

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 (Church), 9am (Parish Center), 11am (Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen Mass)

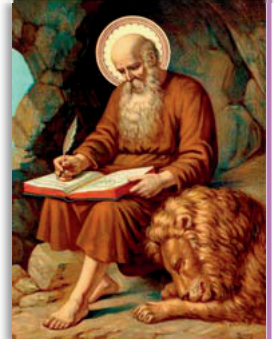
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

**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 9:30am – 10:30am—available on Livestream



LENT

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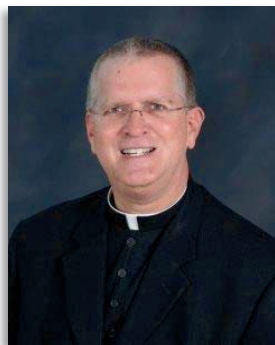


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 21, 2021**

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

Why are the Crucifix, statues, and images covered in the church? It is the custom of the Catholic Church in the United States to cover crosses and images from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent prior to the celebration of the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

This custom probably goes back to the “hunger cloth” or Lenten veil which, from the eleventh century, was suspended in front of the altar at the beginning of Lent in order to hide it from the congregation. A possible reason for this original custom was the fact that there were public sinners present among the faithful. In point of fact, as part of the penitential rite, these people were excluded from the church at the beginning of Lent, but, since all knew themselves to be sinners (as, for example, the extension of the rite of ashes to all the faithful shows), the community (it was thought) should be, and wished to be, deprived of the sight of the altar. At times, reference was made to a “fast of the eyes.” Later on, the hunger cloths became smaller and had pictures of Christ's passion on them.

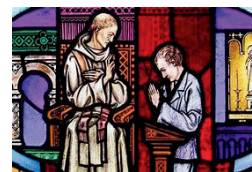
The veiling of crosses, statues and pictures, which came into practice somewhat later than veiling of the altar, is perhaps based on the notion of a “fast of the eyes” as noted above. At the end of the thirteenth century, Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explained this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this explanation as implied in John 8:59, which read: *But Jesus hid himself and left the temple.* Prior to Vatican II the editors of the Schott Missal saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended to remind us of the Redeemer’s humiliation and thus imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts. (The Liturgical Year, by Adolf Adam, Pueblo Publishing, 198 1, P. 106).

Please see our Holy Week schedule, along with our Easter Sunday Masses, on the next page. Included below this column is the schedule of SPECIAL LENTEN CONFESSIONS on Monday morning, March 22, 2021.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

SPECIAL LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not hold our traditional Lenten Penance Service this year. We will have, however, special drive-thru Confessions available on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 9:30 AM, with three priests hearing confessions. Please follow the directions of our Knights of Columbus members.



THIS WEEK’S QUESTION AND MISSION

- Q: Do I believe I have the One who is the resurrection and the life within me? How does this motivate me to live my life in a new way?
- M: Where in your life might it be inconvenient to see Jesus? Invite Him to be there; let Him prepare a dwelling place.



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS—The Entrance Rites

These rites, serving to introduce and prepare for the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, are to help the people become a community at worship, an assembly convoked by God. Structurally, these rites are of secondary importance and are celebrated as such. Their major elements are the entrance song and the opening prayer.

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 March 13 - 14, 2021

Offertory	\$ 18,360.00
Electronic Giving	4,653.50
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	30.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	70.00
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 23,113.50</u>



The Legion of Mary at St. Jerome will lead a special Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass on

Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

This rosary is in honor of the celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 27 - 28, 2021	Palm Sunday - Passion of Christ and the Blessing of palms at all Masses
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	7:30 pm - Seven Last Words - Church
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	8:15 pm - Tenebrae - Church
Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021	7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church. Adoration until midnight - Tent
Good Friday, April 2, 2021	3:00 pm - The Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - Church 7:00 pm - The Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - Church
Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021	12:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets - Church 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass - Church
Easter Sunday Masses	
Sunday, April 4, 2021	7:00 am - Church 7:00 am - Tent 9:00 am - Church 9:00 am - Parish Center 9:00 am - Tent 11:00 am - Church 11:00 am - Parish Center 11:00 am - Tent



Messa in Italiano

in the main church of the Cathedral of St. Jude

Mass in Italiano Sunday, March 28th, 2020 at 3:00PM. **PLEASE NOTE:** this is one hour earlier than usual.

Please come to pray and sing in ITALIANO (Italian). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, O. de M. (Mercedarian Friar)

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EASTER FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES

Easter flowers are used to beautify the Church during the Easter Season. We are continuing our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Easter flowers and decorations for the Church. The name of the person being memorialized or honored will be listed along with the donor name in the Parish bulletin during the Easter Season. In addition, those using the flower envelope in the March packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.

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.

**The deadline to place your order is
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021 at Noon**

**PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO
YOU MAY BE CONTACTED WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

YOUR NAME _____

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PHONE _____ ENVELOPE# _____

PLEASE CIRCLE EITHER "IN HONOR OF" OR "IN MEMORY OF"

In Honor of/In Memory of _____ by _____

In Honor of/In Memory of _____ by _____

Please include any additional names on a separate sheet of paper

If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Merry Christmas!



Received from MPM Faith Community Nursing There are appointments available at Pinellas County vaccination sites. We have over 12,000 appointments for first doses available today through 3/19 at the Pinellas Park and St. Pete sites. Persons over 65+ will need to register on the CDR Health Patient Portal, <https://www.patientportalfi.com/> or by phone at (844) 770-8548. The registration takes about 5 minutes and they would be able to make an appointment right then. It will also make the second appointment for them.

We also learned last week, Disability Achievement Center is partnering with PSTA to offer FREE rides to scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointments at non-drive thru sites. To qualify this free ride service, you must be a person with disability, live in Pinellas County, and not have access to transportation. Call DAC at 727-539-7550 for more info & assistance. This could be beneficial for persons transportation challenged trying to get to a county site.

St. Jerome ECC is selling Mother's Day Mums and Hydrangeas as a fundraiser!



We will be at all weekend Masses beginning March 13 through March 28 to take orders. Orders can also be submitted directly to the Early Childhood Center either by phone (727-596-9491), email (preschool@stjeromeecc.org) or fax (727-596-8953). The last day to submit orders directly to the ECC will be Wednesday March 31st.



Your purchase pick up will be during the week of April 26th. You will be notified of the specific time and place via email or text.

Below are your choices of plants to order.

Thank you for your support!

	PRICE	QUANTITY	Sub-TOTAL
6.5" Mum	\$10.00		
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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

7:00 am † **Michael McGlaughlin** Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † **Bill DeVarti** Fr. Tom

Tuesday, March 23

7:00 am † **Charles O'Toole** Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † **Theresa Cunningham** Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 am † **Robert McMullen** Fr. George M.
9:00 am † **Carl Silagi** Fr. Cadrecha
7:30 pm † **Joan Madore** Fr. Tom

Thursday, March 25

7:00 am † **Lenore Beetar** Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † **Dolly Carro** Fr. Tom

Friday, March 26

7:00 am † **Elizabeth & Joseph Weber** Fr. Tom
9:00 am **Justin Stanley** Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, March 27

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † **Lois McKearnan** Fr. George M.

Saturday, March 27

Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 pm Church † **John & Katherine Scullin** Fr. Tom
4:00 pm PC † **Joe Errico** Msgr. Muldoon

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 am † **Linda O'Keefe-Wood** Fr. Tom
9:00 am Church † **Jimmy White** Fr. Tom
9:00 am PC † **Paul Reese** Fr. George M.
11:00 am Church † **Dick Spiers** Fr. Waters
11:00 am PC † **Thomas Connors** Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm **All the People of the Parish** 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.*

Scripture Readings

Prepare and Pray the Word of God

Next Sunday's Readings:

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

Psalms 22: 8 - 9, 17 - 18, 19 - 20, 23 - 24

Philippians 2: 8 - 9

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

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Affordable Housing
Behavior Health & Addiction
Criminal Justice

FAST RALLY

on March 8, 2021 at 6:45pm

FAST ACTION

on March 22, 2021 at 6:45pm

All FAST events will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's parking lot & ZOOM

Please contact Carla Rollandini at Carla953@msn.com or (703) 477-4334 or call Sr. Lucia in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

LIFELINE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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