# 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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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)

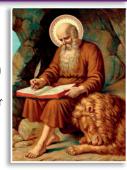
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

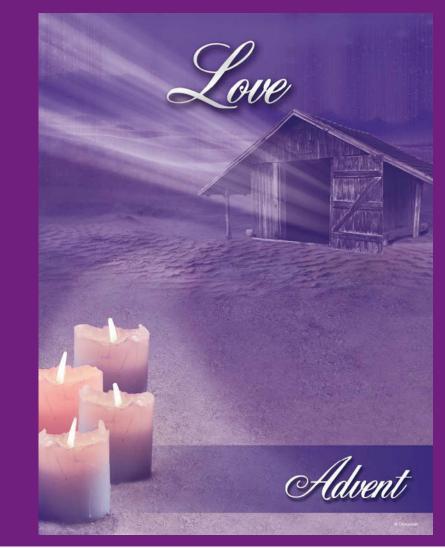
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am

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: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

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#### From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

Advent brings us to Bethlehem this week, as we journey with Joseph and Mary

to Bethlehem. The Christmas Mass schedule is presented below.

We have also included below a blessing for expectant mothers. We have additional prayers for the blessing of your manger scene on page 4 and your Christmas tree

on page 5.

If you will be traveling and away during this time, please know that the priests will be remembering you and all of our parishioners in our Christmas Masses. May the Holy Family keep you safe as you travel.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan



#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2020		
4:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Church	
4:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Parish Center	
4:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Outside - west of Ed Kilroy Building	
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	

Please bring a lawn chair to the outside 4:00 pm Vigil Mass for your own comfort.

We will also broadcast the 11:00 AM Mass at 87.9 on your FM radio if you are in our south parking lot (between the Parish Center and the Education building) and wish to stay in your car.

Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion will be available on Christmas day following the 11:00 am Mass, at the northern entrance of church for those unable to participate at a public gathering.

#### 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

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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 December 12 - 13, 2020

Offertory	\$ 24,196.00
Electronic Giving	4,936.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	27.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	 4,050.00
Totals this weekend	\$ 33,209.00

## MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS!



Please note:

The parish offices will be closed for Christmas beginning at noon on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. The

offices will reopen on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Merry Christmas!



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

## 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!

#### 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.

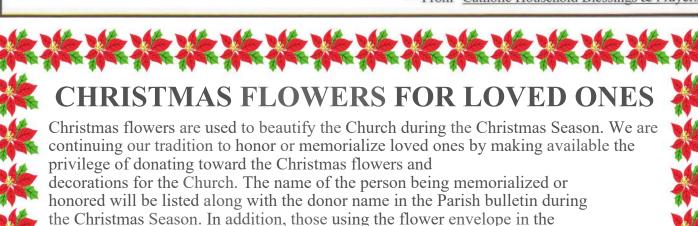
The leader prays with hands joined:

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"





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.

December packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.

### 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

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#### 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, decorated 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"



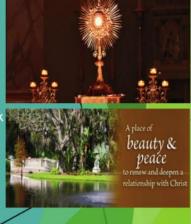
## **Youth Ministry**

#### A Hidden Gem in Clearwater

Our Lady of Divine Providence House of Prayer opened its doors in July 1980, proclaiming, "My House shall be called a house of Prayer for all peoples." Mark 11:17. Since that day, God's people come seeking the healing of Jesus in their body, mind and spirit and become strengthened by His grace through Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual direction and healing prayer.

On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> our youth group took nine teens to the house of prayer. Our Youth Ministers Mr. Mike, Ms. Marissa and Ms. Tina shared with our teens the breaking of bread at Carrabba's restaurant following a beautiful evening of Praise & Worship, Mass, and Adoration. We all left with a renewal in our spirits. We thank God for opening the youth at St. Jerome's to say "Yes" and experience the refreshing of their souls.

DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARENTS to attend a registration event in the parish hall; to sign an Essential consent form in which we will be providing the notary. Please remember to bring your I.D



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

YouthMinistry@stjeromeonline.org (727)221-0229

### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, December 21

7:00 am	† Judith Thatcher	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am	† Robert Natale	Fr. Tom

#### Tuesday, December 22

7:00 am	† Dolores French	Fr. Tom
9:00 am	† Eileen & David Komuro	Fr. Cadrecha

#### Wednesday, December 23

7:00 am	† David Kudelko	Fr. Tom
9:00 am	† Natasha Connolly	Msgr. Muldoon
7:30 pm	† William "Bill" DeVarti	Fr. Cadrecha

#### Thursday, December 24

7:00 am † <b>Ed Koch</b>	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Carol Sweetland	Msgr. Muldoon
4:00 pm Church † Chiavetta & Anselmo Families	Fr. Tom
4:00 pm PC † Paul Chapman	Msgr. Muldoon
4:00 pm Outside † All the People of the Parish	Fr. Cadrecha
6:00 pm † Mary Sullivan	Fr. Waters

#### Friday, December 25—Christmas

12:00 am	† William Hubert	Fr. Tom
7:00 am	† Bernard and Harriet Grassinger	Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am	† Gregory Miles John and Carolyn Russo	Fr. Cadrecha
11:00 am	† Margaret Harneit	Fr. Waters

#### Saturday, December 26

8:45 am	Novena
9:00 am	† Daniel Steeg

#### Saturday, December 26

#### Vigil for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

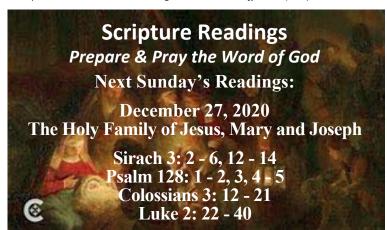
4:00 pm Church	† Paula Weber	Msgr. Muldoon
4:00 pm PC	† Andrew Ermilio	Fr. Waters

#### Sunday, December 27

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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



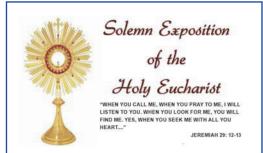


We are hoping to resume weekly Bingo some time in the new year. We will need enough players to successfully reopen. While no commitment is necessary, if you would like to join us when we reopen, would you please call the parish office at (727) 595-4610 NOW to let us know of your desire to be with us 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!

- 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

Fr. Cadrecha

- Players will be spread out, honoring social distancing
- Players must provide their own food and beverage



We will continue our regular practice of Exposition during the next few weeks, including Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31. Exposition will take place following the 9:00 AM Daily Mass, at about 9:30AM.

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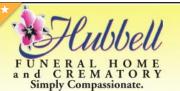




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