

ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 26th, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

*“Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
the one who is coming
into the world.”*

Martha; John 11:27

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
SATURDAY: 9:00AM
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS
3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL



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FROM THE PASTOR - FR. TOM MORGAN



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, 1981, P. 106).



Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3

- 7:00AM & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:00AM & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church

Wednesday, April 5

- 7:00AM & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church
- 7:00 PM - Seven Last Words - Church

Holy Thursday, April 6

- 9:00-10:00 AM - Confessions - Chapel
- 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church/ Procession to the Tent for Adoration following Mass
- 9:30PM - Tenebrae - Tent
- Adoration until midnight - Tent
- 11:45PM - Night Prayer - Tent

Good Friday, April 7

- 9:00-10:00 AM - Confessions - Chapel
- 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 8

- 9:00AM - Seven Sorrows of Mary - Church
- 12:00PM - Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets - Church
- 8:30PM - Easter Vigil Mass - Church

Easter Sunday, April 9

- 7:00 AM - Mass - Tent
- 7:30AM - Mass - Church
- 9:00AM - Mass - Church
- 9:00AM - Mass - Tent
- 10:45AM - Mass - Church
- 10:45AM - Mass - Tent
- 12:30PM - Mass - Church
- *Note: There will be no 5:00PM Mass*

IMPORTANT - CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURE FOR REPAIRS

Our Church building will be closed starting on Monday, April 10th for 6-8 weeks so repairs can be made to the red terrazzo floor which is severely damaged in the Church and the Gathering Space. During this time, daily Mass will be in the Holy Family Chapel and our weekend Masses will be in the Parish Center. We apologize for the inconvenience that this will cause. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete much needed maintenance in our church so it can be safe and feel like home for all.

Saturday, March 25th

- 9:00 AM † Richard Campbell - Msgr. Muldoon
- 4:00 PM † Elizabeth & Joseph Weber - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Van Thomas - Fr. Waters

Sunday, March 26th

- 7:30 AM Martha Blanco - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Msgr. Muldoon
- 10:45 AM † Michael Merchant - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:00 PM † Barbara Farley - Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, March 27th

- 7:00 AM † John Roberts - Fr. Tom
- 9:00 AM † Paul Chapman - Fr. Cadrecha

Tuesday, March 28th

- 7:00 AM † George & Catherine Germek - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Mary McCormack - Fr. O'Brien

Wednesday, March 29th

- 7:00 AM † Joseph DeGeorge - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Roberta Goo - Fr. Tom

Thursday, March 30th

- 7:00 AM † Carl Biamonte - Fr. Tom
- 9:00 AM † Joyce Schauer - Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, March 31st

- 7:00 AM Julie McGoldrick - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Rocco Micucci - Msgr. Muldoon
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1st

- 9:00 AM † Patricia Kingsbury - Msgr. Muldoon
- 4:00 PM † Anselmo & Chiavetta Families - Fr. Tom
- 5:30 PM † Van & Kathleen Thomas - Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, April 2nd

- 7:30 AM † Cesar Rivero - Msgr. Muldoon
- 9:00 AM † Deceased Benefactors of St. Jerome - Fr. Tom
- 10:45 AM † Giuseppe DeFilippis - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † Richard Spires - Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha

QUESTION: What spiritual darkness is Jesus calling me to come out of today? What difficulties can I anticipate in shedding these burial bands that separate me from God's grace?

MISSION: Someone you know is experiencing a season of death (grief, depression, failure). Help them to hear the call to "come forth" to life. Be a messenger of life this week.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Palm Sunday
 Palms Procession Gospel:
 Matthew 21:1-11
 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Responsorial Psalm:
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
 23-24
 2nd Reading:
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-
 27:66



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

Lent Calendar

- **Daily Masses** - Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM; Saturday, 9:00 AM - Church
- **Stations of the Cross** - Fridays in Lent 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM - Church
- **Simple Supper** - Friday, March 31st from 5:00 - 7:00PM in the Parish Center
- **Seven Last Words Devotion** - Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00PM in the Church

Simple Prayers to Finish Out Lent

Sometimes it feels like Lent is an endless marathon. Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year, thanks to the Hallow app. Perhaps pick a new one each day, week, or one for the remainder of Lent.

- God, may Your light guide my day, and your Spirit bring me peace. Amen.
- God, may my sacrifice of today of (*state your Lenten sacrifice*) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.
- May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom on earth.
- Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen.
- God, I lift up (*name of the person you'd like to pray for*) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen.
- Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen.

And remember, as Fr. Jacques Philippe said, "*perfectionism doesn't have much to do with sanctity.*" If you didn't do your lenten commitments perfectly, that's okay! It is an opportunity to receive God's grace, a reminder of our humanity, and a chance to begin again. "His mercies are new every morning." - Lamentations 3:22

St. Jerome's Lenten Simple Supper



All Are Welcome

Friday, March 24 & 31 @ 5-7pm in Parish Center

Suggested donation \$10 per person \$25 per family

Menu

Tomato Soup (gluten free) or Minestrone Soup

Grilled Cheese, Salad, and dessert



Home Stations of the Cross

Our final home stations will be on April 4th. Join us for a great way to wrap up lent!

- April 4th, 10:00AM, 14524 Neptune Road, Seminole (Imperial Point Stations), hosted by Carol



Gift Shop Closing

The Gift Shop will be closed after the Palm Sunday Weekend because of the church renovation. Shop early for all your Easter spiritual and gift needs.

Easter Bulletin Early Deadline

Due to early printing deadlines, all submissions for the Easter bulletin, April 9, must be sent by Thursday, March 30, a day earlier. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES

Easter flowers beautify the Church during the Easter Season. We continue 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 recognized will be listed along with the donor name in the bulletin during the Easter Season. Those using the flower envelope in the April packet or in the pews will also have their name included in the bulletin.

To place an order, complete the form below. Your offering (\$10 suggested minimum per name) should be attached. Make checks payable to "St. Jerome Church" and place in the Offertory collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Please write legibly and include your phone number in case questions arise. **Order Deadline: Tuesday, April 5th at Noon.**

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ADDRESS: _____

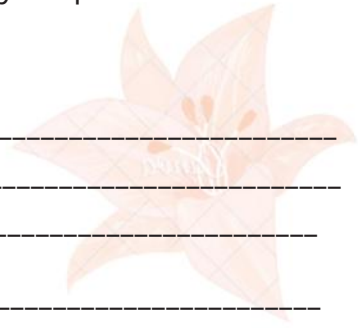
PHONE: _____ **ENVELOPE#:** _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: *In Honor of OR In Memory of*
In Honor/Memory of: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

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Please include any additional names on a separate sheet of paper.



FAITH & ACTION for STRENGTH TOGETHER (FAST): Nehemiah Action

With 50 congregations, FAST meets to work for justice concerns. FAST gets results by on-going research and focus. Our 2023 focused issues: affordable housing, water quality & criminal justice.

Join your St Jerome Justice Ministry to the Annual ACTION to ask our leaders about these issues & our desired changes for our community.

Monday March 27, 2023 at 7:00PM
Indian Rocks Baptist Church, Largo
Carpools depart at 6:30PM from St Jerome Front Parking Lot

OUR WALK FOR LIFE

Kimberly Home is an excellent local ministry that serves women in crisis who need help raising their baby.

The Knights of Columbus invites the St. Jerome parish family to join in the walk for life fundraiser! Help is needed as walkers and in running check-in, kids' games, etc. The KoC so strongly believes in this ministry that they have set up a team for the St. Jerome family to join.

To register or learn more:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/ourwalkforlife/teams> or contact Kevin, our KoC Parish Representative, at 813-300-5202

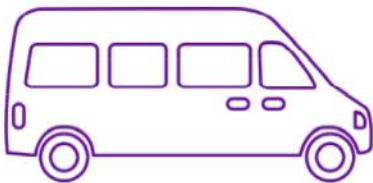
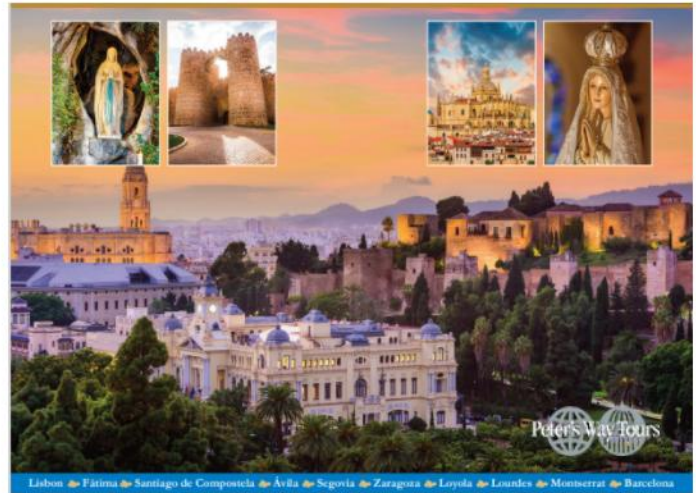
St. Jerome Parish & Choir Pilgrimage!

We warmly invite you to join in St. Jerome Parish and Chorale Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France led by Fr. Mike O'Brien, a retired priest in residence at St. Jerome and by Mr. Thomas Kurt, Music Director. This will be an absolutely unforgettable experience, rich in faith, culture, and music, including stops in Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Montserrat, and Barcelona.

Trip dates: September 4-15, 2023

Registration deadline: March 31

For more info: www.petersway.com/9977.html



Need a Ride?

Any parishioner needing transportation to the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays can contact the Parish Office at 727-595-4610. Transportation may be arranged on the Parish Van within the boundaries of St. Jerome



BAPTISM CLASSES AND INTRO TO CGS

We rejoice with our families who have recently been blessed with the birth or adoption of a child or are anticipating the birth of a newborn. We have begun monthly Baptism Classes on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Office conference room. Families are requested to call the parish office (727) 595-4610 to register for the class. In addition, we would also like to arrange for a tour of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Toddler Atrium and other Atriums.

(information will be provided at the Baptism Class).
The dates of our Baptism Classes are listed below:

- April 11th at 6:30pm
- May 9th at 6:30pm
- June 13th at 6:30pm
- July 11th at 6:30pm
- August 8 at 6:30pm

Choosing godparents:

Parents should choose godparents for their children who are practicing Catholics, at least 16 years of age, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If married, the godparent must be married in the Catholic Church or had their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church. For more info:

www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism

The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249

The knights meet on the first and second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. Join us for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month!

To order a brick to be placed in front of the Grotto, visit www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus and select "Buy a Brick," or for help, call the Parish Office or visit www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.



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!

March 19, 2023

• Offertory:	\$24,843.57
• E-Giving:	\$5,447.00
• Total Offertory:	\$30,290.57
• ***CMA Cash:	\$10.00
• ***Roof Cash:	\$160.00

RAISE THE ROOF *A solid, lasting future*

RAISE THE ROOF: CURRENT STATUS

A metal roof has reflective properties which can save us up to 25% on energy cost for our church building. Our energy bill for the church building averages \$5,000 a month. A metal roof could cut our energy bill cost as much as \$1,250 a month which comes out to \$15,000 a year. Over the course of a 40-year warranty, the metal roof could save us as much as \$600,000. This is an attractive benefit to replacing our shingle roof with a metal roof.

We are working hard towards the goal of **\$1.4 million**. Thanks for pledging today so we can quickly complete this needed project!



Balance as of February 28, 2023: \$767,913.79

We are blessed to have the Diocese be the financial record keepers of our campaign.



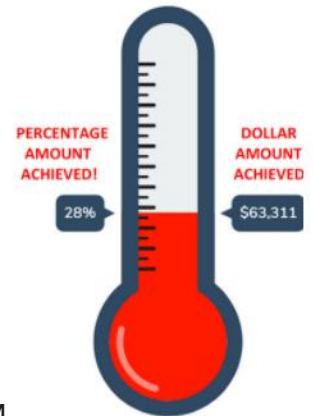
Catholic Ministry Appeal: How to Give:

We accept all major credit/debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system. Donor managed online giving is available with:

1. Our diocesan website at: GivetoMinistry.dosp.org
2. QR Code - Donors can scan the code and be redirected to our secure online giving page.
3. If making a payment by check, please ensure the donor makes checks payable to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.



GOAL: \$229,153



Life & Legacy Planning Seminar

Please join us in the Parish Center on April 26th, 9:30AM (after the 9:00AM Mass) for an informative session on creating or updating your estate documents to make sure the legacy you leave is the one you choose. The seminar includes presentations from professionals in both fields and materials to assist your planning.

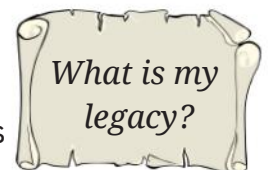
Who should attend:

- o Anyone thinking about how to start or update their estate plan including:
- o Those without a plan in place
- o Those not sure where to begin estate planning
- o Those who have plans, but haven't reviewed them in a while
- o Those who's circumstances may have changed recently
- o Those who have questions about church teachings on life planning topics

If you plan to attend, please RSVP nd by Friday, April 21st via:

- Email - Chris McBride at parishmanager@stjeromeonline.org or
- Call our reservation line at: (727) 595-4610 x304

. Please leave your name, number of people attending, and a phone number or email so we can reach you at if necessary.



Youth Ministry Update

There are lots of wonderful things going on with our youth ministry here at St. Jerome for both middle and high school teens. Check it out - you belong here!

Calendar:

- March 26: Edge and Life Teen Nights
- Edge - (Middle Schoolers) 3:30-5:00PM - Education Classroom in Education Building
- Life Teen Dinner in Parish Hall after 5:00PM Mass
- Life Teen - (High Schoolers) 6:45-8:30PM, Youth Room



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

Search for **@stjeromeyouth** and watch our youth ministry adventures!

Healing Mass for Survivors of Abuse

A Mass of Healing will be held for those who seek spiritual healing from abuse in all forms, and those who wish to pray for victims/survivors of abuse, their family, and friends. **The Mass will be Saturday, April 29, 11:00AM, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg.** The community is invited to participate. Also, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, where greater awareness of the prevention of all forms of child abuse is promoted through various educational and spiritual activities. Opportunities for prayer with a priest or conversation with our Victim Assistance Coordinator, John Lambert, L.C.S.W., will be available following the Mass. The Mass will also be livestreamed. Please share this information with your parishioners. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Deacon Rick Wells (rwells@dosp.org) or Michael Craig (mjc@dosp.org).



Magnificat of St. Petersburg, a Ministry to Women,

Invites you to a Magnificat Meal

Saturday, April 29 2023

10:00 AM to 12:45 PM

St. Jerome Catholic Church Education Ctr.
10895 Hamlin Boulevard
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Reservations – \$18.00
Check payable to
"Magnificat"

Join us for St. Jerome's Parish Mass at 9:00 AM

Witness Speaker: Marijon Reed

Are you looking to refresh your spirit? Join with women throughout the Diocese for a delicious brunch, spirit-filled praise & worship with Chantal Ward, recitation of the Rosary, and some words of wisdom by a well-loved priest. Then hear how Marijon's life-long walk with the Holy Spirit & our Blessed Mother, her trials and countless prayers, was rewarded at the ordination of her son, Fr. Brad Reed, parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Pinellas Park, FL!

Please mail your check, payable to Magnificat, to our treasurer, Linda Barron, 6069 Second Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Checks must be received by April 22, 2023. Send your check early-seating is limited.

Questions or Need More Information? E-mail magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com or text Jane at 727-452-7404 or Linda at 727-415-2693.



BETHLEHEM CENTRE ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Controlled Movement Exercise 10:30AM-11:30AM

Bridge 12:00PM-3:00PM

If questions, or for more info like pricing details, contact: Tim, 727-596-9394 or bethlehemcentre@gmail.com

Spanish - 9:00-10:00AM

Art - 10:00AM-2:00PM

Mindful Motion (Chair) - 10:30-11:30AM



Cardio Exercise Class - CANCELLED

Art - 10:00-2:00PM

Mindful Motion (Floor) - 10:30-11:30AM

Bridge - 12:00-3:00PM

MahJong - 12:00-3:00PM

Bethlehem Centre Lunch

When: Tuesday, March 28th, 12:00-1:00PM

Where: St. Jerome Parish Center

Donation: \$10.00. Call 727-596-9394 to register (it helps us to plan on how much food to prepare). One free raffle ticket per person for table prizes.

Last Bethlehem Centre Luncheon of the season! Join in for the fun!

MENU

- LASAGNA, MEATBALLS, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS..
- TOSSED SALAD
- HOMEMADE ITALIAN BREAD
- CANNOLI CUPCAKES

GriefShare will meet April 4th from 10:00-11:30AM in the Art Room in the Education Building. You don't have to go it alone; come join us for community and support. Questions: Judy, Judy9449@gmail.com



Lifeline Ministries

Last week Lifeline served 83 families comprised of 244 people. Parishioners donated 217 bags of food for a total of 686 so far this month. We appreciate the strong response to the recent email blasts requesting food donations.

In recent months, we have seen record numbers of people coming to us for food assistance and our shelves are depleting rapidly. We are always in need of the non-perishable food items listed below. There are also grocery bags with the list of needed items at all entrances to the church. Thanks to all for your continued generosity. Donations can be left at the Chapel which is open 24 hours a day or brought to the Church on Sundays or to Daily Mass. Bins are located inside the entrances of the Church. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.



- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Jellies & jams
- Rice (2 lb bags)
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Beef Stew
- Peanut butter
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Hearty canned soup

Prayer Requests Desired

We invite you to send your prayer requests and intentions to: receptionist@stjeromeonline.org or call the Parish office, Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:30PM. The parish staff gathers frequently during the week to pray for the prayer intentions of our parishioners.

You may also forward your prayer requests for immediate response to our "Prayer Ministry" by texting your requests to (727) 314-1166 or emailing the Ministry at stjeromeprayforus@gmail.com

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Masking Updates & Communion

We are mindful that there are some, who due to health, need to wear a mask. We have masks available in the back of the Church if you need one. Low gluten hosts or regular hosts will be available during Communion at the back of the Church. Please let the minister know that you wish to receive a low gluten host when you approach them for Holy Communion. The minister distributing low gluten hosts will continue to wear a mask for those who might have a concern for their health.

We welcome those who join us virtually through the livestreamed Masses and thank you for being a part of our community here at St. Jerome.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:30PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Second Sunday of the Month after the 12:30PM Mass in the Church, or by request.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM-Chapel. DRIVE-THRU CONFESSIONS: Last Saturday of the month 9:30-10:00AM at the Northern Entrance of the Church.

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

Masses celebrated in the Church and Chapel are Livestreamed at: www.stjeromeonline.org and www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

CLERGY

Fr. Tom Morgan, Pastor
Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Fred Kunder

ASSISTING PRIESTS

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Michael O'Brien, In residence
Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL
Fr. Anthony Nyong

PARISH STAFF

Chris McBride, Parish Manager
Rita Gianninoto, Assistant to Parish Manager
Reception: Pat Kunish & Kath Villeneuve
Tracey Swaine, Administrative Assistant
Tom Kurt, Music Director
Erica DiCeglie, Associate Music Director
Francesca Ani, Life Teen Mass Musician
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Custodian: Nikolai Razskazoff
Sarah Williford, Bulletin Editor

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Stephanie Martin, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator
CGS@stjeromeonline.org

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Phyllis Steele, Administrator, (727) 596-9491

Mike & Marissa Guarino, Youth Ministers
Rob Kidney, Youth Ministry Assistant
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For Sacraments, contact the Parish Office
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