

St. Jerome Catholic Church

As parishioners of St. Jerome and as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, we respond to our Lord's invitation to walk with Him in the Sacraments and prayer, to deepen our faith through lifelong formation, to serve those in need and to invite others to the fullness of the Catholic faith through sharing His Holy Word and His Teaching.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Tom Morgan
Pastor

Rev. Robert Cadrecha
Parochial Vicar

Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL
Assisting Priest

Deacon Fred Kunder
Permanent Deacon

Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC
Pastoral Care / Outreach
Life Long Formation

RETIRED

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon
Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Dacian Dee
Assisting Priest

FORMATION TEAM

Lisa Brett-Reeves
Coordinator of Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd

Tina Bowen
Youth and Family Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Cindi Munroe
Karen Kurt

MUSIC TEAM

Tom Kurt, Music Director
Erica DiCeglie, Assoc. Music
Director

BETHLEHEM CENTRE

Joanne Biamonte, Coordinator
727-596-9394

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Phyllis Steele, Administrator
727-596-9491

Parish Office Hours:

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

Address:

10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, FL 33774
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 5:30pm

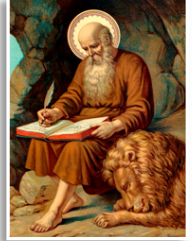
Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5pm

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am, and Saturday at 9am

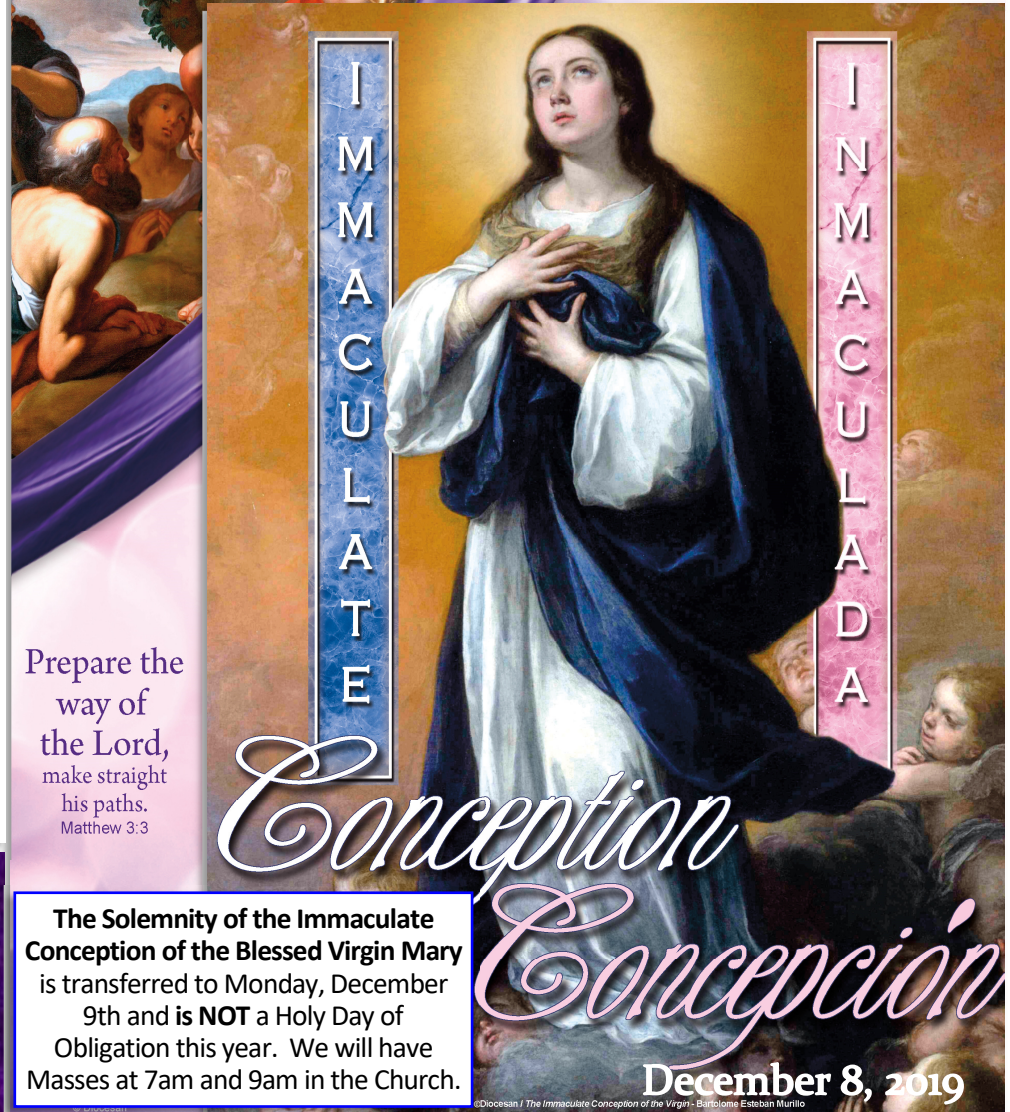
Holy Family Chapel open 24 hours every day;

Confessions, Saturday: 3pm - 3:45pm; **Anointing of the Sick**, first weekend of the month Saturday 9:30am & Sunday 1:30pm;

Holy Hour and Benediction, 1st & 3rd Friday 9:30am - 10:30am



2nd Sunday of
Advent



Prepare the
way of
the Lord,
make straight
his paths.
Matthew 3:3

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th and is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have Masses at 7am and 9am in the Church.

December 8, 2019

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Dear Friends,

We will be celebrating the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego which took place in 1531 at Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City this weekend.



The schedule for our celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be: Sunday, December 8th: 4pm Rosary, 4:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe greeted by Mariachis and Dancers at entrance of the church, 4:45pm procession with statue into the church, 5pm Solemn Mass, and 6pm Refreshments - Parish Center.

We are thankful that we have an active Hispanic ministry in our parish. The mission of the Hispanic ministry of the Diocese of St. Petersburg is to recognize, celebrate, and support the efforts of parish ministries that invite our Hispanic Catholics to participate fully in the life and mission of the Church. We strive to promote the formation and development of lay leaders in the Hispanic community to strengthen the Catholic faith among our brothers and sisters. At St. Jerome Catholic Church, Hispanic Outreach ministry consists of prayerful support of the various ministries and organizations within the parish. This includes monthly recitation of the Rosary in Spanish every second Monday of the month, as well as the cultivation and promotion of devotions to the Mother of God and saints revered in Spanish-speaking countries. For the past seven years, St. Jerome has been celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her Feast Day. As the Hispanic Outreach ministry at St. Jerome grows, we hope to provide opportunities for fellowship, prayer, spirituality, community outreach, and small faith communities which pray and offer Catholic devotions in their native tongue. Such outreach displays the unique catholicity of our faith in Jesus Christ. Faith formation is an integral component of our ministry. If we are to welcome our Hispanic brothers and sisters to our community of faith, we must identify them, visit them in their homes, and provide materials for faith formation for the youth and adults. As such, we need volunteers who are willing to heed the Lord's call to evangelize. As Jesus reminded His disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Matthew 9:37

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan
Fr, Tom Morgan

OH COME, OH COME
Emmanuel

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
will be this **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th**
at **9:30am and 7pm** in the Church.

*Come prepare your heart
for the birth of the Savior!*



Christmas Novena
Prayed through December 24

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires. (Mention your intentions here) Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Question & Mission of the Week:

Question: Would John the Baptist be a threat to you? Your family? Your neighborhood and town? Why?

Mission: Identify one concrete step you can take to further the acceptance of outsiders in our community. Welcome a stranger, forgive a fellow sinner; don't let fear or prejudice divide your heart.

St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive



We would like to make Christmas a special time of year for many families in need. Please join us! Our Toy Boxes will open the weekend of November 30th. Help us fill our Toy Boxes by donating new unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. Please place the gifts in the Toy Boxes at the church entrances. Monetary donations are also welcome and please place these in the offertory baskets or give to the welcome desk or Parish Office. Although many families are financially hurting, let's do our best to make Christmas enjoyable for the children! Thank you for your continued generosity!

The St. Jerome Catholic Church 2020 parish calendars are available in the vestibules.

Special thanks to our sponsor,



Grasso Funeral Memorial and Cremation.



The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who donated their Christmas trees to St. Jerome. We have been truly blessed by your generosity!

St. Jerome's Needs Your Friendly Face!
GREETERS AND USHERS ARE NEEDED
FOR ALL OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES.



*Please prayerfully consider volunteering
to serve as a greeter or an usher
for the Christmas season.*



*Bring your friendly, welcoming attitude.
If you have questions, feel free to ask anyone
currently serving in these positions.*

We would LOVE to have you!
Sign up sheets will be at the Welcome Desk.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES

Christmas flowers are used to 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 memorialized or honored will be listed along with the donor name in the Parish 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.

To place an order, please complete this form. Your offering (a \$10 suggested minimum per name) should be attached. Please make your check payable to "St. Jerome Church". You may place it in the Offertory collection or drop it off at the Parish Office.

The deadline to place your order is Wednesday, December 18th at Noon.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER
SO YOU MAY BE CONTACTED WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

YOUR NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____ ENVELOPE # _____

PLEASE CIRCLE "IN HONOR OF" OR "IN MEMORY OF":

In Honor of / In Memory of _____ by _____
 In Honor of / In Memory of _____ by _____

_ NAMES x \$10 EACH = _____ CHECK TOTAL \$ _____

If you have any questions, please call the parish office..

Lifeline Advent Calendar

Thanks to your generosity, every month St. Jerome's LifeLine Food Bank is able to provide an average of 250 families with a wide variety of foods. For many, this resource really IS a lifeline. During the Advent season the need is especially great and we ask you to consider a Christmas gift of food.

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| December 1 - box of cereal | December 13 - canned beans |
| December 2 - peanut butter | December 14 - canned spaghetti & meatballs |
| December 3 - jelly | December 15 - package of rice |
| December 4 - boxed potatoes | December 16 - any Progresso soup |
| December 5 - box mac & Cheese | December 17 - package of pasta |
| December 6 - canned peaches | December 18 - spaghetti sauce |
| December 7 - diced tomatoes | December 19 - small chicken soup |
| December 8 - can mini ravioli | December 20 - small tomato soup |
| December 9 - can of tuna | December 21 - canned corn |
| December 10 - canned pears | December 22 - canned green beans |
| December 11 - can pork & beans | December 23 - canned carrots |
| December 12 - canned fruit cocktail | December 24 - can of chili |



Each day add the item listed to a box. Then anytime from mid-December until January 6th bring your box to church and put it in a LifeLine collection box.

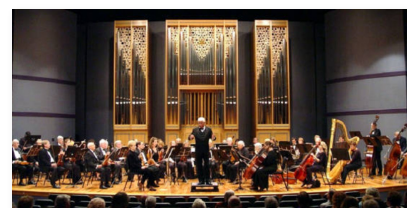


BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center will host its 28th Annual Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 14th from 8:00am-11:00am** in the Parish Center. Bring the entire family for a morning of fun and fellowship. Children of all ages enjoy the variety of activities offered. This event is open to the entire community. Breakfast tickets are now available at the Early Childhood Center (located in the Education Bldg.). Advanced tickets are \$7 each (\$8 at the door), which includes breakfast, face painting, kiddie-crafts, and a visit with Santa. Raffle tickets are also available for many prizes that will be raffled at the Breakfast. Come and join us for this wonderful, annual community, holiday event! Open to all! Please call the ECC at 596-9491 or email preschool@stjeromeecc.org for additional information.



Come get into the Christmas season with Christmas classics and favorites! Join the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, December 15th at 2:30pm in the church for a beautiful afternoon of music.



St Jerome Christmas Special!

Friday, December 20

@7:30pm



Featuring
St Jerome Chorale, Spirit Singers, Praise
Band, Bell Choir, soloists & instrumentalists

directed by Tom Kurt & Erica DiCeglie

Gift Shop

We are open on Sunday mornings from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Come check out our wonderful religious gifts for the Advent and Christmas season!



Coffee and Donuts:

Please join us every Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Volunteers needed to serve! Please contact John Francks at 727-595-4610.



Bingo is a fun, social and good time every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Doors open at 10am. Early bird begins at 12pm followed by the regular games until about 3pm.

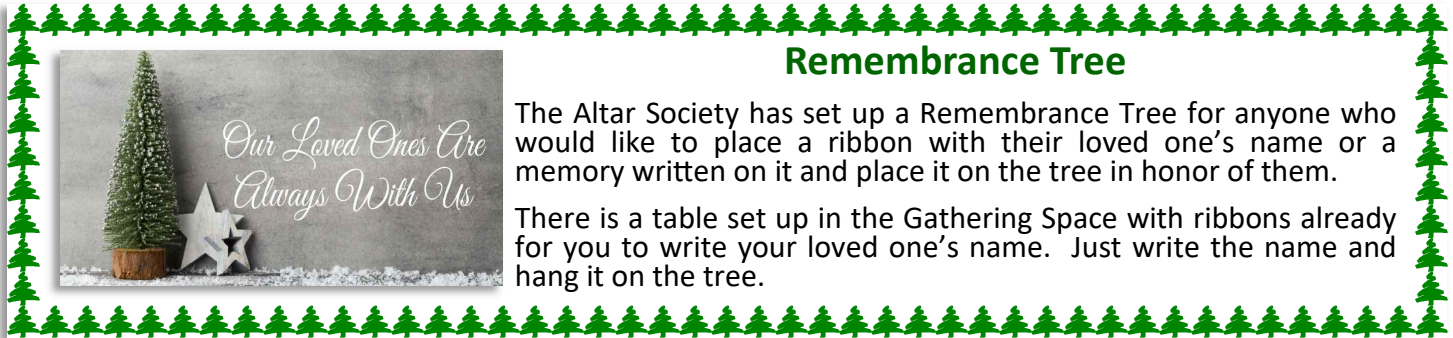
In keeping with the generosity of our church, if you bring in a can or a box of food for the poor, we will give you a free bingo card for a special game. One card per can every week!

***There will NOT be BINGO on Thursday, November 28th in honor of Thanksgiving Day. See you next week!



The Bethlehem Centre lunch program is served in the Parish Center from 11:30am – 12pm on Tuesdays, November through March. Salad and beverage are available at 11:15am. Come early to meet old friends and make some new ones. Donation \$6.00.

Tuesday, December 10th menu: Chili & Rice, Green Bean Casserole, Salad & Crackers, Beverage, Dessert.



Remembrance Tree

The Altar Society has set up a Remembrance Tree for anyone who would like to place a ribbon with their loved one's name or a memory written on it and place it on the tree in honor of them.

There is a table set up in the Gathering Space with ribbons already for you to write your loved one's name. Just write the name and hang it on the tree.

The Blood mobile will be here this Sunday, December 8th from 8:30am – 1pm in the front parking lot.



Around the Diocese



We gathered for our Annual Assembly in October with over 700 FAST attendees at Holy Family Catholic Church in St Pete. Fr Bob Schneider of St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Clearwater presented Sr. Lucia and Fr Rob Cadrecha with the covenant they both signed for St Jerome in joining the 42 member congregations working for Justice in Pinellas County. We elected new board members and voted on the these 3-key areas for our attention and research in 2020: Youth Arrests & Suspensions (YAS), Affordable Housing, Criminal Justice/Mental Health. For more info: contact Carla Rollanclini, coordinator in parish office. Monthly Meeting Justice & Fast Ministry is Thursday, Dec 26 at 4pm in the Education Center Lounge. Preview Movie: Bonhoeffer; Agent of Grace.

St. Jerome Catholic Church Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

faithformation@stjeromeonline.org

Families have a choice of five Mass times to attend on Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm or 5pm.
Remember to attend a Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation!

Living a Holy and Sacramental Life: ADVENT

WELCOMING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

In preparation for a new year, it is important to reflect on the previous year. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and excitement of Christmas, but we must take time to truly prepare for the Prince of Peace to enter our lives.

PREPARING TO FULLY CELEBRATE ADVENT

Reflection- Set aside one evening to reflect on the previous year as a family. Some questions to guide your discussion:

- In what ways did we welcome Jesus into our lives this year?
- Does our home reflect we are Catholics?
- Did we attend weekly Mass?
- Did we keep our obligation of attending Mass on Holy Days?
- How did Christ shine through us at school and work?



Letter Writing- Most children are familiar with writing letters to Santa. Try writing a letter to Jesus! Imagine how happy His heart would be to receive a letter from your family! In the letter, include ways your family anticipates preparing for your hearts, minds and home for the His coming on Christmas, and how you will spend the year with Jesus at the center. Then, place the letter on your prayer table.

Interactive Prayer- Use an interactive prayer when lighting the Advent wreath to involve the entire family. Take turns sharing the roll of “parent” with other family members.

Parent: Lord, you are the light of the world.

Child: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Parent: Heavenly Father, we long for your plan of rescue and redemption to be realized. Give us hearts that see Your beauty and wait in hope for You to make all things good and new again.

Child: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Parent: May Your light and love shine brightly in our hearts, spreading hope and peace to those around us.

Child: Amen.

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Tina Bowen, youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org Tel: 727-595-4610, ext. 302



Youth (ages 10 – 18) are invited to join the Frassati Expedition Team for an introductory kayak paddle on Saturday, December 21st at 9am. Adore God’s creation while exploring the spoiler islands in double kayaks. Only 6 spots left! Email youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org to reserve yours.

Our next Confirmation Preparation class will be on Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We will be learning about prayer & different ways to strengthen our relationship with God.



MOPS

this is motherhood

MOPS is a group for ALL moms with kids of ALL ages. Come join us!
Monday, December 16, at 10:00 am in the Education Building
Please RSVP for FREE childcare at www.stjeromeonline.org/mops.

AND...save the date for our next BUNCO night – Saturday, January 11th!



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the means by which we welcome and instruct new members of the Church in what it means to be Catholic. We are changing our meeting time to Sunday at the 10:45am Mass. We will leave

Mass after the Homily and go to discuss the readings and then have our formational portion of the Journey immediately following. So we will begin to meet once a week as opposed to the twice we currently meet. RCIA is a journey, a personal journey with Christ into his Church. If you have thought of becoming Catholic or would like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be Catholic, join us each Sunday at the 10:45am Mass. For more information contact Deacon Fred Kunder at the office 727-595-4610 or visit our website at: <http://www.stjeromeonline.org/rcia.html>.

Join us for St. Jerome's Nativity Play!



It's the most wonderful time of the year!
We need your children (and you) to participate in St. Jerome's Christmas Nativity Play!

The play will take place at the Christmas Eve 4pm Mass in the Church. All are invited and welcome to rejoice in the birth of our Lord, Jesus!

Please contact Erica for more info and to sign up, edicegliesings@gmail.com.



Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

"When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart..."

Jeremiah 29: 12-13

Please join in the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
in The Holy Family Chapel at St. Jerome Church
10895 Hamlin Boulevard, Largo, Florida



Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the Rosary at 10 a.m., then Solemn Exposition with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.



Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the Rosary at 10 a.m., then Solemn Exposition with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.



Thursday, December 12, 2019. Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the Rosary at 10 a.m., then Solemn Exposition with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call St. Jerome at 727-595-4610

St. Jerome Catholic Church Eucharistic
Exposition Schedule Advent 2019

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2019:

HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

9:00-9:30 am: Mass with Fr. Cadrecha
9:30 am-10:00 am: Reflection by Fr. Cadrecha
10:00 am-10:30 am: Rosary led by Wednesday Evening Rosary Ministry
10:30 pm-5:00 pm: Quiet Prayer
5:00 pm-5:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Tom or Erica or Cantor
5:30 pm-6:00 pm: Benediction by Fr. Cadrecha or Deacon Fred Kunder

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2019:

HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

9:00 am-9:30 am: Mass with Fr. Tom Morgan
9:30 am-10:00 am: Reflection by Fr. Tom Morgan
10:00 am-10:30 am: Rosary led by Feeding Homeless Ministry
10:30 am-5:00 pm: Quiet Prayer
5:00 pm-5:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Tom or Erica or Cantor
5:30 pm-6:00 pm: Benediction by Fr. Tom Morgan or Deacon Fred Kunder

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2019:

HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

9:00 am-9:30 am: Mass with Fr. Tom Morgan or Fr. Cadrecha
9:30 am-10:00 am: Reflection by Fr. Tom Morgan or Fr. Cadrecha
10:00 am-10:30 am: Rosary led by Knights of Columbus-St. Jerome Chapter
10:30 am-5:00 pm: Quiet Prayer
5:00 pm-5:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Tom or Erica or Cantor
5:30 pm-6:00 pm: Benediction by Fr. Tom Morgan, Fr. Cadrecha or Deacon Fred Kunder

Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed before Mass each day, at noon & at 4:30 pm.



You are invited to Alpha!

Join us for a great meal and conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached. If you come, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the check – the ball is completely in your court.

**Alpha is a chance
to explore life
and the Christian
faith in a friendly,
open and informal
environment.**

What do you have to lose?

Beginning - Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Parish Center at St. Jerome Catholic Church
10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, Florida 33774

For questions, registration or free childcare contact:
StJeromeAlpha@gmail.com or 727-537-0143

"Finding friends, peace and purpose."

The St. Jerome, Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249 , Largo Florida, meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. At the first Wednesday night's meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm, we will have a 30-minute officers' meeting after which we will share in our Holy Hour with all interested parties, pray, and learn how to increase the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence within us.

During the second Wednesday of the month, the Knights gather at 6:30 pm to pray together the Rosary, then at 7 pm we will have our regular general business meeting: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Go to <http://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html>
Or Call 727 244-2832 for more information.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7

Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Jerry Speece Fr. Tom
5:30 pm † Paul Dolan Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am **All the People of the Parish** Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Jimmy White Fr. Waters
10:45 am † Raymond Joseph Sutter Fr. Cadrecha
12:30 pm † Morgan Jame Hodgen Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm **George Bezold** Fr. Tom

Monday, December 9

7:00 am † Sarah Svabek Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Gregory Sowada Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 am † Jack McGlone Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Edgar Vallar Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 am † Carol Vangura Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Michael Connolly Fr. Tom

Thursday, December 12

7:00 am **All the People of the Parish** Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Richard Weir Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, December 13

7:00 am † Sarah Svabek Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Charles Tellone Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, December 14

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Jack McGlone Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, December 14

Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Mary Kelly Fr. Tom
5:30 pm † Mary Geary Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, December 15

The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † James & Anna Mackay Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Frances McBride Fr. Tom
10:45 am **All the People of the Parish** Fr. Waters
12:30 pm † Ludwika & John Liput Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm † John Badali Msgr. Muldoon

**Priest Schedule subject to change. **If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office.*



Scripture Readings

*Prepare & Pray
the Word of God*

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Today's Readings: **December 8** **The Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 13

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday's Readings: **December 15** **The Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a; Ps 146 [Is 35:4]; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

First Reading — Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. (Is 35:4b)

Psalm — Lord, come and save us. (Ps146) or Alleluia

Second Reading — Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. (Jas 5:8b)

Gospel — "This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." (Mt 11:10)

The flowers on the altar are
in memory of Michael Connolly
by his wife, Diane Connolly.