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

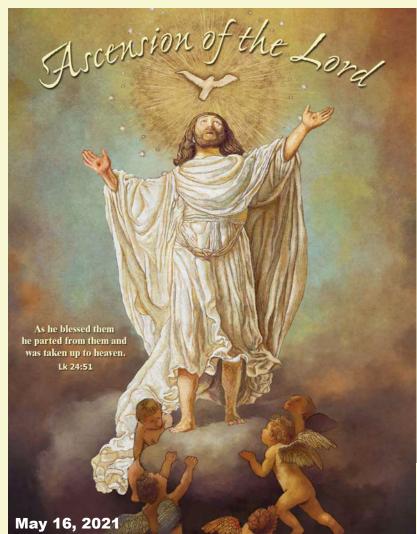
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

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



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

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### A Special Edition of From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

Bishop Gregory Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, issued a statement announcing that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg will expire on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2021. Details about these particular dispensations can be found on the diocesan website (www.dosp.org/coronavirus) and diocesan social media sites.

Please see page 5 of this bulletin for additional information from Bishop Parkes regarding particular dispensations.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed an executive order on Monday, May 3, 2021, that immediately suspended the state's remaining Covid-19 public health restrictions. Governor DeSantis acknowledged that the private sector can still require masks and enforce social distancing and other protective measures. In addition to this allowance by our Governor, we continue to be aware of the guidelines put out by the CDC encouraging the wearing of masks and the continued necessity of social distancing. It has been our desire from the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis to keep our community safe. We recognize that St. Jerome parish is composed of many senior parishioners who have are part of the vulnerable population that have been affected most by the coronavirus. Also, at this time the number of people fully vaccinated in Pinellas County is 37.3%. Please see https://data.democratandchronicle.com/covid-19vaccine-tracker/florida/pinellas-county/12103/ for any updates to this statistic. It seems prudent to continue to encourage those attending Mass at St. Jerome to wear masks and continue to social distance. In addition, recently two parishes in our Diocese had to close down temporarily due to COVID being present among the priests, staff and parishioners.

I would like to mention that from the beginning we have encouraged the wearing of masks but have not enforced mask wearing. We were aware that there are some unable to wear masks due to health reasons. My observations have been that most of those attending Mass have worn masks all during this crisis. We are also aware that there are differing views regarding the wearing of masks. It would seem best to continue to be cautious and if wearing masks and social distancing assists in keeping someone vulnerable safe from the virus we would want to do so.

Our plan to transition to a more normal spiritual and social environment here at St. Jerome is presented on pages 3 and 4 of this bulletin.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tom Morgan

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: What can I do to actively witness to my faith?

M: Continue to remind others of what Hebrews 7:25 says, "[Jesus] is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them."

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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.

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Offertory \$ 19,597.57 Electronic Giving 7,367.50 Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash) 66.00 Raise the Roof (cash) 163.00

Totals this weekend \$ 27,194.07

#### Collection for the weekend of May 8 - 9, 2021

Offertory \$ 17,873.02 Electronic Giving 4,367.50 Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash) 15.00 Raise the Roof (cash) 110.00

Totals this weekend \$ 22,365.52

#### St. Jerome Pastor's COVID-19 Transition Plan through September 1, 2021

#### **Currently:**

- Wearing of masks and social distancing continues at Mass and currently-allowed parish meetings.
- Congregational singing resumes during Mass
- Sunday church bulletin and other material now being distributed at Sunday Mass (the bulletin is also available on the parish web site and parish Facebook page)
- Large print missalettes and Breaking Bread Missal and Hymnal are now available in the church for use at Mass.
- Livestreaming of Masses and other liturgical events continues
- Drive-through Confession continues at the northern entrance of the church
- Drive-through distribution of Holy Communion on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 12 noon at the northern entrance of the church
- We have returned to having a priest lead the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Saturday Mornings at 8:45 am. The Novena will, as in the past, be livestreamed
- Ministries or individual groups meeting and under agreed guidelines for COVID-19 safety: Baptism Classes, RCIA, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Confirmation and Youth Ministry, AA and AL anon, Grief Share, Life-Line Food Bank, Homeless Meal Ministry, Legion of Mary, 11:00 am Sunday Choir, Spirit Singers Children Choir, and our Life Teen 5:00 pm Sunday Mass Choir

#### Beginning the weekend of May 22/23, 2021, and through the months of June, July, and August:

- Holy Water will return to the Baptismal Font and the Holy Water fonts at the entrances of our church and chapel
- We will return to having parishioners bring forward the offertory gifts at our Sunday Masses
- Masks and social distancing in church and parish buildings continues, unless the CDC issues a directive that this is no longer necessary. We realize that there are those who are unable to wear masks due to health reasons
- We also remind anyone not feeling well to avoid attending Mass and you are encouraged to participate in the Mass by watching our livestream broadcasts
- We anticipate during this time having drive-up Confessions and the opportunity of receiving the Eucharist at the north entrance of the church on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 12 noon
- Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated in the church
- We are anticipating discontinuing our 9:00 am and 11:00 am additional Masses in the parish center *when* and if the additional Masses are no longer needed (plan continues on next page)

#### It is our hope that as of September 1, 2021:

- Social distancing will no longer be necessary in our church and parish buildings and the wearing of a mask is by choice
- 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Center ends
- Our previous Sunday Mass schedule returns for September May:
  - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 5:30pm
  - Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Family Liturgy), 10:45 am, 12:30 pm, and 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
- St. Jerome Van Ministry (ride to church) will begin on the weekend of September 4/5
- The sign of peace will resume during Mass
- We will return to having those at Mass come forward for the reception of Holy Communion
- We will resume the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds when we have been authorized to do so
- We will return to hearing Confessions on Saturday in our chapel. The time will soon be announced
- We will no longer be distributing the Eucharist on a drive through basis. As in pre-COVID times, those unable to participate at a public Mass will be asked to contact Sr. Lucia Brady to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring the Eucharist to the home.
- Coffee and doughnuts will resume in the Parish Center following the 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:45 am on Sunday September 19th
- Weekly Friday visits to our homebound parishioners by a priest will resume
- Priest visitation of the nursing homes located within the boundaries of our parish will resume
- Daily Mass will return to the chapel
- Parish Center Rededication on Sunday September 12, 2021 following the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, at approximately at 12:15 pm
- Parish ministries return to meeting: Bethlehem Center, ALPHA, Stephen Ministry, Vocation Ministry, Small Christian Community Advent and Lent Groups, St. Joseph Covenant Keepers and That Man is You Men's groups, St. Jerome Health Ministry, Adult Faith Formation Ministry, Sunday Coffee and Doughnuts, Adult Bible Studies, RCIA weekly in person meetings, Altar Society, Returning Catholics, Hospitality Table returns to Sunday Masses, Greeters at all of our Sunday Masses, the St. Jerome Gift Shop reopens, Funeral Ministry and Funeral Family receptions resume, Martha Mary Guild, Respite Ministry, Social Committee, Bingo, and in person Knights of Columbus meetings and more.
- Bingo resumes on Thursday September 16th in the Parish Center
- Livestreaming of our Masses in the church and chapel continues
- St. Jerome Feast Day Celebration Sunday September 26th, Parish Center, time to be announced

\* The above are subject to the circumstances that our country finds itself regarding COVID-19.

#### CONGRATULATIONS! to Terry Porter on her Retirement from St. Jerome Early Childhood Center



Terry came to St. Jerome Early Childhood Center in September 1994 looking for a preschool for her oldest daughter. Her daughter started school the next day and Terry never looked back. For four years she served as a volunteer with the ECC and then, when her youngest was ready to go on to Kindergarten, Terry was blessed with the opportunity to take over the position of Office Manager for the ECC. She has dedicated the last 22 years to helping make St. Jerome ECC the best preschool in the area. She has been the smiling face at the door to greet the many families that have entrusted us with their most precious treasures. She has made it easier for families to make the transition from having their children at

home to going to school and then going on to Kindergarten. Please wish her well as she moves toward retirement. She will be very missed!

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#### Bishop Gregory Parkes' Specific Instances Where the Dispensation Will Continue

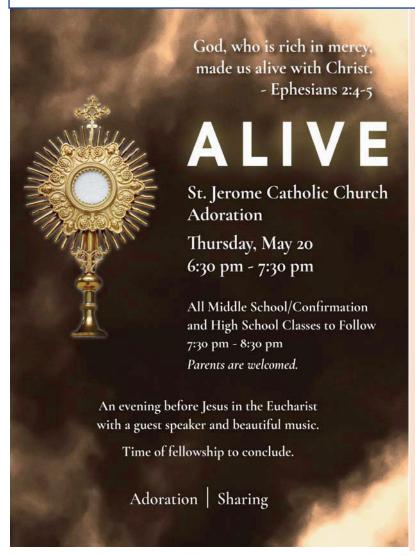


One does not have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday in the following circumstances:

- 1) You are ill, or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract an infectious illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
- 2) You exhibit flu-like symptoms. Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
- 3) You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious

illness such as COVID or influenza). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.

- 4) You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
- 5) You are pregnant.
- 6) Those 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- 7) You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control (e.g., your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity).
- 8) If you have significant and reasonable fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.





The Most Holy Name of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249 meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. At the first Wednesday night's meeting, we will have a 30 -minute officer's meeting after which we will meet

with all interested parties to share in our faith journey, pray, and learn how to increase the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence within us.

During the second Wednesday of the month, we will have a regular business meeting and learn what the various needs of our parish and community are in order to fulfill Jesus' commands: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, May 17

7:00 am † Quentin M. Vaughan Fr. Cadrecha 9:00 am † Stephen Scrobe Fr. Tom

#### Tuesday, May 18

7:00 am † **Jim Fitzsimmons** Msgr. Muldoon 9:00 am † **Rachel Herring** Fr. Cadrecha

#### Wednesday, May 19

7:00 am	† Georgeann Esmerado	Fr. Tom
9:00 am	† Sister Mary Placidia, CSSF	Fr. George M.
7:30 pm	† Frank Udovicic	Fr. Cadrecha

#### Thursday, May 20

7:00 am	† Sue Leary	Fr. Tom
9:00 am	† Lois & Garrett McKernan	Fr. Cadrecha

#### Friday, May 21

7:00 am	† Monica Garino	Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am	† Lois McKernan	Fr. Tom

#### Saturday, May 22

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9:00 am † **Stewart Waller** Fr. Cadrecha

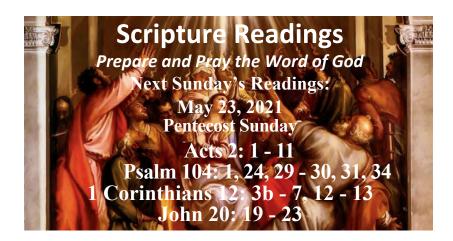
#### Saturday, May 22 - The Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00 pm † Giuseppe DeFilippis	Msgr. Muldoon
4:00 pm PC † Silvana Sette	Fr. George M.

#### Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

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7:00 am † Eleanor Jenkings	Fr. Waters
9:00 am † Jimmy White	Fr. Tom
9:00 am PC † John Scullin III	Msgr. Muldoon
11:00 am † Louis Maiorano	Fr. Tom
11:00 am PC † Joseph T. Pacelli	Fr. George M.
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.



## Post Abortion Healing with Project Rachel



Project Rachel is a confidential healing ministry for the many people, both men and women who have been impacted by an abortion decision.

Upcoming healing programs include:

One Day Project Rachel Retreat (\$20 registration fee):

Sat. June 5 – Largo, FL Sat. June 26 – (Men only) -Tampa, FL Sat. August 14 - (Men Only) – Largo, FL

Weekend Rachel's Vineyard Retreats (\$200 registration fee):

English: July 9-11, 2021 Clearwater, FL Spanish: October 22-24 Tampa. FL

For more details and registration: call/text (813) 924-4173 or email at: projectrachel@ccdosp.org

#### OFFERTORY PROCESSION



We would like to reintroduce the Offertory Procession at

all of our weekend Masses beginning May 22-23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday weekend. We encourage individuals or families to participate. If you would like to bring up the gifts at Mass, please see an usher at the Mass you attend, beginning Pentecost weekend.

## Mass Schedule Change

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Beginning Wednesday, June 2, 2021, the first Wednesday of the month, the Wednesday evening Daily Mass time will

change to 7:00 PM. It will remain at 7:30 PM through Wednesday, May 26.

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ray often for the souls of your loved ones and please consider joining us at the Month's Mind Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

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