

# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10th, 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

To guide our feet  
into the path of  
**PEACE.**

-Luke 1:79



## 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

*\*MORE ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES -PAGE!!*



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Dear Friends,

We will continue the tradition of blessing hay this weekend at all our Sunday Masses. You will be invited to take some blessed hay home with you. It can be added to your Nativity scene, or you can follow the custom and tuck it under the tablecloth of your dining room table. By putting hay on the table, we make our homes like Bethlehem, a word that means "the house of bread." Whenever we eat together and even welcome guests to eat with us, our home becomes a place where God comes to live. Another tradition some families have is to let their children place a piece of hay in Jesus' manger for every good deed they perform during Advent. The goal for the children is to have a comfortable bed for the baby Jesus on Christmas day.



All are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Sunday, December 10th. More information is on page 3!

Join us for our Choir Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15th at 7:30PM in the Church.

Please remember we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday next weekend, December 16/17 at all our Sunday Masses. The children and all parishioners are invited to bring their figures of the Christ Child to be blessed. Please visit the gift shop if you need items for Bambinelli Sunday.

The St. Jerome Wafer (Oplatek Service) will occur Sunday, December 17th at 1:45PM in the Chapel.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. John Blum

### **Advent Calendar**

- 12/10 – Second Sunday of Advent – Blessing of Hay  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival at 5:00PM Mass followed by reception in Parish Center; see page 3 for more details.
- 12/11 – Rick Bankemper Christmas Concert, 7:30PM-9:00PM
- 12/14 – Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
- 12/15 – St. Jerome Christmas Concert 7:30PM-9:30PM
- 12/17 – Third Sunday of Advent - Bambinelli Sunday – blessing of baby Jesus from home Nativity scenes  
Oplatek Service - 1:45PM, Chapel
- 12/21 – Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
- 12/24 – Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00PM (Children's Nativity) - Church,  
4:00PM – Parish Center, 6:00PM – Church, 6:00PM – Parish Center
- 12/25 – Christmas Day Masses: Midnight Mass at 12:00AM (11:00PM Carols by Choir), 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, and 12:30PM. Parish Office Closed.

### **Advent Confession Times**

- All Saturdays in Advent – 9:30AM & 3:00PM
- Sunday, December 10th – 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 4:00PM
- Friday, December 15th – 6:00PM
- Sunday, December 17th – 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 4:00PM
- December 18th-22nd – 9:30AM

## Saturday, December 9th

- 9:00 AM † Raymond & Thomas DeLuca - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Dec'd Members of Friedenborg Family - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM Sam Nickolson - Fr. Waters

## Sunday, December 10th

- 7:30 AM † Ray Evans - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Joseph McGlone - Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Dec'd Members of Totino & Guidice Families - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha

## Monday, December 11th

- 7:00 AM † Patricia Alley - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Michael Connolly - Fr. Cadrecha

## Tuesday, December 12th

- 7:00 AM † Priscilla Mallare - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM All Parishioners of St. Jerome - Fr. Mike

## Wednesday, December 13th

- 7:00 AM † Jeanne Savage - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Anna & Dominick Rivelli - Fr. Cadrecha

## Thursday, December 14th

- 7:00 AM † Fred Land - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM Michael Guarino - Fr. Cadrecha

## Friday, December 15th

- 7:30 AM † Chad Lewis - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Ludwika & John Liput - Fr. Blum

## Saturday, December 16th

- 9:00 AM † Joseph Tabory - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Suzie Gilley - Fr. Blum

## Sunday, December 17th

- 7:30 AM † Marie Ronnlof - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † Maureen Allen - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Dec'd Members of Hummel & Thomas Families - 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.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11  
PSALM: Luke 1:46-48,  
49-50, 53-54

#### SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
GOSPEL: John 1:6-8,  
19-28

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### Visit Our Gift Shop!



Lots of lovely Catholic items for you and your loved ones. Advent wreaths, candles, Christmas Nativities, and gifts for holiday shopping!

Hours: Saturdays 3:30-5:30PM; Sundays 9:30AM-12:30PM in the Gathering Space in the Church



### Christmas Flowers for Loved Ones

Christmas flowers beautify the Church during the Christmas Season. We are continuing our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Christmas 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 Christmas Season. In addition, those using the flower envelope in the December packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.



Place an order by completing the form below. Your offering (a \$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. **Order Deadline: Monday, December 18 at Noon.**

Please write legibly and include your phone number so we can contact you if we have any questions.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE#: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: In Honor of OR In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

GIFTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any additional names on a separate sheet of paper. Contact the Parish Office if questions. Merry Christmas!

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration!

Sunday, December 10th

Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother.

**4:30 pm Rosary Procession**

**5 pm Mass with Mariachi Band**

**6 pm Celebration in Parish Center**

Featuring Mexican dancers, music, authentic Mexican food (taco bar and tamales), and more!



Become a sponsor of this beautiful event!

**Sponsorship Levels:**

-  White Rose \$25
-  Yellow Rose \$50
-  Red Rose \$100

All sponsors will be recognized at the event. Place your donation in the collection basket or mail to the front office. Mark your donation Our Lady of Guadalupe, please.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please consider donating roses to decorate Our Lady's carrier. Kindly drop the roses off at the Gathering Space ALL DAY Saturday 12/9 and Sunday 12/10 until noon.

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### Christmas Toy Drive

Our toy boxes opened Nov. 18 to help many families. We are able to assist with children from birth to seventeen years of age. Please place unwrapped gifts in the Toy Boxes at the entrances of the Church and the Parish Office. Monetary donations and questions can be taken through the offertory or Parish Office.

**ITEMS NEEDED: TOYS FOR ALL AGES!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**Rick Bankemper** 11th 7:30  
**Annual Christmas Concert** 15th 7:30

*All concerts are in the evening in the Church.*

### Join Us for Breakfast!

The Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249 will serve a pancake breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45AM Masses Sunday, December 17th. All donations go into the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed where needed.



### Advent in the Atrium

**The Atrium in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is the place where children come to fall in love with Jesus**, and there is no better time to do that than the season that we await His birth!

Our faith formation children from birth to twelve will hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah. Children and adults alike will ponder this coming gift, the gift of Light, the gift of Jesus Himself!

*“The people who walk in darkness will see a great Light.” -Isaiah 9:2*

### One Blood Donations

12/17; 7:30AM-1:00PM  
St Jerome Parking Lot  
All donors will receive: \$20 eGift, Oneblood T-shirt, Wellness Checkup including: blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged; visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now). Sponsor Code 12669  
Sponsored by the Health Ministry.  
Questions? Josephine: [jmurphy132@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmurphy132@tampabay.rr.com)




2023

Ricky Bankemper  
& Friends  
Christmas Concert

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December 11th  
7:30PM



## Stewardship

We are called to give to the Lord the time, talent, and treasure with which He has blessed us. An easy way to give to St. Jerome: [www.stjeromeonline.org](http://www.stjeromeonline.org) or scan the QR Code by opening your camera and follow the link to our safe and secure online giving portal. From there, go to "offertory" and fill in your information to give.



### December 3, 2023

- Offertory: \$19,134.71
- E-Giving: \$6,159.00
- Total Offertory: \$25,293.71
- \*\*\*CMA Cash: \$5.00
- \*\*\*Roof Cash: \$289.25

# RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

## RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

**As of October 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at 1,002,740.85. We have broken one million dollars! This is a substantial milestone!**  
*We are blessed to have the Diocese be the financial record keepers of our campaign.*

We are working hard towards the goal of **\$1.4 million**. Thanks for pledging today so we can quickly complete this much needed project for our parish to replace the Church roof.



## TAX-FREE CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION



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## CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

The Catholic Ministry Appeal supports many of the ministries of our diocese. What a great way to serve God's people today! We accept all major credit/debit cards as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system. Donor managed online giving is available with:

- Our diocesan website at: [GivetoMinistry.dosp.org](http://GivetoMinistry.dosp.org)
- QR Code - Donors can scan the code and be redirected to our secure online giving page.
- Make checks payable to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.



GOAL: \$229,153



**Lifeline Ministries**

November was a busy month for lifeline. We served 387 families comprised of 1,282 people. Parishioners and the community donated 1,278 bags of food. Additionally we provided turkeys and fixings to 225 families. We are grateful to the ECC, Faith Formation and Bauder Elementary school who conducted successful food drives for us and the Knights of Columbus who made a large donation towards the purchase of turkeys. We also had our annual Feeding Tampa Bay site monitoring audit/inspection which we passed with flying colors. Their report noted: "It was a pleasure getting to see the incredible work that your team is doing; thank you for your continued partnership."



- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Hearty canned soup

- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Beef Stew
- Jellies & jams
- Rice (2 lb bags)

*Come Come*  
**EMMANUEL...**

**Enjoy Bingo!**

Join us every Thursday afternoon in the Parish Center; doors open at noon. See old friends, make new ones, test your luck! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Questions? Bill: [knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com](mailto:knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com)



**GriefShare**

The holidays can complicate grief. At GriefShare, we support each other on our journey of grief. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM in the Education Building Art Room. You don't have to walk alone. Questions? Judy: (727) 595-4610

**Rosary Group**

We welcome all to pray the Rosary each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the 9:00AM Mass. You can also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM Wednesday evenings!

Questions? Virginia (727) 393-6063 or Mary Pat (727) 517-4289.





**The Divine Mercy of Jesus  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 17249**



The Knights meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. We are very active in serving the community, our parish, and growing in faith.

For more information, visit our website at <https://knightsdmoj17249.org>. To order a brick to be placed at the Grotto, visit <https://knightsdmoj17249.org/grotto> and select "Buy a Brick".



**The Columbiettes,  
Divine Mercy of  
Jesus Council**



The new Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus Auxiliary, is growing with 40 members to date! More women are committed to join this fall. Women eighteen or older who are practicing Catholics are invited to join. Our purpose is to assist the Knights in their commitments as well as establish our own projects. We want to assist those in need in our parish and community.

Interested? Claudia, President, 724-766-2615.

**Bethlehem Centre 2023-2024 Calendar**

**Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair**

- Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- From 9/6/2023 through 7/17/2024
- Education Building Main Hall

**Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor**

- Fridays 10:00-11:00AM
- From 9/22/2023 through 7/19/2024
- Education Building Main Hall

**Art**

- Thursdays & Fridays 10:00-1:00PM
- From 9/7/2023 through 7/18/2024
- Education Building Art Room

**Mahjong**

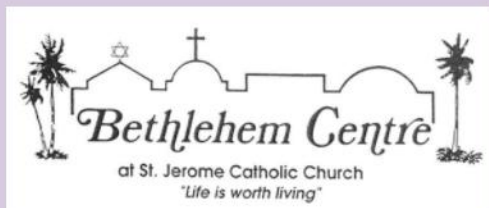
- Fridays 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building
- From 9/8/2023 through 7/19/2024

**Spanish**

- Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room
- \$5 per class.

**Zumba Gold Exercise Class**

- Wednesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM
- \$5.00 per class



**Relaxed Energy Exercise**

*Easy Exercise*  
Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM  
Ed Kilroy Building; \$5.00 per session

*If questions about the Bethlehem Centre, contact Tim Kunish at (727) 596-9394*







Our A/C Company, Griffin Services, discovered a few weeks ago that we have a couple of major repairs and a couple smaller repairs we need to complete on our Church A/C Chiller. The major repairs include replacing the second compressor and the condenser fan motor. In total these repairs will cost a little over \$30,000. While this is a lot of money, this will get our chiller in optimal shape. Griffin Services is confident our chiller will be in good shape for several years after this work and the work we have completed in the past couple of years. They have been very honest and affordable compared to our previous vendor. To help lessen the financial burden, we have decided to sell the 2005 G35 Infiniti that was previously owned by the late Msgr. Dacian Dee. It has been lightly used by the parish and made sense to sell. The proceeds of this sale will go toward this important repair. We thank you for trusting us as we work to ensure needed maintenance gets taken care of in a timely manner for the betterment of our faith community.

## Advent Tunes



Each week we are featuring an Advent song beloved by one of our staff members!

Chris M., our parish manager, enjoys **"Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle** during Advent. He likes the message and beat of Daigle's song, and his favorite lyric is *"The world waits for a miracle. the heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come o come Emmanuel."*

Check it out wherever songs are streamed today!



### BAPTISM CLASSES & INTRO TO CGS

We rejoice with our families blessed with the birth or adoption of a child or anticipating a newborn. We offer Baptism Classes on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. Call the Parish Office (727) 595-4610 to register. In addition, we would also like to arrange for you to tour our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Toddler Atrium and other Atriums. (Info provided at the Baptism Class).

Upcoming Class: December 12th

[www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism](http://www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism)

# Youth Ministry December Calendar

➡ **On:** December 10th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Event. (in lieu of regular Life Teen/Edge)  
December 22nd - Caroling & Christmas Party

➡ **Off:** December 17th, 24th, & 31st - NO Life Teen or Edge.

### Usual Sunday Schedule

- 3:30-4:45PM-EDGE Middle School in Education Building
- 5:00PM-Youth Mass
- 6:00PM-Family Dinner (middle, high, & parents)
- 7:00-8:30PM-Life Teen High School



## 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.

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

Some Masses Livestreamed at: [www.stjeromeonline.org](http://www.stjeromeonline.org) & [www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo](http://www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo)

## CLERGY

Fr. John Blum, Pastor  
Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Fred Kunder

## PARISH STAFF

Chris McBride, Parish Manager  
Rita Gianninoto, Assistant to Parish Manager  
Pat Kunish, Sacramental Coordinator & Receptionist  
Sylvia Cummings, Receptionist  
Tracey Swaine, Administrative Assistant  
Tom Kurt, Music Director  
Erica DiCeglie, Associate Music Director  
Francesca Ani, Life Teen Mass Musician  
Maintenance: Michael Shaughnessy & Bruce Villeneuve  
Sarah Williford, Bulletin Editor

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Phyllis Steele, Administrator, (727) 596-9491

## ASSISTING PRIESTS

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

## BETHLEHEM CENTRE

Tim Kunish, Coordinator, (727) 596-9394

## FORMATION TEAM

Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC, Pastoral Care & Life Long Faith Formation  
Stephanie Martin, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator  
[faithformation@stjeromeonline.org](mailto:faithformation@stjeromeonline.org)

Taylor Gunn, Youth Minister  
Rob Kidney, Youth Ministry Assistant  
[youthministry@stjeromeonline.org](mailto:youthministry@stjeromeonline.org)

For Sacraments, contact the Parish Office (727) 595-4610





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