## 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**

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**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
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Msgr. Brendan Muldoon Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Dacian Dee Assisting Priest

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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)

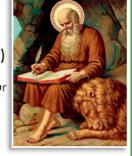
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

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

Confessions: Saturday morning 9:30am - 10:30am

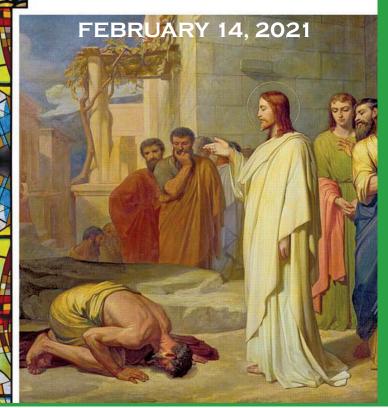
Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in the church, also by request

**Holy Hour and Benediction:** Every Thursday and every First Friday and First Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am—available on Livestream



# 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."



Parish Office Hours: Address/Phone:

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

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#### From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We make this journey with Jesus as we accompany Him into the desert. We focus on three areas: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Catherine Doherty once said that "Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit?

Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

#### Steps for our Lenten Journey:

- 1) Make use of our special Lenten bulletin available at our church and online.
- 2) Observe the regulations for fast and abstinence prescribed by the Church. Please see below.
- 3) Attend Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 9:30am or 7:00pm in the church or pray them privately at home. All Stations will be livestreamed.
- 4) Participate in almsgiving and sacrificial giving by participating in the "Operation Rice Bowl" program. Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances. Please return your Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday.
- 5) Pick up a Lenten nail to carry with you throughout the 40 days of Lent as a reminder to imitate Christ's sacrifice for us.
- 6) Attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 4:00pm, or 7:30pm. Ashes will be distributed through the use of a disposable cotton ball for each individual. All Masses will be livestreamed.
- 7) Attend Daily Mass if possible. Our Daily Mass schedule is: Monday through Friday: 7:00am and 9:00am, Wednesday 7:30pm, and on Saturday 9:00am. All Daily Masses will be livestreamed.
- 8) Receive the Sacrament of Penance. Drive-through Confession are heard on Saturday at the northern entrance of the church from 9:30am to 10:30am.

May God bless you on your Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tom Morgan

#### **Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence**

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- → Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
- → **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
- → **Pastoral Note:** Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

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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 February 6 - 7, 2021

 Offertory
 \$ 26,662.00

 Electronic Giving
 7,392.50

 Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)
 78.00

 Raise the Roof (cash)
 190.00

Totals this weekend \$ 34,322.50

#### In gratitude, we present the Christmas Flowers list of donors with those being memorialized

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We apologize that we omitted a listing in the January 17, 2021 bulletin for a Christmas Flowers Memorial. We present that memorial below:

## The Woznick Family by Elvira M. Chiaracane

We thank Elvira for the donation.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Our Mass schedule on Ash Wednesday will be:

7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:30 PM

### **LENT 2021 : Tree of Charity (Love)**

We all have the responsibility to improve the quality of life in our home and in our community, especially during the Lenten season. This past year with all its challenges has given us opportunity for many acts of kindness.

Over the Sundays of Lent, we invite parishioners/families to volunteer to come forward before Mass begins and provide a witness. You are invited to share one such act of charity you have performed or have experienced.

Choose a symbol which represents your story, say why you chose that symbol and share your "charity" story. Place your symbol on our Tree of Charity.

Come as a family or as a single person. Speak for about two-three minutes (maximum). First, introduce yourself and your family members. After you have placed a symbol on tree, you may return to your place.

Please arrive fifteen minutes before Mass. Let sacristan know you are there for the Tree of Charity. Thank you!



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.

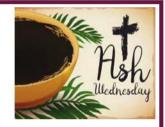
Due to COVID-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom. An email will be sent with the Zoom link prior to the meetings. Please call 727 244-2832 or for more information, please go to:

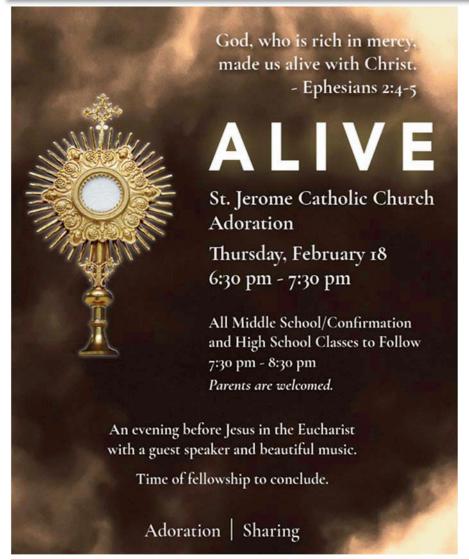
http://www.stjeromeonline.org/kofc.html

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: What strained bond can I help heal this week? What barrier can I break down?

M: Welcome an outsider in. Invite someone to lunch who normally gets left out. Share extra minutes talking with a neighbor who lives alone. Call a relative who is estranged. Stretch our community at the borders.





Coming Soon!!! The Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph



Saturday and Sunday, March 20 - 21, 2021

#### **Featuring:**

Auction for Gift Baskets Specialty Baskets to be donated by parishioners, including Fr. Rob's Mom!

Now, THAT'S ITALIAN!

Mass and Procession Saturday, March 20, 2021

St. Joseph Table/Breads



#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

"Life - Justice - Advocacy"

Do Justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:6-8)

FAITH & ACTION for STRENGTH TOGETHER (FAST), with over 40 congregations in Pinellas County, meets each year with local officials to work for justice concerns since it began in 2005. Every year FAST gets results by on-going research and focus. The FAST issues in 2021 are:

**Affordable Housing** 

**Behavior Health & Addiction** 

**Criminal Justice** 

On **Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00pm** we will ZOOM\*\* with our Community Organizer, Jacqueline Reyes to get ready for the annual: FAST RALLY on March 8 at 6:45

FAST ACTION on March 22 at 6:45

All 2021 EVENTS will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's parking lot & ZOOM

\*\*Join Zoom Meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84103947795?pwd=VUI1eG5tMGx3aG5xT2xwQzBiK0xjUT09

*If you are NOT* on ZOOM at home, please contact Carla Rollandini at <u>Carla953@msn.com</u> or (703) 477-4334 or call Sr. Lucia in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

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#### The Good News from St. Jerome Early Childhood Center



The Preschool has just concluded our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. What a wonderful gift this school is to us and to all of you! As educators, our job is to develop young minds and bodies for future learning success. As Catholic School educators, our role becomes even more vital as we immerse children in the love of God through teaching and example. When we look to the future of our Church and our society as a whole, we realize that our hope lies in the little ones who will carry this love in their hearts.

Our 7 day celebration included making gifts for grandparents, wearing pajamas to school and donating stuffed animals to the Police Department, enjoying special activities on Field Day, holding a Prayer Service, thanking our teachers for all their hard work and enjoying a special gift basket of Family activities at home.

Registration for the next school year (2021-22) begins on February 16, 2021 for new students. Our program offers half-day and full-day options for two, three and four year old students. We are happy to offer after-hours tours to interested families. Please call our office with any questions or to schedule a tour. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org/">https://www.stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org/</a>

If you want the best early education for your child, you will find it right here! We are the only NAEYC accredited Catholic Preschool in Pinellas County. Local Kindergartens consistently praise our students for their level of preparedness. Our play-based philosophy is child-friendly and effective! Come and see!

## St. Jerome Early Childhood Center 2021-22 School Year Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Open registration begins February 15, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year. St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and four. St. Jerome ECC is fully accredited by NAEYC and is a Gold Seal school. Full or part day programs are available. St. Jerome ECC is a VPK provider for four-year olds, which allows all four year olds to attend the morning program at **no cost**. We now offer an additional option VPK+ which provides additional academic learning for those staying until 3:00 pm. Space is currently available in all age groups. Families interested in enrolling their children are asked to call **(727) 596-9491** or visit our website at stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org for additional information and registration materials. Children who will be two, three, or four on or before September 1, 2021 will be eligible to enroll for the upcoming school year.

You may schedule a tour after school hours in order to see our vibrant classroom environments and learn more about our dynamic programs. We look forward to speaking with you soon!



#### **GIVE THE "GIFT OF LIFE"**

The "BIG RED BUS" will be coming to St. Jerome on Sunday, February 21, 2021, arriving at 7:30AM and accepting blood donations through 1:00PM. All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood gift! Plus, all donors will receive a wellness checkup including a COVID-

19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

We strongly encourage making an appointment in advance of February 21, 2021. Walk-ins may be taken, depending on the number of appointments made. To make an appointment, please visit: **www.oneblood.com/donate-now** 

Please use sponsor code #12669, so that they know you will be donating at St. Jerome. Thank you for donating the "Gift of Life!"



#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, February 15

7:00 am † **Arnold Semrau** Fr. Cadrecha 9:00 am † **John Dorans** Fr. Tom

#### Tuesday, February 16

7:00 am † Michael McGlaughlin Fr. George M. 9:00 am † Bill DeVarti Fr. Cadrecha

#### Wednesday, February 17

7:00 am	† Chester Kotkowski	Fr. Waters
9:00 am	† Regina Tursi	Fr. Cadrecha
11:00 am	† Kevin Roche	Fr. Cadrecha
4:00 pm	† Robert Harpo Catizone	Fr. Tom
7:30 pm	† Maryanne Ballard Pitre	Fr. Tom

#### Thursday, February 18

7:00 am	† Inez Kaufmann	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am	† Mary Minucci	Fr. Tom

#### Friday, February 19

7:00 am	† Sue Leary	Fr. Tom
9:00 am	† Margaret Liptak	Fr. George M.

#### Saturday, February 20

8:45 am Novena 9:00 am † Joseph Waller

Fr. Tom

#### Saturday, February 20

#### **Vigil for The First Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm Church	All the People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
4:00 pm PC	† Troy Winright	Fr. Cadrecha

#### Sunday, February 21

#### The First Sunday of Lent

7:00 am † Thomas Cunningham, II	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Stewart Waller	Fr. Cadrecha
11:00 am Church Louis Teutonico	Fr. Tom
11:00 am PC	Fr. Waters
5:00 pm + Charles Denton	Fr. Tom

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

### **Scripture Readings**

Prepare and Pray the Word of God Next Sunday's Readings:

> February 21, 2021 The First Sunday of Lent

> Genesis 9: 8 - 15 Psalm 25: 4 - 5, 6 - 7, 8 - 9 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22 Mark 1: 12 - 15

.... when in a Garden .... one is closer to God!



#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

At St. Jerome we need to maintain two acres of grounds around the church, year around (not including the parking lot!). The task covered by our Landscaper's contract are limited; to expand them is currently cost prohibitive.

Many hands are needed to restore our grounds to a well-maintained, garden-like state. Experts from the USF Extension Services have agreed to provide input and guidance. "Green Thumbs" are not required, but appreciated. Ability to socially distance is not a problem – there's plenty of space! Please give "lending YOUR hand" prayerful consideration and if you feel "called," please contact the Parish Office and come join us in "the Garden."

#### LIFELINE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Lifeline is again running low on food, as we cannot rely on our usual bulk sources. Our "List of Preferred Foods" includes:

- · Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Beef stew
- Hearty canned soups
- Canned pork and beans
- Peanut butter
- Jellies and jams of any kind
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Pasta/spaghetti
   Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Rice (2-pound bags) Cereal

Please, nothing fresh or perishable!

Donations may be left at the parish office, the chapel (open 24 hours a day), or bring your donations with you for Sunday or Daily Mass. Lifeline bins are located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your help!

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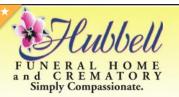


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