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 Fr. George Mangiaracina Assisting Priests

Deacon Fred Kunder Permanent Deacon

Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC Pastoral Care / Outreach Life Long Faith 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

Mike and Marissa Guarino youthministry@stjeromeonline.org (727) 221-0229

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 (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

PENTECOST May 23, 2021

Parish Office Hours: Address/Phone:

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We celebrate the great solemnity this weekend of Pentecost and we are thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church.

We will also be blessed next weekend on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 11:00 am in the church by Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B., the Abbot of St. Leo Benedictine Abbey. Abbot Camacho will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people here at St.

Jerome. Those to be confirmed include:

Amelia (Mia) Janota	Christopher (CJ) Janota	Matthew Keeser
Mason Starke	Julia Mellinger	Luke Gillespie
Jessica Fabrizio	Anna Ladrig	Ryan Eichstaedt

The journey to Confirmation for our young people has included the following:

- Attending Confirmation classes every Sunday at 3:30 pm, reflecting on Dynamic Catholic Decision Point study material. Be Bold. Be Catholic.
- Attending the day long Fire & Ice Confirmation retreat at Mary Help of Christians in Tampa.
- The Confirmation candidates shared about their journey and their Confirmation saint they chose at the 5:00 pm Sunday Life Teen Mass.



- The candidates formally requested receiving the Sacrament by writing a letter to me and they completed an interview with Fr. Rob on moving forward after Confirmation and what it means to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Many of the candidates attended our March for Life procession here at St. Jerome and our procession for St Joseph in the neighborhood on his feast day.
- Some of them will be attending a week-long Life Teen camp in Georgia with the goal of building a closer relationship to Christ.
- Some also will attend the Good Samaritan Project here in our diocese, serving the poor and those in need for a week this summer.

As we know, Confirmation is not graduation and the newly-confirmed will have the opportunity to serve our community as lectors, Eucharists Ministers, altar servers, mentors for the next class and continuing to walk with Jesus in our High School Youth Group.

We thank our Confirmation class for the witness of their faith and their acceptance of the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Holy Spirit. We also thank their parents and families, their sponsors, and all of our Youth Ministry team who have assisted them on their journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tom Morgan

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 May 15—16, 2021

Offertory	\$	28,773.33
Electronic Giving		5,847.50
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)		20.00
Raise the Roof (cash)		100.00

Totals this weekend



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.

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UNDERSTANDING THE MASS Part 4 - The Veneration of the Altar



The altar "is by its very nature a table of sacrifice and at the same time a table of the paschal banquet" (Dedication of a Church and an Altar, Chapter IV, no. 4). It is a symbol of Christ as well as of the whole Christian community since "Christians who give themselves to prayer, who offer petitions to God and present sacrifices of

supplication, are the living stones from which the Lord Jesus builds the Church's altar" (Ibid., no. 2). The veneration of the altar at the beginning of the celebration is an act of greeting which recalls that the common table is holy and sacred to the action of the assembly. It is the place from which prayer ascends like incense before God (cf. Psalm 141.2).

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

- Q: When have I avoided the truth? What truth am I avoiding right now? How will I confront and accept it ?
- M: The fire of Luke, or the forgiveness of John: choose the Pentecost God is calling you to express. Invite the Holy Spirit to be manifest in you, and be willing to follow.

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Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. (following the 7:00 PM Daily Mass) *here at St Jerome Church.*

Tampa Bay is seen as a hot spot for Human Trafficking. Join us for this effort to create awareness and community involvement. Speakers are Sara Lachance, MSW, founder of *"Stop the Movement"* and Dan Pepin, consultant on Bioethics and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. A Diocesan representative from the Office of Justice and Advocacy from our diocese will also speak. Workshop is free and refreshments will be served.

> MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021/2022

The number of requests for Mass Intentions for 2021 far exceeded the number of Masses offered and because of this, our Mass Intentions calendar for 2021 has been filled.

Our 2022 Mass Intentions calendar will be available on July 1, 2021 at 9:30 AM in the parish office. We request that all Masses be scheduled in person (if at all possible) rather than by telephone. We will have a staff member available on this day to assist you.

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!

A Tribute from Denise Roach



Terry Porter has served the St. Jerome Early Childhood Center community for the past 26 years, four as an involved volunteer parent, and 22 years as the ECC Office Manager. As the ECC Director for 26 years, I was abundantly blessed having Terry by my side. Always the professional, Terry handled numerous and varied situations on a daily basis. She offered inquiring families a unique perspective, having been an ECC parent herself, she eased any anxiousness parents were feeling



about leaving their children in someone else's care for the first time. Terry has been a constant support to our teaching staff always anticipating their needs. Personally, I owe Terry a debt of gratitude, one that I can never repay. As Terry retires from her valued role at the ECC, we sing her praises...'Well done, good and faithful servant.' The ECC staff and children created the top '22' reasons they love their Mrs.

Porter! All God's best, Denise Roach

Your office is always festive You never complain You can fix anything You are the lollipop lady You are a talented baby-whisperer You are the birthday coordinator queen You are the master 'un-jammer' You do so much for all of us and still like us You always have emergency chocolate You make the best zucchini bread You can find anything we are looking for You unlock the front door before we even get our keys out You have a memory like an elephant – never forgets, but always forgives You are our free counselor, with great advice You comfort children with ice packs and snuggles

You give tours to perspective families and are so pleasant and informative You always went above & beyond with your time and dedication to the ECC You are great in helping parents and staff with any doubts or questions You know everything about all our electronic stuff You create everything we need with your super computer skills You were instrumental in the smooth transition of directors



You are an indispensable, unrepeatable, gift from God

Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist When you call me, when you prave to me, i well in the to you, which you color for Mr. i when it would be the when you seek me with all you heart... Please join us for our regular practice of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction each Thursday, following the 9:00am Daily Mass in the church.

In addition, every First Friday we also have Adoration following the 9:00 AM Mass.

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

May 23, 2021



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 *Tuesdays in the Gathering Space of the church from 10:00 am to 11:30 am* until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.

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.

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 potatoesCanned pork and beans
- Beef stew
- Peanut butter
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)

Pasta/spaghetti

• Hearty canned soups

Canned tuna/chicken/turkey

Jellies and jams of any kind

- Pasta sauce
- Rice (2-pound bags)

- Canned fruit
- Cereal

Please, nothing fresh or perishable!

Donations may be left at the parish office, the chapel which is open 24 hours a day, or you may bring your donations with you when you attend Sunday or Daily Mass. Lifeline bins are located in all the entrances of the church. Thank you so much for your help!



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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."

To order a brick to placed in front of the Grotto please go to

https://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html and click on the Buy a Brick tab.

Please call (727) 249-3590 or go to https://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html for more information.

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



Open registration is ongoing 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 **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!



Monday, May 24

Tuesday, May 25

Wednesday, May 26

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

8:45 am

Mass Intentions

7:00 am + Robert Francis

7:00 am + Ronald P. Marsilii

7:00 am + Kenneth Sweetland

7:00 am + Margaret & Earl Kreisel

7:00 am + Patricia Bahr McConnell

Novena 9:00 am + Sandy Thomas

9:00 am + Fran Moore

9:00 am + James Rice

7:30 pm + Lori Osinski

9:00 am + Kecia Scigliuto

9:00 am + Carl Hawkins

9:00 am + Jim Rice

Pentecost Sunday

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 have reintroduced the Offertory Procession at all of our

weekend Masses this weekend, 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 Wednesday, June 2, 2021, the first Wednesday of the month,

PLEASE NOTE:

the Wednesday evening Daily Mass time will

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

Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom

Msgr. Muldoon Fr. Cadrecha

> Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom Fr. George M.

Fr. Cadrecha Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom Msgr. Muldoon

Msgr. Muldoon

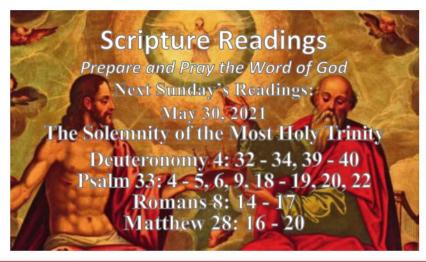
Saturday, May 29 - The Vigil of The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00 pm All The People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha 4:00 pm PC + Fran Moore Fr. George M.

Sunday, May 30 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:00 am + James Fons	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am + Ahlene Maxwell	Fr. Waters
9:00 am PC + Lavinia Del Carmen Rosado	Fr. Tom
11:00 am + Margie Geraci	Msgr. Muldoon
11:00 am PC + Norma DeStafano	Fr. Tom
5:00 pm + Rachel Herring & Aida Marie Smith	Fr. Cadrecha

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





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