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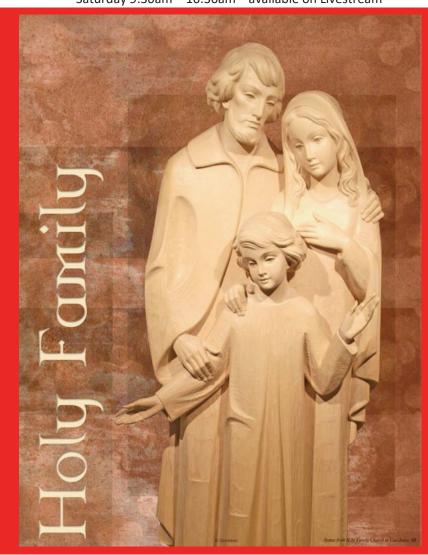
Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center) Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am (Family Liturgy), 11am (Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen)

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 Address/Phone:

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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We believe when Jesus spoke to John from the Cross and told him, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27), He was giving Mary His Mother to all believers. On Friday, January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are: Thursday, December 31st - 4:00pm Vigil Friday, January 1st - 7:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: How can I better see Christ in my family members? How can I better see neighbors and strangers as my sisters and brothers?

M: Jesus called those who follow the Gospel brother and sister and parent to Him. Who are your spiritual family at this time in your life? Celebrate them as well as your natural family on this feast of the Holy Family.

Drive-through distribution of Holy Communion will follow the 4:00pm Vigil Mass on Thursday and the 11:00am Mass on Friday.

The Church teaches that, "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (Theotokos)." #495 The Catechism of the Catholic Church. Mary is indeed the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. She is also the Mother of all Christians. As we begin this new year, let us draw close to Mary who always leads those she loves closer to her Son Jesus. Let us consider and reflect on the few words she speaks in the Holy Scriptures and let us consider and reflect on some of the words spoken about her:

Luke 1:38 - "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."

Luke 1:46 & 47 - "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Luke 2:19 - "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

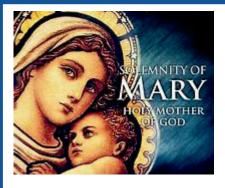
John 2:5 - "Do whatever, He tells you."

John 19:25 - "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother ... "

I have included below Ten Virtues of Mary that were inspired by St. Louis de Monfort who had a great devotion to Mary and advocated devotion toward her to others.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan



The 10 Virtues of Mary

- 1) Ardent Charity: Letting her love for God be the driving force behind every decision
- 2) Profound Humility: Knowing who she is before God, nothing more and nothing less
- 3) Universal Mortification: Seeking to lay down her life and her will at every moment
- 4) Constant Mental Prayer: Always being aware of God's presence
- 5) Blind Obedience: Following God's call without counting the cost
- 6) Divine Wisdom: Always begging for God's Spirit to guide her
- 7) Surpassing Purity: Having a heart immaculately clean and unstained by sin
- 8) Angelic Sweetness: Radiating joy and peace to everyone she encountered
- 9) Lively Faith: Constantly seeking God's will and never settling for complacency
- 10) Heroic Patience: Always trusting that God was on the move; having more faith in His plans than her own

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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 19 - 20, 2020

Due to the Christmas holidays, this collection will be reported next weekend.



Beginning
Monday, January
18, 2021,
parishioners may
request a year-end
statement for
their contributions
to St. Jerome for

the calendar year 2020. These statements can be either emailed or mailed.

Please call the parish office and leave your name and how you would like to receive your statements and we will get them out to you.

Please note: no statements will be sent automatically, so we request that you call us if you would like to receive yours!



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



Youth Ministry



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Youth Gatherings resume in 2021, hope to see you then!

Upcoming Youth Ministry Gatherings:

January 10, 2021

January 17, 2021

January 24, 2021

Schedule for Youth Gatherings:

Middle School Confirmation

Dinner for ALL Youth & Parents

High School Youth

3:30 - 4:45 pm

5:00 - 6:00 pm

6:00 - 7:00 pm

7:00 - 8:15 pm

No Youth Gatherings on December 27 or January 3.

Come.....Taste.....See

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

YouthMinistry@stjeromeonline.org

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15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63

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

A MESSAGE ON THE WEARING OF MASKS AT MASS

It has been our policy to ask all those attending Mass at St Jerome to wear masks. It will continue to be so until the CDC tells us that this no longer necessary. We will continue to have masks available for those who forget to bring a mask or their mask breaks during Mass. We ask for your cooperation, for there is a real concern on the part of some of our parishioners that their health could be compromised by those not wearing masks.

It is clearly sacrificial to wear a mask. We are aware, however, that some are unable to wear masks due to their health condition. I would remind everyone that Bishop Gregory Parkes' dispensation not to attend Mass, due to an individual being unable to attend a public gathering because of the possibility of their health being compromised, remains in effect. In addition, we will continue to



have Holy Communion available by drive through for those who participate by watching Mass on Livestream and then driving to church for reception of the Eucharist. It will not be the policy to enforce the wearing of masks. As good disciples, however, we seek to walk in knowledge and freedom, always keeping the good of others in mind. Since we seek to practice Jesus' mandate in Mt. 18:15, we ask those not wearing masks to please understand if a fellow worshiper asks the reason you are not wearing a mask. I request that those not wearing masks to please understand if others choose not sit by them in church. We ask for your assistance during this time by wearing a mask if you choose to attend Mass.

Fr. Tom Morgan

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 have not been meeting during the Christmas break but will start again in 2021, with our first meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. 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.

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WE NEED YOU! ASSISTANCE TO USHER MINISTRY



We are in need of a few additional ushers or usher assistants to make sure our collection is as efficient as possible and doesn't distract from the Mass. If you are

interested in helping us, even if it is from time to time, please contact the parish office or call Jim Cullinan at (727) 409-0146. Thank you!

MAY YOU HAVE A SAFE AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!



Please note:

The parish offices will be closed for New Years beginning at noon on Thursday, December 31.

2020. The offices will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9:30 AM. Happy New Year!

CHURCH LIGHTING REPAIRS



As many of you have experienced, we are having lighting problems with the system that controls our church lights. This system is very sophisticated and it has taken several experts assisting us to determine the exact cause. We now feel we have located the source of the problem, and we have shipped back to the manufacturer the dimming system panels for them to analyze and repair. We learned that one of the panels had three modules that would need to be replaced.

The company is now repairing the panel that is not working. We expect to receive both panels back in early January. They will be reinstalled and all the bulbs will be completely replaced to get the lighting system back to the baseline we had when they were newly installed. This process many take several weeks. We appreciate your patience as we get our lighting system "back to new."



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If you have any problems signing up or need other assistance, please call the parish office at (727) 595-4610 and we will provide that assistance.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28

7:00 am † David Andrew Starkey Msgr. Muldoon 9:00 am † Joel Mallare & Gregorio Mallare, Sr. Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 29

7:00 am † Rev. Joseph E. Walsh Fr. Tom 9:00 am † Peter J. Petino Msgr. Muldoon

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 am † Ed Koch Msgr. Muldoon 9:00 am † Gregory Sowada Fr. Tom 7:30 pm † Bill DeVarti Fr. Tom

Thursday, December 31

7:00 am † Matthew Morrow Fr. Tom 9:00 am † Gregory Sowada Msgr. Muldoon 4:00 pm † Wilhelmina & Charles Farley Fr. Waters

Friday, January 1, 2021 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:00 am Scott Family Msgr. Muldoon 9:00 am † Bill Magi Fr. Tom 11:00 am † John D. Martino Fr. Waters

Saturday, January 2

8:45 am Novena 9:00 am † Edgar Vallar

Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, January 2

Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm Church † **Barbara Farley** Fr. Waters 4:00 pm PC **All The People of The Parish** Fr. Tom

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

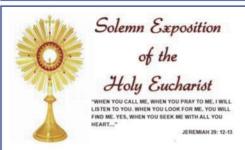
7:00 am Wiggs Family	Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Dwayne Michael Bastress	Fr. Waters
11:00 am Church † Rose & Horace Palmerone	Fr. Waters
11:00 am PC † Roenick Family	Fr. Tom
5:00 pm † Deceased Benefactors of St. Jerome	Fr. Tom

^{*}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 thank Barbara and Thomas Varvaro for donating a chalice dedicated in memory of their son Steven R. Varvaro for use at Mass at St. Jerome.



We will continue our regular practice of Exposition during the coming New Year.

Exposition will take place following the 9:00am Daily Mass, at about 9:30am, every Thursday and on the first Friday and the first Saturday of each month. Benediction will conclude adoration at 10:20am.

Exposition will be available on Livestream for those who wish to participate but not able to come to the church.

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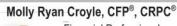
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