## ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS: 4:00PM & 5:30PM SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, 12:30PM & 5:00PM (LIFE TEEN) MON-FRI: 7:00AM & 9:00AM IN CHURCH SATURDAY: 9:00AM IN CHURCH WEDNESDAY 7:00PM IN CHAPEL CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL

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# **PASTOR'S** COLUMN

Fr. Tom Morgan



12/26/21 Dear Friends:

We celebrate this Sunday the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I have included below teaching from the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding the family. In addition, a prayer for the family is also included. Let us continue to reflect on our call to imitate the example of the Holy Family and to pray for healing in all families in need.

The Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is as follows: Friday, December 31st, 4:00PM and Saturday January 1st , 7:30AM and 9:00AM. The Mass schedule for the Epiphany is as follows: Saturday January 1st, Vigils: 4:00PM & 5:30PM and Sunday January 2nd, 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 12:30PM, and 5:00PM.

The last 7:00PM Wednesday Daily Mass will take place this Wednesday, December 29th Please Note It is our hope to have a Wednesday evening Mass during Lent and Advent.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tom Morgan

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church: II. THE FAMILY AND SOCIETY

**2207** The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.

**2208** The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor. There are many families who are at times incapable of providing this help. It devolves then on other persons, other families, and, in a subsidiary way, society to provide for their needs: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**2209** The family must be helped and defended by appropriate social measures. Where families cannot fulfill their responsibilities, other social bodies have the duty of helping them and of supporting the institution of the family. Following the principle of subsidiarity, larger communities should take care not to usurp the family's prerogatives or interfere in its life.

**2210** The importance of the family for the life and well-being of society entails a particular responsibility for society to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Civil authority should consider it a grave duty "to acknowledge the true nature of marriage and the family, to protect and foster them, to safeguard public morality, and promote domestic prosperity.

- **2211** The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially:
  - the freedom to establish a family, have children, and bring them up in keeping with the family's own the protection of the stability of the marriage bond and the institution of the family;
    the freedom to profess one's faith, to hand it on, and raise one's children in it, with the necessary

  - means and institutions;
  - the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing, and the right to emigrate;
    in keeping with the country's institutions, the right to medical care, assistance for the aged, and family
  - benefits;
  - the protection of security and health, especially with respect to dangers like drugs, pornography, alco'holism, etc.;
  - the freedom to form associations with other families and so to have representation before civil authority.

**2212** The fourth commandment illuminates other relationships in society. In our brothers and sisters we see the children of our parents; in our cousins, the descendants of our ancestors; in our fellow citizens, the children of our country; in the baptized, the children of our mother the Church; in every human person, a son or daughter of the One who wants to be called "our Father." In this way our relationships with our neighbors are recognized as personal in character. The neighbor is not a "unit" in the human collective; he is "someone" who by his known origins deserves particular attention and respect.

December 26, 2021





12/30 - 9:30AM Exposition/10:20AM Benediction

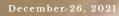
- 12/31 Parish Office Closed New Year's Day celebrated
- 4:00PM Vigil Mass Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God 1/1/22 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God: Mass Times: 7:30AM and 9:00AM

QUESTION: How can I apply the lessons from scripture to the various families I belong to: my immediate family, my extended family, my parish family, my family at school or work, the entire human family?

MISSION: As the year comes to a close, dedicate yourself to thankfulness. Begin fostering a grateful heart by praying often, thanking God for the people, the events, and the gifts of each experience. Your prayer does not have to be a formal affair, but a brief closing of the eyes, a breathed blessing.

# NEXT SUNDAVYS

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



### MASS INTENTIONS



Let Us Pray

#### Saturday, December 25th

- 12:00 AM † Raymond Joseph and Barbara Sutter Fr. Tom
- 7:30 AM † Annette Mangold Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Carolyn Russo and grandson Gregory Miles John Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † Kyleigh Victoria Msgr. Muldoon

#### Sunday, December 26th

- 7:30 AM † Dr. Michael Ciarvino -Fr. Tom
- 9:00 AM † Carl Hawkins Fr. Tom
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Alfred Stonebrook Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM † Robert Freely Msgr. Muldoon

#### Monday, December 27th

- 7:00 AM † Brownie and Hazel Parhalo Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Cadrecha

#### Tuesday, December 28th

- 7:00 AM † Brian Johns Fr. George M.
- 9:00 AM † Erin Skala Fr. Cadrecha

#### Wednesday, December 29th

- 7:00 AM † Rev. Joseph E. Walsh Fr. George M.
- 9:00 AM † Patricia Mucci Msgr. Muldoon
- 7:00 PM † Anthony Fortunato Fr. Cadrecha

#### Thursday, December 30th

- 7:00 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Cody Caraway Fr. Tom

#### Friday, December 31st

- 7:00 AM † William Buhrman Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Carl Hawkins Fr. George M.
- 4:00 PM † Tara Ann Rosa Fr. Tom

#### Saturday, January 1st

- 7:30 AM † John and Connie Medeiros Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Carolyn Russo & grandson Gregory Miles John + Fr. Cadrecha
- 4:00 PM <sup>†</sup> Loretta Anselmo Fr. Waters
- 5:30 PM † Daniel Rosario Fr. Waters

#### Sunday, January 2nd

- 7:30 AM † Dorothy Mayr Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Donald Smith Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Rose and Horace Palmerone Fr. Tom
- 12:30 PM <sup>†</sup> Deceased Benefactors of St. Jerome Fr. George M.
- 5:00 PM † Rob Schulkers Fr. Tom

#### Celebrate New Year's Eve at St Jerome Parish

The Marian Spirituality team and the Knights of Columbus invite you to a Rosary procession around the pond and Peace Prayer at the Grotto following the 4 p.m. Mass on December 31st. All are welcome!

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS:** NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

**3**5. Just as the eucharistic prayer is part of a continuous action extending from the preparation of the gifts to the communion, so the words of institution are part of the eucharistic prayer which is a consecratory, thanksgiving prayer of praise. All that God has accomplished in creation and salvation history is fulfilled, signified, and made present in the person of the crucified and risen Christ. Christ's words are a promise and through the power of the Holy Spirit they accomplish what they signify: his eucharistic body and blood, his real presence with all the riches of the Kingdom.

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



### **FINANCES**

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:17



#### STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is more than being a good manager of one's time, talents, and 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. Thanks for sharing His gifts!

#### **Collection Dec 11-12, 2021**

- Offertory \$34,334.36
- Electronic Giving \$4,650.50
- Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash) \$30.00
- Raise the Roof (cash) \$25.00

Total:

\$39,039.86

#### **Raise the Roof**

• Pledges Paid thru September, 2021

\$488,289.33

- Sept. 2021 donations: \$6,270.78
- Interest Earned on Funds for Sept. 2021
  - \$404.16
- Sept. Balance in RTF Savings Acct.

\$494,964.27

\*More recent numbers available soon.

# **UPDATE FROM OUR PARISH MANAGER**

Since arriving at St. Jerome in August, it has been a blessing to witness the generosity of our parishioners. I have enjoyed hearing stories from parishioners about the history of the parish and how they have encountered Christ. I look forward to hearing even more stories. I am deeply moved by the love parishioners have for St. Jerome and their generous hearts in giving time, talent, and treasure.

A month ago, Father Tom shared some financial and volunteer concerns we are having as we arise slowly from the pandemic. We have all personally faced new challenges due to the pandemic and so has our parish. While change is tough, this is an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and as a community. We have many ministries in our parish looking for an extra hand to help serve others and invite them into a relationship with Christ. We have parishioners who have not yet returned to Mass, and we are trying to find ways to reach them. We are also trying to bring our parish to a more stable place financially, while getting some important things done around the parish such as replacing the roof and replacing the red terrazzo in the church.

There are many things we need to do, but we must prioritize and be economical. We are identifying every line of spending to ensure we are being the best stewards of your monetary donations. If we ask for monetary donations, we are going to be faithful to that trust by putting it to good use.

It has been encouraging to see extra donations come in as parishioners rally us through these tough times. We want you to know how much we appreciate your generosity and sacrifice to help our community of St. Jerome. Together we will work toward growing closer to Christ and serving others through words and actions.

Peace in Christ, Chris McBride

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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"Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your mother?" -Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

# COMMUNITY UPDATES





BETHLEHEM CENTRE

LUNCH MENU

Roll & Butter, & Beverage

1/18 Cowboy Casserole

1/25: Polish Sausage Sauerkraut & Potatoes

Brown Mustard & Salad

Peanut Butter Cake

Roll & Butter & Beverage

1/11: Spaghetti Pie Mint Peas

Cherry Whip Dessert

Corn Nuggets Salad & Biscuits

Ice Cream

Apple Butter Cake

Salad

JANUARY

Alpha only works when the Holy Spirit shows up. With the spirit of Christmas, we will be starting 21 days of prayer based on the cards to the left. You can offer your prayers for those you wish to be touched by the program and you can ask your friends to join us in our next session in January. Cards are available in the Gathering Space.



survev St. Jerome will begin an important January 1-2, 2022. The survey will be an insert in the Parish Bulletin and available on-line for download. Please be sure to take a bulletin next week or go to St. Jerome's website if you will be away. Response deadline will be January 9, 2022.



The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249 meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month in the Parish Center. At the first Wednesday meeting we have a 30 minute officer's meeting. Then after, we meet

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

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

Join us for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month.

To order a brick to be placed in front of the Grotto visit https://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html and click on the Buy a Brick Tab. For more info: 727 249-3590 or https://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html

from October - March. \$8 Donation. Come early to see old friends or make new ones!

Tuesdays from 11:30-am-12:00pm

in the Parish Center. Salad &

beverage available at 11:15am,

# TUESD

Exercise - 9:00-10:00am

Art - 10:00am-2:00pm

Tai Chi - 10:30-11:30am

Bridge - 12:00-3:00pm

Pinochle - 12:00-3:30pm

For more info: Joanne Biamonte (727) 596-9394 or bethlehemcentre@gmail.com

Rethlehem Centre Activities

Zumba - 9:00-10:00am

Yoga - 11:00am-12:00pm

Pietra Fitness - 12:00-1:00pm

Bethlehem Centr

at St. Jerome Catholic Church "Life is worth living"

Exercise - 9:00-10:00am Art - 10:00am - 2:00pm Line Dancing - 10:15-11:30am Yoga - 10:30-11:30am Bridge - 12:00-3:00pm Pinochle - 12:00 - 3:30pm MahJong - 12:00-3:00pm



# St. Jerome's 500 Club!

Join the 500 Club for \$100! Annual membership limited to 500 people. Monthly drawings on 1st Friday of the month. First Prize \$500; Second Prize \$200; Third Prize \$100

Return the below form with your \$100 check made to "St. Jerome". Drop in offertory at Mass or the Parish Office by January 28th to make the first drawing. We will accept more members after if there are still spots; the earlier you enter, the greater your chances to WIN! Your number will be mailed to you in January - first drawing will be February 4th.

For more information please contact Bob Conte at 727-656-9702

#### Thank you for supporting our parish!

#### Name: address: Phone: Email:

## LIFELINE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

Lifeline is in need of food as we cannot rely on our usual bulk sources. Nothing fresh or perishable! List of Preferred Foods

- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Beef stew
- Hearty canned soups
- Cannéd pork & beans
- Peanut butter
- Jellies & jams

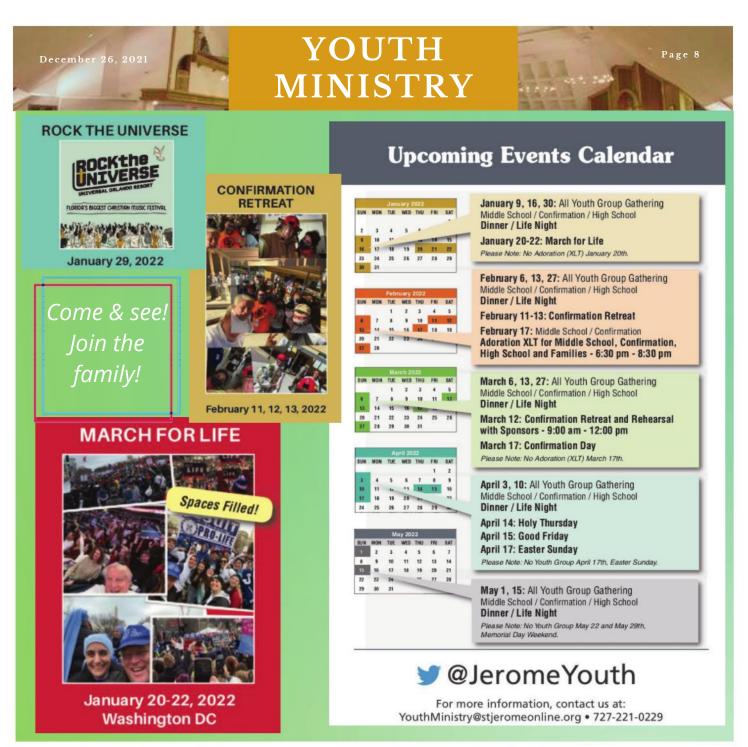


- Canned vegetables (corn,
- beans, carrots) Canned tuna/Chicken/turkey
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce Canned fruit
- Rice (2 lb bags) Cereal

Donations can be left at the Chapel which is open 24 hours a day or you may bring them with you when you attend Sunday or Daily Mass. Bins are located inside the entrances of the Church.

Lifeline assisted an additional 75 families comprised of 277 people last distribution. Parishioners donated 146 bags of food last week. The total number of bags donated in November was a record 1,487! An additional 107 bags have been donated since December 1st. God bless your generosity!

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#### Should Communion Ministers Still Wear Face Masks?

This question is asked regularly: Do Communion ministers need to wear face masks? The protocols issued by Bishop Parkes on June 15, 2020, are (for the most part) still in effect, including, it is strongly recommended for the safety of the minister and the communicant that the minister wear a face mask when distributing Holy Communion. We now know the coronavirus is transmitted primarily by breathing it in via airborne aerosol particulates. We also know that breakthrough cases of Covid can occur even to those who are fully vaccinated. So for the safety of all, Communion ministers are still strongly encouraged to wear a face mask when distributing Holy Communion.

The Parish Office will be closed: Monday, December 27th – Office Closed (Christmas Observed) Friday, December 31st – Office Closed (New Year's Observed)



# SERVING YOU

Staff & Key Needs



or

**CLERGY** Fr. Tom Morgan, Pastor Rev. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar ASSISTING PRIESTS Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL Fr. George Mangiaracina Fr. Anthony Nyong Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Pastor Emeritus Msgr. Dacian Dee Deacon Fred Kunder



#### FORMATION TEAM



Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC, Pastoral Care, & Life Long Faith Formation Lisa Brett-Reeves, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PREP Mike and Marissa Guarino youthministry@stjeromeonline.org (727) 221-0229 Tina Borst, Assistant to Youth Ministers

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### Christmas Song of the Week:

*In the Bleak Midwinter - Christina Rosetti & Gustav Holst* A classic Christmas carol, this beautiful hymn has rich four part harmonies and deep lyrics about salvation from our tiny new Savior.

> What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Second Sunday of month after 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in church; also by request.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm-Chapel. Drive-through Confessions: last Saturday of the month from 9:30-10:00am at the northern entrance of the Church (August-May).

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION: Every Thursday, every First Friday, and every First Saturday 9:30am-10:30am; also Livestreamed.

