

# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17th, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

The hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be

*glorified.*

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and

*dies*

it remains just a grain of wheat;  
*but if it dies,*  
*it produces much fruit.*

John 12:23-25

Diego Velázquez, Christ on the Cross (1632), Public Domain

## 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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As we enter the last full week of Lent, we invite you to take a look at your schedule now and make your plans to attend the Holy Week liturgies. Maybe you attend every year; maybe you've never been. We challenge you to add one more event to your calendar this week. Let's walk more deeply with Jesus through His sacrifice this Holy Week.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Weekend of March 23 & 24

Palm Sunday - Passion of Christ and the Blessing of palms, all Masses

Monday, March 25, 2024 7:00 AM - Mass - Church & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:00 AM - Mass - Church & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 7:00 AM - Mass - Church & 9:00 AM - Mass - Church

### TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

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

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church /*Procession to the Tent for Adoration following Mass*

9:30 PM - Tenebrae - Tent

11:45 PM - Night Prayer - Tent (Adoration until midnight - Tent)

#### Good Friday, March 29, 2024

9:00 AM - 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, March 30, 2024

9:00 AM - The Seven Sorrows of Mary - Church

9:30 AM - Confessions - Chapel

12:00 PM - Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets - Church

8:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass - Church

### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

#### Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00 AM - Mass - Tent

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

9:00 AM - Mass - Church

9:00 AM - Mass - Tent

9:00 AM - Mass - Parish Center

10:45 AM - Mass - Church

10:45 AM - Mass - Tent

10:45 AM - Mass - Parish Center

12:30 PM - Mass - Church

*Note: There will not be a 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday.*



#### **Confessions Before All Weekend Masses March 16th & 17th**

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before all weekend Masses March 16th & 17th. Confessional rooms are located inside the main doors of the Holy Family Chapel. Arrive early for Mass and take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession.*

## 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

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

\*TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND FOLLOW THE GOSPEL...\*



**Saturday, March 16th**

- 9:00 AM † Louise Colucci - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Paul W. Chapman - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Van Thomas - Fr. Blum

**Sunday, March 17th**

- 7:30 AM † Dina Myers - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Eugenija Kaspariunas - Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Virginia Conlon + - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM The Clergy of St. Jerome - Fr. Cadrecha

**Monday, March 18th**

- 7:00 AM † Joseph Arone - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Kieran Keegan, Sr. - Fr. Blum

**Tuesday, March 19th**

- 7:00 AM † Joey D'Amore - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Giuseppe DeFilippis - Fr. Blum

**Wednesday, March 20th**

- 7:00 AM † Linda Hessler - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary - Fr. Mike

**Thursday, March 21st**

- 7:00 AM † Joseph T. Fray + - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM Gabriela Baldwin - Fr. Blum

**Friday, March 22nd**

- 7:00 AM † Olivia Rose Vaughan - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller - Fr. Cadrecha

**Saturday, March 23rd**

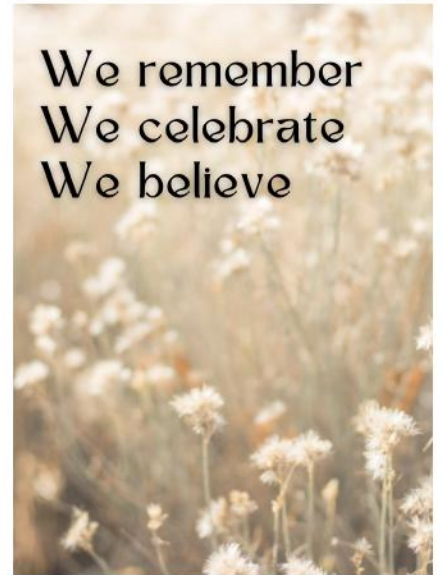
- 9:00 AM † Thomas Wilk - Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Elizabeth & Joseph Weber - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † John Scullin, Jr. - Fr. Cadrecha

**Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday**

- 7:30 AM Martha Blanco - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Robert Maus - Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † All the People of the Parish - Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM † Laura Kehoe - 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.*



Did you know St. Jerome is on Facebook & Instagram? Check us out!

 St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church

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## Landscaping Update

We are thankful to those kind volunteers who helped recently with refreshing the flower beds outside of the Parish Center building. Little acts of service can make a great difference! Would you like to join in sprucing up the campus? Contact Chris McBride in the Parish Office to hop on board a team.



*Liturgical Ministers Needed!*

Can you serve as an:

- Usher
- Sacristan
- Reader
- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Contact Deacon Fred or Sylvia at: 727-595-4610

*Christ has no hands but yours.  
-St Teresa of Avila*

## Beloved Saint Joseph

*"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you."*

This verse before the Gospel reading at Mass certainly describes St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate on the 19th. There is no doubt that his soul dwells in God's house where he gives praise to God. In heaven, St. Joseph and Our Lady are worshipping the son they raised on earth together! Consider the final line of today's Gospel, which says that the twelve-year-old Jesus "went down with [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them." Jesus retains an intimate relationship with them, and he allows them to function as powerful intercessors on our behalf. What a great debt humanity owes to the efficacious, perpetual intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph.

My husband and I belonged to a parish named St. Joseph for many years and, over time, we came to rely on the help and loving concern of our Savior's foster-father. We are convinced that his intercession helped attain great grace for our family.

When my husband's father was diagnosed with advanced cancer, he and my mother-in-law came to live with us. For many years, my in-laws had traveled the country, serving others, praying with others, and sharing the love of Christ whenever and wherever they could. Though they had left the Catholic Church twenty-five years earlier, their faith in Christ was radical and inspiring.

Now, with a terminal diagnosis, my father-in-law was approaching his eternal reward. It was a painful, beautiful time, and my husband, though he had always yearned for his dad to return to the Church, rejoiced in his father's faithfulness to God. Nevertheless, he wanted the absolute best for his dad as he approached the end of his life, so he turned to St. Joseph for help. Every day, my husband would stop by the church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of St. Joseph. He prayed for three things: that his father would be willing to receive the Anointing of the Sick before he died, and that, after he died, he would be given a funeral Mass and then be buried in our parish cemetery.

It is a long story, but, miraculously, all three requests were granted. We believe that St. Joseph's intercession played a pivotal role in this happy outcome. With St. Teresa of Avila, we say, "Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint, for I know by...experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God." Thank you, beloved St. Joseph, for your faithful witness, your tremendous role in salvation history, and your on-going, loving intercession. -Christine Hanus



**SAT. APRIL 20TH**  
**6:00PM- 8:00PM**  
 \*DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM  
**PARISH HALL**

**\$15/ person**

**FUN Columbiettes Divine Mercy of Jesus**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Prizes for top 3 tables!**  
**Basket Raffles! 50/50 raffle!**

**RETURN FORM & MONEY TO THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THE COLUMBIETTES OR MAIL TO: JO-ELLEN ABOU NADER 1460 GULF BLVD. #406 CLEARWATER FL 34617**

**PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 6!**

\*Tables will be assigned for parties less than 8 people!

Names in Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

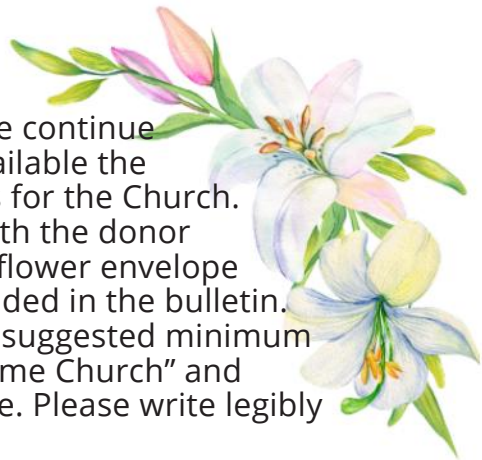
Fill in Number of Pre-pay Picnic Box Dinners: (\$7 each) \_\_\_ Chicken Salad \_\_\_ Egg Salad

Total Amount Paid: (Registration & Dinner) \_\_\_\_\_

*Any questions? Please contact Jo-Ellen Abou Nader at (407) 810- 6502 or rolandabounaders@yahoo.com!*

### 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: Friday, March 22 at noon.**

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

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

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

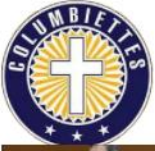
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: *In Honor of* OR *In Memory of*

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



**The Columbiettes, 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!

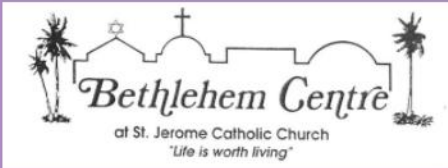
If you are a practicing Catholic woman 18 years or older and would like more info or to join us, please contact Claudia M., president, at (724) 766-2615 or lilmacteacher@gmail.com

**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



**Fellowship Luau Lunch!**

- Tuesday, March 26th, 12:00-1:00PM
- Hawaiian Ham, Tossed Salad
- Cheesy Potatoes, Homemade Rye Bread
- Green Beans, Pineapple Cake
- **\$15** donation. To guarantee a seat, register by calling 727-596-9394.
- One free raffle ticket for all.



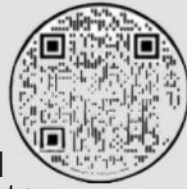
**OCIA Scrutinies**

This year we have six Elect, who during this Lenten season, continue their process of formal initiation. This formalized initiation process takes place during the 10:45AM Mass where the Scrutinies take place. A set of three different scrutinies that centralize around the reality of sin and the salvation that we receive through God's mercy and grace. These Scrutinies will be celebrated after the homily on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.



### 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.



### March 10, 2024

- Offertory: \$20,656.49
- E-Giving: \$4,791.00
- Total Offertory: \$25,447.49
- \*\*\*CMA Cash: \$72.00
- \*\*\*Roof Cash: \$256.00

# RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

## RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

**As of February 29th, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,073,100.55.** 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.

Prior to starting our campaign, our Building and Maintenance Committee determined that replacing our shingled church roof with a metal roof was our best choice for several reasons. First, the warranty for a metal roof is at least 40 years, which is over double the lifespan of a shingle roof. Second, metal roofs withstand a category 4 hurricane with 150 mph winds and 180 mph gusts. Third, metal roofs have reflective properties making them energy efficient which can reduce cooling costs by as much as 25%.



**As an incentive to help us quickly reach our goal, the Knights of Columbus have made a Five Thousand Dollar contribution and will match up to another five thousand dollars of all March donations to the Raise the Roof Fund! Can you help us reach that match?**



## CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

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**CATHOLIC MINISTRY  
Appeal**

**Congrats to our March 500 Club Winners!**

- 1st Place – Jack Bordeaux
- 2nd Place – Miriam Giotta
- 3rd Place – Richard Boivin





### Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 86 families comprised of 294 people. Parishioners have donated 255 bags of food 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@gmail.com](mailto:healthministrys@gmail.com).

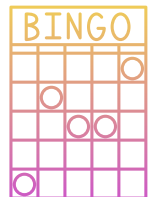


### GriefShare

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### Millions of Monicas

Do you have a loved one who has left the Church? We invite you to consider joining our new intercessory ministry. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry. The goal of this ministry is simply to gather in prayer and support for our loved ones. To learn more, contact Kathy at 617-763-0170, and visit: <https://millionsofmonicas.com>





# St. Jerome LIFE TEEN Calendar

Come hang out soon!

- March 17 - usual youth group
- March 24th - Middle School - usual, High School- Lenten Penance Service for teens and parents
- March 31st- no youth group (Easter!)

### 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



Outdoor Mass with Fr. Rob

## Easter in the Atrium

All Faith Formation families are encouraged to join us for our annual Liturgy of the Light Celebration on **Saturday, April 6th at the 2:30PM in the Church.** After our prayer service, we will meet in the field adjacent to the Early Childhood Center for an Easter egg hunt. A special snack will be available inside the Education Building with all festivities completed in time to attend the 4:00PM Mass.



RSVP to Stephanie by 3/20:  
faithformation@stjeromeonline.org

## Early Childhood Center

SJ ECC warmly thanks all the parishioners who supported our recent Mardi Gras raffle. The proceeds, along with a donation from the generous Knights of Columbus, funded our playground improvement project.



## Save the Date for VBS!



Registration runs from April 13th - June 7th; \$25 per family; space is limited 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 welcome to attend. Older youth 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.

## 6th Annual Marian Congress

Saturday, May 11, 2024 – A Day to be Renewed

Give yourself and your family a day of rest and the time to be renewed! Join us for the Diocese of St. Petersburg's 6th Annual Marian Congress. This year's theme is *Mary, Joseph, and the Eucharist: Forming a Holy Family*. Make plans to attend on Saturday, May 11th, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. To learn more / register, visit [www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org). Registration opens March 11th.



**MAY 10TH - FRIDAY**  
Straz Center: Morsani Hall  
**6:00-10:00 PM**

Devotional Evening with:

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Cardinal Raymond Burke



Mother Adela

**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)

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Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Fred Kunder

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Fr. Anthony Nyong

**BETHLEHEM CENTRE**

Tim Kunish, Coordinator, (727) 596-9394

**FORMATION TEAM**

Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC, Pastoral Care & Life Long Faith Formation  
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[faithformation@stjeromeonline.org](mailto:faithformation@stjeromeonline.org)

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