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

FORMATION

Lisa Brett-Reeves Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION PREP

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ADMINISTRATIVE Deacon Cris Stout Parish Manager

MUSIC

Tom Kurt, Music Director **Erica DiCeglie**, Assoc. Music Director

BETHLEHEM CENTRE Joanne Biamonte, Coordinator (727) 596-9394

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Phyllis Steele, Administrator (727) 596-9491

WEBSITE/EMAIL

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

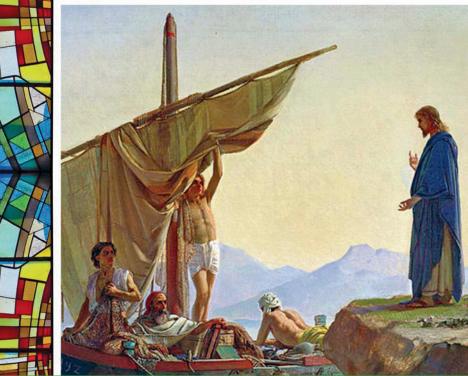
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am and 9am Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am



 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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. Mk 1:19-20



Parish Office Hours: Address/Phone:

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

Life and Dignity of the Human Person



With the passing of the 48th anniversary this last Friday (January 22) of the Supreme Court decision in Roe V Wade and Doe v. Bolton that legalized abortion throughout an entire pregnancy, we are called to reflect on the life and dignity of the human person.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our Catholic social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell

research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Our Catholic social teaching is based on both Scripture and long-standing Catholic tradition. Scripture passages include:

Genesis 1:26-31	God created man and woman in his image
Deuteronomy 10:17-19	God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger
Psalms 139:13-16	God formed each of us and knows us intimately
Proverbs 22:2	The Lord is the maker of both rich and poor
Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan recognized the dignity in the other and cared for his life
John 4:1-42	Jesus broke with societal and religious customs to honor the dignity of the Samaritan woman
1 Corinthians 3:16	You are holy, for you are God's temple and God dwells in you
Galatians 3:27-28	All Christians are one in Christ Jesus
1 John 4:7-12	Let us love one another because love is from God

All human beings, therefore, are ends to be served by the institutions that make up the economy, not means to be exploited for more narrowly defined goals. Human personhood must be respected with a reverence that is religious. When we deal with each other, we should do so with the sense of awe that arises in the presence of something holy and sacred. For that is what human beings are: we are created in the image of God (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 28)

Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (cf. Jn 1:14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life [Evangelium vitae], no. 3).

This Saturday, January 30, 2021, our 9:00AM Daily Mass will be a special Respect Life Mass, followed by a Rosary and Eucharistic procession. Please see page 5 of this bulletin for additional information. Let us pray together that all life is respected, from natural conception to natural death.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: How can I answer God's call and commit myself to help realize the kingdom of God here and now?

M: Consider what might have a hold on you and begin to relinquish its hold through Christ like detachment.

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January 24, 2021

St. IEROME

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 January 16 - 17, 2021

Offertory	\$	19,234.17
Electronic Giving		4,556.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)		55.00
Raise the Roof (cash)		60.00

Totals this weekend

\$ 23,905.17

SIAIEVENIS 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!

Attention ALL PARENTS: Please join us at dinner TONIGHT, Sunday, January 24, 2021 for Safe Environment training.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Confirmation Mass Dinner for ALL Youth & Parents Safe Environment Training High School

3:30 - 4:45 pm 5:00 - 6:00 pm 6:00 - 7:00 pm *During Dinner* 7:00 - 8:15 pm

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

YouthMinistry@stjeromeonline.org

Online Giving is indeed Fast, Easy and Convenient. When you sign up, you can make a "recurring" donation that allows you to specify the amount, the regularity (weekly, monthly or otherwise), when you want to start, and where (what fund) the donation is to go. You may make this donation securely from your bank account or from a debit or credit card.

You may conveniently go to our parish website at: **www.stjeromeonline.org** to sign up for Online Giving. Just click on the "Opportunities for Giving" icon at the top of our home page. 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.





Beginning

18, 2021,

Monday, January

parishioners may

request a yearend statement



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Catholic Days at the Capitol



Catholic Days at the Capitol will be a virtual event, held on February 2-3, 2021. Previous attendees, as well as those who have not been able to join Catholics in Tallahassee for this annual event, are urged to take this opportunity to participate as a way of bringing their values and voices to the political process. Online activities include virtual group meetings with legislators set up by the Office of Life, Justice and Advocacy.

You may register online at: https://www.flaccb.org/cdac-registration

One Team Tampa Bay Anti-Trafficking awareness event and missing children outreach

The Diocese is encouraging participation a community-wide Anti-Trafficking awareness and outreach event in anticipation of Superbowl LV. The event, sponsored by NOMORE and supported by the NFL Host Committee, will be held at Grace Family Church on Saturday, January 30, 2021. You can sign up individually, with friends or with a group. If you wish to sign up with a group from the Diocese, contact Sabrina at sab@dosp.org. COVID protocols will be followed. To learn more and register, visit: fornomore.org/superbowl

WIN UP TO \$20,000 in CASH AND SUPPORT **CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

As you might imagine, an increasing number of our students are requiring financial assistance to stay at CCC. In addition, the added expenses incurred by the school due to the COVID-19 pandemic have been significant and include technology support for our in-class and at-home students and our faculty; protective equipment including face masks/shields, desk shields and sanitizing stations; and increased staffing for added cleaning and sanitization of school facilities.

Clearwater Central Catholic High School

1st Prize: \$20,000

2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$500 4th Prize: \$250

5th Prize: \$100

Tickets: \$25 each or 5 for \$100

To purchase online, go to: https://ccchs.ejoinme.org/ wincash

CASH **VAFFLE**

Online ticket sales end at 5:00pm on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Drawing will take place on March 27, 2021 at **Clearwater Central Catholic High School.**

St. JEROME'S MARCH FOR LIFE Eucharistic Procession



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 10895 Hamlin Boulevard, Largo, Florida 33774



9:00 am Respect Life Mass 9:30 am Rosary Eucharistic Procession

Eucharistic Procession on Church Grounds

We are continuing our regular practice of Exposition during this 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.

the right to life? MARCH The LIFE

Will you be there to support

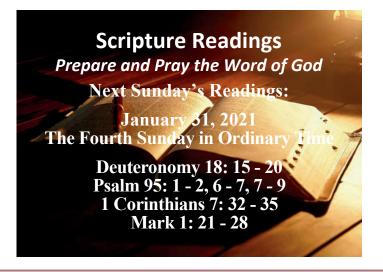
Exposition will be available on Livestream for those who wish to participate but not able to come to the church.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25 7:00 am + Gerard Ackhardt 9:00 am + Bill DeVarti **Tuesday, January 26** 7:00 am + Marie Forish 9:00 am + Daniel Steeg Wednesday, January 27 7:00 am + Virginia Fessler 9:00 am + Alfonso Ramos 7:30 pm Sr. Anne Kelley Thursday, January 28 7:00 am + Emelia Tenney 9:00 am + Carl Gravier Friday, January 29 7:00 am + Michael McGlaughlin 9:00 am + Leonard LeBlanc Saturday, January 30 8:45 am Novena 9:00 am + Dolly Carro Saturday, January 30 Vigil for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Church + Francis Bosch 4:00 pm PC **+ Troy Winright** Sunday, January 31 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am All ThePeople of The Parish 9:00 am + Jimmy White 11:00 am Church + Alfonso Ramos 11:00 am PC ⁺ Matt Wittenbauer

5:00 pm + Matt Wittenbauer

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



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PRAYER TO IMITATE THE HUMILITY OF JESUS AND WEAR A MASK



Heavenly Father, your servant St. Paul in Philippians 2:6-8 reminds us that your Son Jesus, "...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself...he humbled himself."

We are being called to consider others at this moment by the simple act of wearing a mask as we face this global pandemic. We recognize that, due to their health conditions, some are unable to wear a mask and we lift them up in prayer. As they are more vulnerable than the rest of us, please protect them. For the remainder of us, we ask the special grace to imitate the humility of your Son Jesus and for the good of our brothers and sisters to wear a mask, for we recognize that no philosophical position is greater than your call to "...love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:39) Help us to take to heart the lesson that St. Paul taught in Philippians 2:4 to look "...out not for [our] own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others." In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen.

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



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