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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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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
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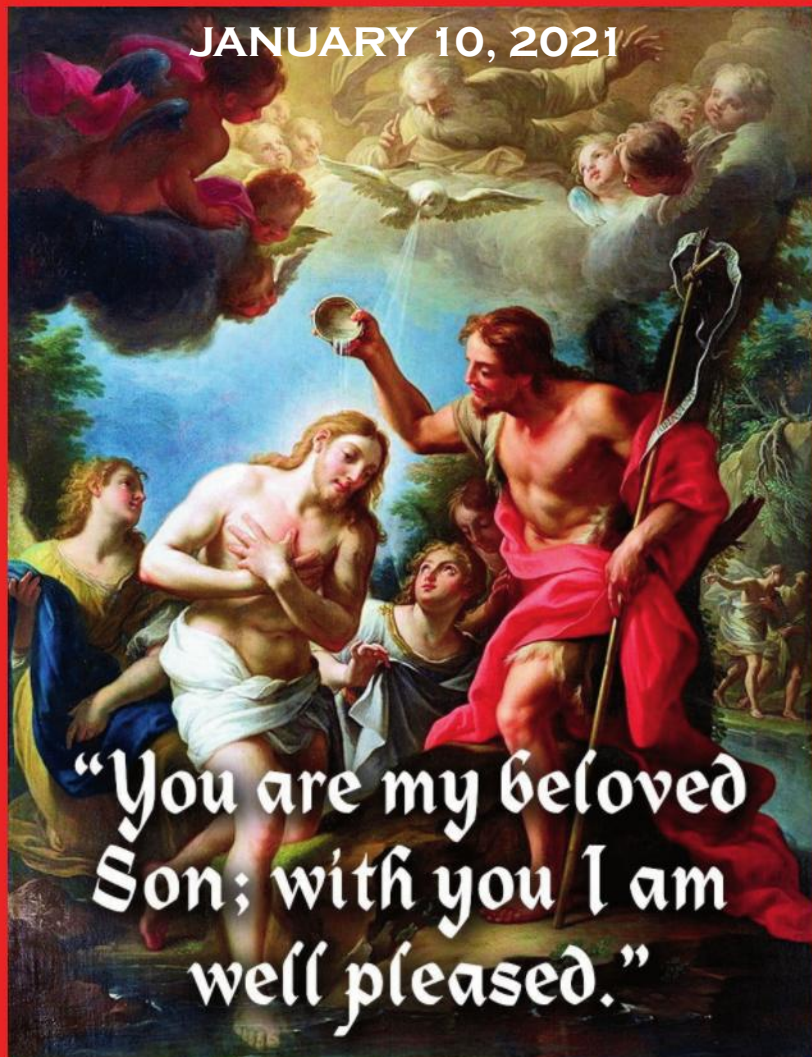
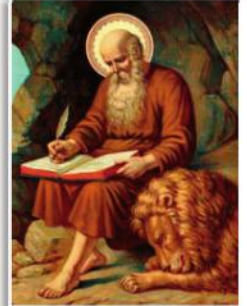
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am

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**



JANUARY 10, 2021

**“You are my beloved
Son; with you I am
well pleased.”**

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
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Baptism of the Lord

From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend. We see in Jesus and St. John the Baptist how their lives touched the lives of so many others. They willingly lived lives of sacrifice.

The path of discipleship always carries with it a cost. Perhaps we can consider all the sacrificing we have been doing for the past few months because of the coronavirus and the sacrifices that await us in the months ahead. John Donne reminds us that “no man is an island.” St. Paul similarly preached about how our lives have an impact on others in his discussion about eating meat sacrificed to pagan idols in 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. Perhaps for some, by refusing to wear a mask, we are affecting others. We live in a time where our health officials are reminding us of the importance of social distancing and wearing masks. We might want to consider what St. Paul taught in Romans 8:13, “...resolve never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of [another].” St. Paul also said in 1 Corinthians 8:13, “Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I may not cause my brother to sin.” We might want to ask ourselves what affect not wearing a mask is or may be having on others and choose not to be a “stumbling block.”

Respectfully yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

Please note that the parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: How can I bear witness to others to the new life I have in Christ and the Holy Spirit ?

M: In baptism we were each acknowledged as a beloved daughter or son of God. Help someone to know themselves as loved this week through your caring and service.

In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

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.

“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

Collection for Christmas, December 24 - 25, 2020

Offertory	\$ 35,280.95
Other	-
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 35,280.95</u>

Collection for the weekend of December 26 - 27, 2020

Offertory	\$ 19,413.05
Electronic Giving	6,440.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	21.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	200.00
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 26,074.05</u>

Collection for the Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4,580.00
Other	-
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 4,580.00</u>

Offertory	\$ 26,364.00
Electronic Giving	10,029.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	17.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	179.00
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 36,589.00</u>



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!

We would like to extend a special “thank you” to all our parish family. Through your generous donations, we distributed almost 100 Blessing Bags during the holidays. Since we’ve had such cold weather recently, our Blessing Bags have helped so many keep warm.

We also had our friend Kathy, who made 120 scarves, such that we created Warmth Bags. These bags contained gloves, hats, scarves, socks, ponchos, water and a picture of Jesus and our Blessed Mother. These new bags, along with the Blessing Bags, have been distributed throughout our local community as well as in Clearwater near the bus terminal, a location with so many homeless. At that location alone we gave out 19 bags. We also brought bags to Morton Plant Hospital. The Emergency Room has people coming in for medical help and then sent back out to the streets. We also brought 40 scarves over to Pinellas Hope. It has been such a blessing that we have the donations and supplies needed to make these bags and then have them available to distribute. With a grateful heart, we thank everyone for making this possible. Wishing each of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a truly happy and healthy New Year. Thank you and blessings to all.



Yanna & Jim Blackwell



St. Jerome Homeless Ministry COVID-19, 2020 Report

Starting on April 6, 2020, St. Jerome Homeless Ministry reconfigured cooking operations to provide Monday dinner meals for Pinellas Hope. We moved from cooking in the Parish Center kitchen to our homes. The complete meal was reduced to main course and a side dish as well as PB&J sandwiches for future lunches. Each dinner meal serves 200 residents.



Unsold bread and desserts donated by Publix is also collected and delivered for distribution. We are limited to 10 volunteers who participate each week. Kitchen workers at Pinellas Hope serve our meals as a safety precaution.

We are determined to pursue our commitment to feeding dinners and lunches for Pinellas Hope. Home cooking will continue until we are permitted to use the Parish Center kitchen.

Love through Christ
Pat and Rich Jennings



YOUTH MINISTRY



**Confirmation and High School Youth Gatherings
resume today - January 10, 2021!**

Hope to see you there!

Middle School Confirmation	3:30 – 4:45 pm
Mass	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Dinner for ALL Youth & Parents	6:00 – 7:00 pm
High School	7:00 – 8:15 pm

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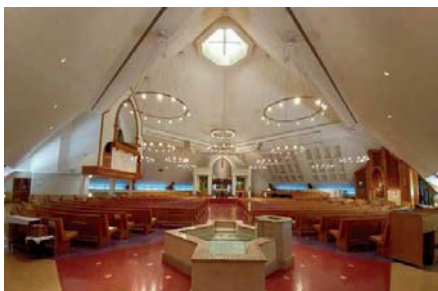
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GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are held on Wednesdays on the portico entrance to the church from 1 pm – 2:30 pm until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.

Our meetings for 2021 have begun. 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.

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 may take several weeks. We appreciate your patience as we get our lighting system "back to new."

St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive a success!



We would like to thank all those who made this year's Lifeline Christmas Toy Drive such a success. This was another great year of parishioner generosity, especially with the daily challenges we are all facing!

Please join us in thanking Lois Ann Chapman and her wonderful team members who worked so hard to collect, purchase and distribute hundreds of toys, making Christmas special for many families in need.

And we thank our parishioners for your continued generosity!



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:

<https://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html>

B I N G O				
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

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!

THANK YOU CAROL!



We would like to thank **CAROL KEEGAN**, who was so generous with her time and talent to assemble over 1,000 Epiphany Home Blessing Kits for our parishioners to take after our Masses last weekend for the Epiphany. May God bless you!

IS THE COVID VACCINE OK FOR CATHOLICS?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. Do these new vaccines align or conflict with the Church's teaching on life? Were they developed using aborted fetal cells? It's a complicated issue, but this statement provides guidance for the faithful. The statement in part reads:

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of "a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available."

Read the full text here <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11

7:00 am Msgr. Brendan Muldoon Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Greg Brett Fr. Tom

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 am Fr. Bob Gaudio Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Robert Johns Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, January 13

7:00 am † Daniel Brodnik Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Mary Spires Brown Fr. Tom
7:30 pm † Al Breig Fr. Tom

Thursday, January 14

7:00 am † Ronald Cassella Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Richard VanderHagen Msgr. Muldoon

Friday, January 15

7:00 am McKayla Duffy Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Helen Arlequeeuw Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, January 16

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Georgeann Esmerado Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, January 16

Vigil for The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

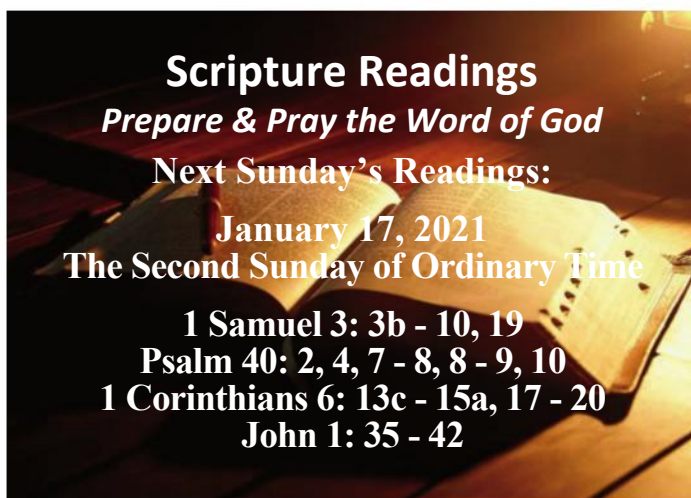
4:00 pm Church All the People of the Parish Fr. Tom
4:00 pm PC † Steven Mazzacco Fr. Waters

Sunday, January 17

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Linda O'Keefe Wood Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Nancy Reeves Fr. Tom
11:00 am Church † Fred & Marian Fabi Fr. Tom
11:00 am PC † Ann Roehm Msgr. Muldoon
5:00 pm † Roenick Family 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.*



Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

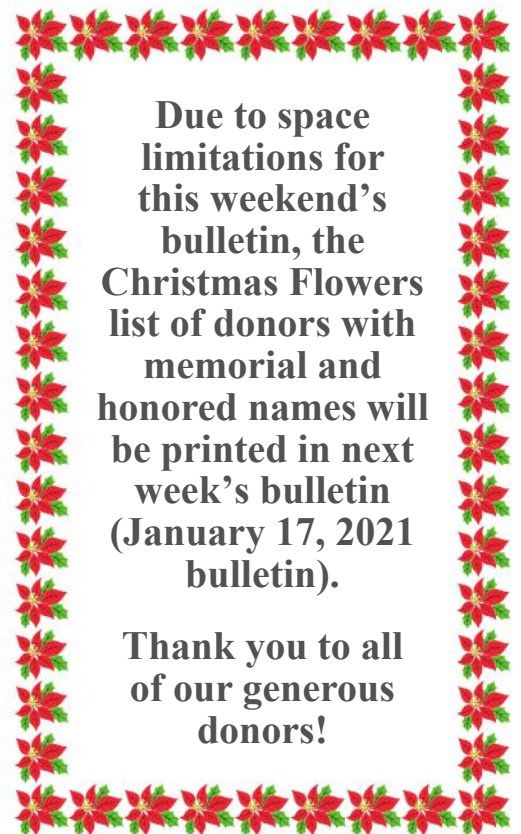
"WHEN YOU CALL ME, WHEN YOU PRAY TO ME, I WILL LISTEN TO YOU. WHEN YOU LOOK FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND ME. YES, WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART..."

JEREMIAH 29: 12-13

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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