fr. Cadrecha |
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A representative will be in the Gathering Space of the Church after the 4:00 Mass on December 12th and all Masses on December 13th.

If you would like to place an order at any other time, please contact the ECC office at (727) 596-9491 or

<u>preschool@stjeromeecc.org</u>. The last day to order will be December 14th.

CHURCH LIGHTING REPAIR UPDATE



We continue to eliminate the less expensive sources of our church lighting problem and have now

turned to those that are a bit more expensive. This week we shipped the two large "dimmer panels" that control the lighting, to determine if those are the equipment in need of repair. The manufacturer is in Colorado and each panel weighs 53 pounds. Once received, the manufacturer will place them under diagnostic tests and then provide a quote, if necessary, for any modules not properly working.

We will continue to update you on the solutions to our lighting issues. We appreciate your patience as we get our lighting system back to normal.

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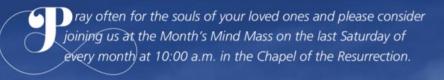
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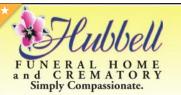
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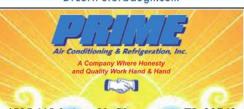
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