

ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 25th, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

Listen
TO HIM.

Fresco of Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount Tabor by Franz Josef Dobiaschofsky, 1860, Altlerchenfelder Church, Vienna. Free for Canva Pro users.

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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Thank you, Pat Kunish!



This week we celebrate Pat Kunish for her faithful work on our staff at St. Jerome for over six years. Throughout these years she has served faithfully as our Receptionist and Sacraments Coordinator. A couple of things stand out the most when we think of Pat Kunish. First, her kindness and genuineness to each person she speaks to in person and on the phone. Second, her willingness to go above and beyond to help others. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "a life not lived for others is not a life." I believe Pat Kunish emulates this wonderfully.

Pat has made a tremendous impact on our staff and our parish. We are grateful for her many years of service on our staff and wish her the best on her retirement. Please join me in praying for Pat Kunish as she prepares for retirement and also for Sylvia Cummings as she transitions into Pat's position.

Peace in Christ,
Chris McBride

Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses: Monday-Friday, 7:00AM and 9:00AM; Saturday, 9:00AM - Church

Eucharistic Adoration: Lenten Fridays
10:00AM-6:45PM - Chapel

Saturday Lenten Confessions: 9:30AM & 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 9:30AM and 7:00PM - Church

Parish Lenten Mission: presented by Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Tuesday, March 5, 6:30PM
Confessions available prior - 5:30-6:30PM

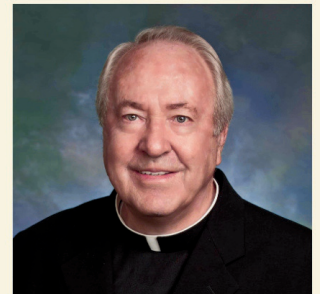
Additional Confession Times: March 16 & 17 before all weekend Masses

Simple Supper - Friday, March 1 & 15, 5:00-7:00PM, Parish Center

TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND FOLLOW THE GOSPEL...



St. Jerome Lenten Mission
**An evening with
Msgr. Muldoon
on Forgiveness**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH
6:30PM IN THE CHURCH**



Saturday, February 24th

- 9:00 AM Mary Kerr - Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Anne Irene O'Leary Spires - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Blum

Sunday, February 25th

- 7:30 AM † Raymond & Geraldine Biondi - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Deceased Members of Guidice & Totino Families - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † David Scott Berglund - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Brian & Julian Walsh - Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, February 26th

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Sochet - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Richard & Roberta Johnson - Fr. Blum

Tuesday, February 27th

- 7:00 AM † Kathy Zybelman - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM Pam Nunez - Fr. Blum

Wednesday, February 28th

- 7:00 AM † Douglas Albright - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jeannine Bodine - Fr. Mike

Thursday, February 29th

- 7:00 AM Brian Patrick Keefer - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Jeannine Bodine - Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, March 1st

- 7:00 AM † Martin Shanks - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Morris Artessa - Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, March 2nd

- 9:00 AM † Patricia Gilbert - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Sam & Marie Vastano - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Joseph Hometchko - Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, March 3rd

- 7:30 AM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Hans Ott - Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Robert Maus - Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Angel Batista - Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM † John & Carlene Stott - 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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Special Request Masses

All Masses celebrated by
Msgr. Muldoon.

1/1/2024 - Phyllis Steele
1/2/2024 - Chris McBride
1/3/2024 - Sr. Lucia Brady
1/4/2024 - Frances O'Donnell+
1/5/2024 - Frances O'Donnell+
1/6/2024 - Hope Dunleavy
1/7/2024 - Jared Dunleavy
1/8/2024 - Peace in the World
1/9/2024 - God Bless America
and keep her in Your Hands
1/10/2024 - Sylvester Cangemi+
1/11/2024 - Mary E. Brady+
1/12/2024 - Stephanie Martin
1/13/2024 - Chandler Stalcup+
1/14/2024 - Tiffany Attaallahi
1/15/2024 - Jeannine Bodine+
1/16/2024 - Gloria Mendez+
1/18/2024 - Agnes, O'Neill
1/19/2024 - Donna & Ann
McShane
1/20/2024 - Janice Power
1/21/2024 - Mrs. Powers+
1/22/2024 - Gilbert Bateman
1/23/2024 - Deacon Juan Diaz+
1/31/2024 - Connie Tsarsis +



Save the Date for VBS!

Registration is \$25 per family from April 13th through June 7th; space is limited though so register early!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8th through July 12th in the Education Building from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

All St. Jerome children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to attend. Youth are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer.

We look forward to celebrating this year of the Eucharistic Revival through this hands-on program including Bible study, Adoration, music, theater, games, crafts, and more.



Director, Early Childhood Center

Applications are being accepted for the role of ECC Administrator for the upcoming school year. Qualified candidates must be a practicing Catholic, with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field and 9 college credits in administration/ business. S/he must possess or obtain a Florida Director Credential and a VPK Director Credential. Experience working with young children and families is required and administrative experience is preferred.

To apply: www.dosp.org/schools-office/position-openings-2/

Lead Teachers, Early Childhood Center

SJECC is now accepting applications for 2024-25 part-time Lead Teachers interested in teaching two-, three- and four-year-old students. Candidates must have a college degree in the field of Education and experience working with young children.

Call Phyllis Steele at (727) 596-9491 for more information.

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Is Enrolling Now!

2024-25 School Year Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Registration is taking place now for the 2024-25 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. Call **(727) 596-9491** to schedule your tour. We look forward to meeting with you!

Receptionist, Parish Office

St. Jerome Catholic Church is seeking a part-time Receptionist. St. Jerome is an active parish with multiple ministries and includes an Early Childhood Center. We seek an engaged Catholic, confident in assisting parishioners and others with their needs and welcoming those who come to the parish office. This position involves working Monday-Wednesday between 21-24 hours per week.

Qualifications:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with a welcoming approach to phone calls and parishioner visits to the office.
- Good organizational skills, the ability to understand and follow instructions as well as work independently with initiative, be detail-oriented, generate work in a timely manner, be a self-starter and a team player.
- Proficient in use of the Microsoft Office suite and interested in learning parish-oriented software programs.
- Ability to assist with a variety of tasks including copying, faxing, taking notes, and emailing.
- Ability to answer phones in a professional manner and route calls as necessary.
- Knowledge of and interest in learning parish operations.

Candidates must pass a Level II FBI background screening and complete Diocesan Safe Environment training.

Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resume directed to Chris McBride at parishmanager@stjeromeonline.org. Inquiries seeking further information are welcome and should be addressed to Chris. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

Liturgical Ministry Update

We need help in all the ministries that pertain to our Liturgy. Liturgy is the focal point of our Catholic Faith. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. Everything we do comes from and leads to the Eucharist. At St. Jerome we have great Liturgy, but we need help badly. We are short of Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, greeters and to a lesser extent readers. We need sacristans at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 10:45AM on Sunday, and 4:00PM and 5:30PM on Saturday. If you are an adult and are willing to be an Altar Server on Saturday or Sunday, we could really use your help. Ushers are **greatly** needed at some of our Masses. We can never have enough greeters to make people feel welcome. Please pray about how God might be calling you to help. You may call the office and ask for Deacon Fred or Sylvia at 727-595-4610.



Blood Drive 2/25

Give blood on 2/25! All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, a One Blood T- shirt and a Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now or call 1-888-936-6283. Code 12669

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. JEROME'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER

Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 5:00 PM – 7:30PM

You are warmly invited for an enjoyable Irish dinner in the Parish Center. We are serving Irish beef stew, Irish desserts, and various beverages.

Advance tickets for adults are \$12.00, children 10 years & under are \$6.00. Mac & Cheese is available for the "wee ones". Tickets available after Masses in the Church in The Gathering Space.

If you are buying tickets at the door, reservations are required by calling the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610. Adult tickets will then be \$14.00; children 10 years & under will still be \$6.00.

Tickets go on sale 2/24!

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The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

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Divine Mercy of
Jesus Council**



Do you want to assist those in need in our parish and community? Are you willing to work with our Knights of Columbus Council and their charitable commitments? Then please consider joining our growing Columbiettes Auxiliary. We are developing our own projects and fundraisers, and guess what--we are having fun, too!

If you are a practicing Catholic woman 18 years or older and would like more info or to join us, please contact Claudia M., president, at (724) 766-2615 or lilmacteacher@gmail.com

**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".

Bethlehem Centre Spring Semester

Contact Tim Kunish if questions: (727) 596-9394.

Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair

- Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor

- Fridays at 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

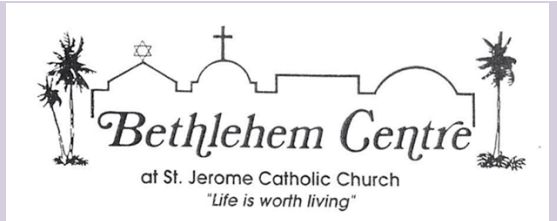
Relaxed Energy Exercise

Easy Exercise

- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM
- Ed Kilroy Building;

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

- Wednesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM



Mahjong

- Fridays 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building

Spanish

- Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room

Youth Ministry



Calendar

Come hang out soon!

- Feb 25- regular meetings

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



St. Jerome
LIFE TEEN

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 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.



February 25, 2024

- **Offertory:** \$22,221.68
- **E-Giving:** \$5,066.00
- **Total Offertory:** \$27,287.68
- *****CMA Cash:** \$100.00
- *****Roof Cash:** \$500.00

RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

As of January 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,059,714.88.

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 and replace the Church roof.



Congrats to our FIRST winners for this year's 500 Club!

The February Winners are:

- 1st Place – Joanne Kyne
- 2nd Place – George Jirotko
- 3rd Place – Bernadette Gwiazdoski

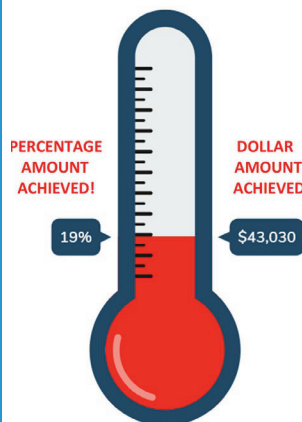
Thanks for supporting the growth of our parish! Contact the Parish Office to sign up today!

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

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(As of February 12, 2024)

GOAL: \$223,425



As the second week of Lent begins, the Church invites us to contemplate the transfigured Jesus with Peter, James, and John: "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:3). Before he suffered his Passion, Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse into his glorified nature—a glimpse of where he could take them. God loves us where we are and loves us too much to leave us where we are. We can radiate divine light like Jesus. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, he transfigures us. We can shine with his joy, love, and serenity. He wants to transfigure our whole parish! Please support our Catholic Ministry Appeal so we can have all the resources we need to shine the way He wishes us to, so we can reach all those He longs for in our community. "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

2023 Contribution Statements are printed upon request. Please call the Parish Office if you need a statement for your 2023 taxes.

“This is a Test”

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God. I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us. What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

-Tom Schmidt, Diocesan

SIMPLE SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST & 15TH


5:00-7:00PM in Parish Center
Suggested donation: \$10 per person, \$5 per child, \$25 per family

MENU

Tomato Soup (gluten free)
Grilled Cheese, Salad, and dessert



A LENTEN TRADITION!



Millions of Monicas

Millions of Monicas is a prayer ministry with a unique mission. Many of us have children struggling to embrace their Catholic faith in a chaotic, and stressful world. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their beautiful Catholic faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old who believe in the mother's power of prayer. We are not a support group or a self-help group. We believe that together weekly can bring strength and joy to each other.

To learn more, contact Kathy at 617-763-0170.

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is visiting the United States and is coming to THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.

Thursday, February 29, 2024
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
5815 5th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Veneration from 2:00-10:00PM
Special Mass in Honor of St. Jude at 7:00PM

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Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 90 families comprised of 330 people. Parishioners donated 251 bags of food for a total of 475 bags so far this month. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

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



Health Care Ministry

Lost or confused about a medical problem, illness or concern? Don't know where to turn? The Health Care Ministry of St. Jerome can assist. We have knowledge and resources that can point you in the proper direction. Don't navigate the rough seas alone. Contact us at (321) 403-3356 or email at healthministrys@stjerome.com.



GriefShare

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

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Donation Items Needed

We will be collecting items for the homeless at a table in the Gathering Space the weekends of March 2-3 and March 9-10. Please donate:

- **beef stew, pop-top 15 oz can**
- **chicken breast, pop-top 5 oz can**
- **granola bars or breakfast bars**
- **Lance sandwich crackers**
- **beef jerky sticks, tuna pouches**
- **new hotel size soap, shampoo, lotion**
- **men's new socks**
- **toothbrushes**
- **dentist sample size toothpaste**
- **razors**
- **rain ponchos**
- **pocket size Kleenex tissues**

These items become part of "Blessing Bags", gallon size bags that contain about 25 items. Blessing Bags can be found in the Gathering Space and church entrances. They are available for parishioners to take and hand out to local homeless people. Since 2018, our parish has distributed over **2,000** Blessing Bags and Warmth Bags, and 800 were handed out just last year. The need is growing. Please place donations in the basket next to the Blessing Bags shelf in The Gathering Space. Thank you!

Enjoy Bingo

Join us Thursday afternoons 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

Rosary Group

We welcome all to pray the Rosary following the 9:00AM Mass Monday through Saturday, except on days of Eucharistic Adoration. You can also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM on Wednesday evenings! Questions? Virginia (727) 393-6063 or Mary Pat (727) 517-4289.



FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
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SAVE THE DATE

ROAR of the ROSARY

May 10th - Friday
Straz Center: Morsani Hall
6pm - 10pm

Devotional Evening with:
Amazing Speakers
Eucharistic Adoration
Rosary Procession
Music by The Vigil Project

Cardinal Raymond Burke
Mother Adela
Gus Lloyd
Bishop Parkes

Sponsored in part by: Legatus Tampa Bay, Scarpo Family, Hyer Family, Saint Paul's Outreach, Young Catholic Professionals, FOCUS, Spirit FM 90.5
Request Tickets: RoaroftheRosary.org

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 & www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

CLERGY

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

PARISH STAFF

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Erica DiCeglie, Associate Music Director
Francesca Ani, Life Teen Mass Musician
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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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ASSISTING PRIESTS

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Pastor Emeritus
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Fr. Anthony Nyong

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Tim Kunish, Coordinator, (727) 596-9394

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