

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
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Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL
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Deacon Fred Kunder
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Msgr. Dacian Dee
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Tina Bowen
Youth and Family Coordinator

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Karen Kurt

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Tom Kurt, Music Director
Erica DiCeglie, Assoc. Music
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Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

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Receptionist@stjeromeonline.org

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



Stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42

1st Sunday of
Advent

December 1, 2019

On the eve of the birth of Christ by Michael Riser, 1869 © Dcoas

Dear Friends:

This week we begin our celebration of Advent. We invite you to participate in the upcoming events as part of your preparation:

St. Jerome Catholic Church - December 2019 Events

First Sunday of Advent/ November 30th & December 1st: Bring your Family Advent Wreaths to be blessed at all Masses.

Christmas Tree Lighting/December 4th: 7pm in the Gathering Space. This event will include the lighting of the parish Christmas tree, Christmas carols, refreshments, a visit from Santa and an outside Christmas movie.

Healing Mass/December 6th: 7pm Come for a time of reflection and healing during this busy Advent season.

Erica DiCeglie Christmas Concert/December 7th: 7:30pm Gear up for the Christmas season with our Associate Music Director and friends!

Second Sunday of Advent/December 7th & 8th: Blessing of Hay at all Masses

Our Lady of Guadalupe/December 8th: 4pm Rosary/Procession, 5pm Mass and 6pm Reception in the Parish Center

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception/December 9th (NOT Holy Day of Obligation): 7am & 9am Mass in the Holy Family Chapel

Advent Penance Services/December 9th: 9:30am and 7pm in the church with individual confessions

Eucharistic Exposition/December 10th – 12th: 9:30am – 6pm Daily in the Chapel. Pray with Jesus in the Eucharist this Advent Season.

ECC Breakfast with Santa/December 14th: 8am – 11am in the Parish Center

Third Sunday of Advent/December 14th & 15th: Bambinelli Sunday – bring your home nativity baby Jesus to be blessed at all Masses.

Suncoast Symphony Orchestra Concert/December 15th: 2:30pm Christmas religious and pop favorites. Get in the Christmas spirit!

St. Jerome Christmas Concert/December 20th: 7:30pm Join all of our choirs and musicians for a special evening, our annual Christmas tradition!

Fourth Sunday of Advent/December 21st & 22nd: See the bulletin for various Domestic Church-Home Devotions.

Oplatek Service/December 22nd: 1:45pm in the Chapel. Receive your blessed Christmas wafer.

Christmas Mass Schedule/December 24th & 25th: Tuesday, December 24th 4pm Church - Mass with the Nativity and creche visit by Santa, 4pm Parish Center - Mass Only, 6pm Church Mass, 11pm Church Christmas Eve Concert followed by Midnight Mass. Wednesday, December 25th 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am and 12:30pm Church Masses

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God(Holy Day of Obligation)/December 31st & January 1st, 2020: Tuesday, December 31st 4pm Mass, Wednesday, January 1st 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am and 12:30pm Masses

Please mark your calendars and invite a friend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Fr. Tom Morgan

Question & Mission of the Week:

Question: When Jesus breaks into your house, what are you likely to lose?

Mission: Review the areas of your life that would change if Isaiah's prophecy materializes. Begin to move toward the kingdom now.

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,



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ST JEROME CHURCH PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

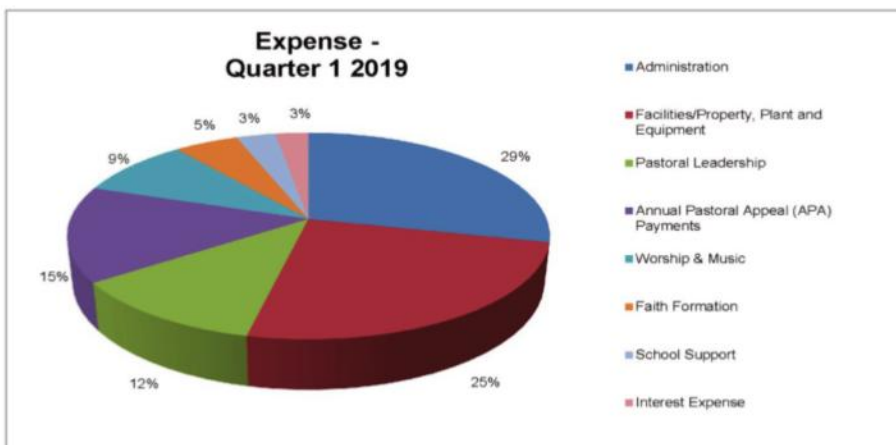
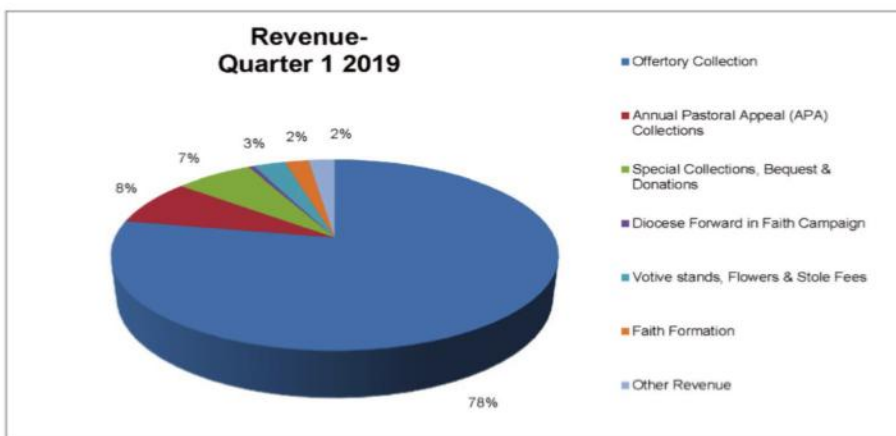
<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
Offertory Collection	\$ 297,446	64%	\$ 279,693	
Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) Collections	114,160	25%	117,164	
Special Collections, Bequest & Donations	23,053	5%	34,806	
Diocese Forward in Faith Campaign	-	-1%	-	
Votive stands, Flowers & Stole Fees	9,707	2%	9,725	
Faith Formation	8,485	2%	19,367	
Other Revenue	11,797	3%	17,816	
Total Revenue	\$ 464,648		\$ 478,571	

<u>EXPENSE</u>				
Administration	\$ 127,852	26%	125,635	
Facilities/Property, Plant and Equipment	92,116	19%	123,403	
Pastoral Leadership	58,865	12%	49,552	
Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) Payments	110,160	23%	117,384	
Worship & Music	41,048	8%	41,144	
Faith Formation	26,020	5%	27,220	
School Support	13,288	3%	14,190	
Interest Expense	13,821	3%	12,983	
Total Expenses	\$ 483,170		\$ 511,511	

Excess Revenue over (Under) Expenses	\$ (18,522)	\$ (32,940)
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NOTES

Principal Loan Payments (Not included above)	\$ 13,030	\$ 3,868
Outstanding Loan Balance	\$ 1,212,289	\$ 1,279,144
APA Balance Due to Diocese	\$ 157,413	\$ 175,260



This represents the financial information for the Parish for the first quarter of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. While total revenues are down \$13,923 or 3% from the prior year, total expenses are also down \$28,324 or 5.5% representing a decrease in our bottom line of \$14,418. We have collected \$114,160 towards our APA Assessment of \$267,573 and have a balance due to the Diocese of \$157,413 that if not raised through APA will need to be paid with parish savings.

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.

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ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ ENVELOPE # _____

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



The Sisters of St. Clare Cordially Invite Everyone to
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 & CHERISH THE LADIES**
A Celtic Christmas Show

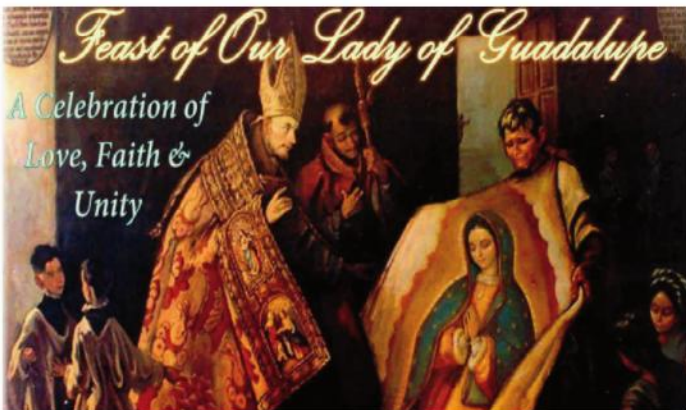


Join us and enjoy the outstanding Celtic Christmas Show by the internationally-acclaimed ensemble, Joanie Madden and Cherish the Ladies!

**Tuesday,
 December 10, 2019**
 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction / Raffles
 Light refreshments provided
 7:00 p.m. Show Begins
 There will be one 20-minute intermission

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 the Sisters of St. Clare, Eastern U.S. Region



We encourage everyone to bring roses to Our Lady of Guadalupe



An Invitation for Everyone

Join us on Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 4:00 pm

The St. Jerome Hispanic Outreach invites you to join our Spanish brothers and sisters in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas and Honored Virgin Queen of Mexico. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm in the church followed by refreshments and Mexican folklore.

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| 4:00 pm | Procession & Holy Rosary around the pond- will gather at main entrance (The Plaza) |
| 4:30 pm | Parishioners, Mariachis, Dancers will greet Our Lady- Main entrance (The Plaza) |
| 4:50 pm | Procession into the Church w/Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| 5:00pm | Solemn Mass |
| 6:00 pm | Refreshments, Mexican food and folklore in the Parish Center |

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!

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 3rd menu: Chicken legs, Tater tots & Gravy, Salad/Buttered Carrots, Roll & Butter & Beverage, Dessert.

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.

It's Christmas!



w/ Erica DiCeglie & friends

*In Concert!
Saturday, December 7 @7:30pm*

*St Jerome Catholic Church
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Join us for a very special night celebrating Christmas!

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!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Support our Early Childhood program while getting your holiday shopping done. St. Jerome ECC is continuing their Scrip Fundraising program. Fundraising while you shop using gift cards instead of your cash or credit cards!!! You can use the gift cards to make your own purchases or to give as gifts.



We offer PUBLIX cards as well as over 700 other retailers including Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Walgreens, Speedway, Wawa's. We keep many cards on hand for immediate sale or you can place an order. You pay full face value for the gift cards and the retailers give us a percentage of the sale. The amount of our rebate varies from 1.5% to 13% depending on the retailer.



A representative will be in the Gathering Space of the Church between the 4pm and 5:30pm Masses on November 30th and December 7th and all Masses on December 1st and 8th.

If you would like to place an order between those dates, please contact the ECC office at 727-596-9491 or preschool@stjeromeecc.org. The last day to order will be December 16th.

POINTSETTIA SALE!! Blessed Sacrament Cub Scout Pack #431 will be selling beautiful Pointsettias for \$10 each after Masses on December 7 & December 8.

Please support your local cub scouts!

St. Jerome Catholic Church Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Living a Holy and Sacramental Life: ADVENT

WELCOMING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Advent is a time of joyous preparation for the coming of the Prince of Peace. It is a special time because it celebrates His coming into our world *today*, here and now. Jesus is “born” becomes physically tangible through the celebration of the sacraments. It is by eating the Eucharist, washing in the waters of Baptism, and so on, that Jesus’ friends become part of the living Body of Christ (the Church) in the world today.



PREPARING TO FULLY CELEBRATE ADVENT

Celebrations - Attend special celebrations held at the church during the Advent season, make an effort to add in an additional Mass to attend (the Feast of St. Nick Dec 6; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec 12)

Advent wreath - Light the appropriate candle(s) each evening as a family and discuss how the family has prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace that day, close the conversation with a prayer.

Color - Purple is the color of preparation in the Church. Find unique ways to incorporate it into your everyday life; dish/hand soap, towels, fresh flowers, pens, notepads, etc. Remember to change out your prayer table linen!

Pray - Pray a special Christmas Novena beginning nine days before Christmas (Dec 16)

Adapted from Teachingcatholickids.com

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

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



Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, December 1st immediately following the 5pm Mass in the Education Building. Fr. Rob Cadrecha will talk to us about Wisdom & we will make gifts for local nursing home residents.

Join us... **Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 7pm** for the St. Jerome Christmas Tree Lighting! Enjoy music, treats and a Christmas movie on the lawn. **Saturday, Dec. 7th** for the 9am Mass followed by Christmas Caroling. Help us spread the joy of Christ to local nursing home residents!

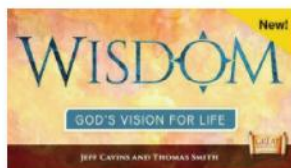


Our next Confirmation Preparation class will be on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. We will be learning about prayer & different ways to strengthen your relationship with God.

MOPS Cookie Decorating - Monday, December 2, at 6 p.m. Education Building

Bring the kids and join MOPS for cookie decorating. Cookies and supplies will be provided.

You're welcome to bring your favorite sprinkles and a take-home container for your creations. Space is limited. Please RSVP to reserve your spot at www.stjeromeonline.org/mops.



“
Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.”
– Pope Francis

Join us for our monthly Bible Study
Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life.

Our next meeting is Sunday, Dec. 1st
at 7:00 pm in the Education Building.

St Jerome's 4th Annual



Christmas Tree Lighting

Holiday treats, Christmas sing-a-longs and a special guest!

Wednesday, December 4 @ 7:00pm

In the Gathering Space

Come join in the fun!



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>.



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.



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.



What does the Martha Mary Guild Do?

Intentional activities build relationships and offer women opportunities to


connect with one another. The aim of the Guild is to unite women of the parish in purpose, direction and action in religious, educational, social and economic fields.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center at 11am. Our meetings are from September thru May. ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!!!!

MARTHA & MARY GUILD 2019-2020

- December 1st **Guild Mass**
- December 4th Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch
- January 1st General Meeting
- January 5th **Guild Mass**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: St. Jerome Early Childhood Center will host its 18th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 12th from 8:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center here at St. Jerome's. 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 \$5 each or \$25 for a family, which includes breakfast, face painting, kiddie-crafts, and a visit with Santa. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the day of the Breakfast. (At the door, \$6, or \$30 for a family of five or more.) Raffle tickets are also available and prizes will be raffled at the Breakfast. Come and join us for this wonderful, annual community, holiday event! Please call the ECC at 596-9491 or visit our website stjeromeonline.org/ecc for additional information.




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.





Join Us For Breakfast

Once again the Knights of Columbus will provide a free breakfast after the first three Sunday Masses in December. The meal will consist of eggs, bacon and sausage, biscuits and gravy, and condiments.

The November breakfast was well received. In fact, they ran out of food and had to make emergency runs to Publix for more. Join us and see why. Donations will be accepted.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30

Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † James Kinney TBA
5:30 pm † Nicholas Circelli Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am † Alice Greenawalt & Alice Hall Fr. Waters
9:00 am † Frances McBride Fr. Cadrecha
10:45 am **All the People of the Parish** Fr. Tom
12:30 pm † Brian Coady & Thomas Coady Fr. Tom
5:00 pm † Deceased & Living Benefactors of St. Jerome Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, December 2

7:00 am † Rev. Stanley Kolosa Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † John A. Piazza Sr. Fr. Tom

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 am † Lillian Vulso Zkiab TBA
9:00 am † Walter Cushing Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 am † Fr. Jerzy Zurawsky Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Frank Morris Fr. Tom

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

7:00 am † Al Scudato Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Charles Tellone Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, December 7

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am **Special Intentions of Donald Mahoney** TBA

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** TBA
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

**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 1

The First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 2

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday's Readings:

December 8

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

First Reading — Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. (Is 11:3b-4a)

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

Second Reading — Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)

Gospel — John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

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