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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.

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Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm
Sunday Masses: 7:00am, 9am, 11:00am, & 5pm
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am, Wednesday 7:30pm
and Saturday at 9am

Confessions, Saturday: 10am - 11am

Holy Hour and Benediction, Every Thursday 9:30am - 10:30am



19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31



From the Pastor:



Dear Friends:

Please pray for our young parishioners who will be receiving their First Holy Communion or Confirmation during the months of August and September. They would have normally received these Sacraments during the months of April or May. We ask those receiving the Sacraments to continue to ponder the words of Sirach 2:1: "My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials..."

We know that Jesus Himself went through many trials during His earthly life. I am sure that this time of waiting has made you even more appreciative of receiving the Sacramental gifts that Jesus so desires to give you as He gives you Himself. It is our hope that this time of waiting and testing has strengthened you for whatever future trials may come your way. Please remember Sirach 2:2-5: "Be sincere of heart and steadfast, and do not be impetuous in time of adversity. Cling to [God], do not leave him, that you may prosper in your last days. Accept whatever happens to you; in periods of humiliation be patient. For in fire, gold is tested..."

The parish of St. Jerome would like to congratulate our young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacraments and we give thanks on your behalf for the blessing of these gifts in your lives. We also congratulate those who have received Confirmations so far this month:

Nate Ganio

Maddie Russo

Sophia Spurgeon

We will continue to pray for those who have chosen to receive the Sacraments in the Spring. Blessings for all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

19th
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In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

“What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” 1 Corinthians 4:7

Stewardship isn't just about being a good manager of our time, our talents and our treasure. The discipline of biblical stewardship calls us to use all these gifts in the way the Lord desires - to employ them not for us, but for His glory. Thank you for sharing His gifts.

Collection for the weekend of August 1 - 2, 2020

Offertory	\$ 14,727.08
Electronic Giving	6,484.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	6.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	951.00
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Totals this weekend	<u><u>\$ 22,168.08</u></u>

This Saturday, August 15, 2020, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. While not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we invite our parishioners to celebrate this great feast of the Church.

Mass will be in the church at 9:00 AM.



Ordinations to the Priesthood, August 15, 2020



These candidates pictured to the left:

Reverend Mr. Joshua Anthony Bertrand
Reverend Mr. Connor David Penn
Reverend Mr. Mark Andrew Woodke

will be ordained by Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, Bishop of St. Petersburg, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, 11:00 am, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to spacing limitations resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Ordination Mass will be a ticketed event. Only priests and guests of the ordinandi will attend the Ordination Mass in person. **However, all are invited to view the Mass via livestream on our diocesan website: <http://www.dosp.org/livestream>.**

If you are available to attend the Vespers Service on Friday, August 14, 2020, 7:00 pm, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, all are welcome, as social distancing permits. Tickets for the Vespers Service are not required, however, we ask that you use a face covering if you plan on attending in person. The Vesper Service will also be live streamed on Christ the King's website: <https://ctk-tampa.org/live-mass>.

Please keep Deacons Bertrand, Penn and Woodke in prayer, as they await the day of their ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JEROME

Remain in Me!

First Communion preparation looks very different this year! However, we profess the God who was, who is, and who is to come at the end of the ages. Amen!

Our human circumstances may change, but God is the same from age to age. What happens to a candle when the rest of the lights go out? God is like the sanctuary lamp: always burning bright. While we are adjusting our eyes to this new place of darkness, we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, the source of unending light.



How are we adjusting to this new situation? Previously, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) prepared for the sacraments in our atria, which had to close unexpectedly in March 2020. As states went into lockdown around the country, the good folks at CGS USA requested that catechists not use their materials as visual aids for digital presentations. At the same time, parish families asked for continued support in family prayer and sacramental preparation. Prayerfully the

Faith Formation team decided to use Flocknote to assist parents in forming their children for the sacraments. Recently we were able to gather in the atrium for our final meditation of the “Loving Father” and the “Mystery of Faith.”

All through this pandemic, Fr. Morgan and all our healthy priests have faithfully celebrated the Mass daily. St. Jerome is continuing to open for confessions, baptisms, funerals and weddings with immediate family, Eucharistic adoration, and to continue charity to our parishioners and neighbors in need through Lifeline. Therefore, in consultation with the Diocese and our Pastor, we have scheduled First Holy Communion for August 15, 2020, at 11:00 am.



What should you expect?

- Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering the worship space
- Each 1st Communion families will be reserved a pew or pews
- Masses will be Livestreamed on our parish website and recorded for friends and family members who are unable attend in person
- Children will receive Holy Eucharist first one at a time (in the hands, no cup)
- We ask families to continue celebrating at home afterwards, but not to linger in the church

Though this year’s celebration is different than what we perhaps hoped, it is a day when all the saints are watching and rejoicing. Indeed, though we cannot all be in one physical space at the same time right now, it helps us remember the truth: we are only truly united in the eternal Presence of God. In that unity and that Truth, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St. Jerome will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to 36 of our young parishioners during the months of August and September, 2020. We will have two main Confirmations, the first on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and the second on Saturday, August 29, 2020. We will also have individual Confirmations held at the 7:30 PM Wednesday daily Mass from time to time during these two months.

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they continue to prepare for this great Sacrament of Confirmation!



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

GIVE THE "GIFT OF LIFE"

The "BIG RED BUS" will be coming to St. Jerome on Sunday, August 23, 2020, arriving at 9:00AM and accepting blood donations through 1:00PM.

All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood gift! Plus, all donors will receive a wellness checkup including a COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

We strongly encourage making an appointment in advance of August 23, 2020. Walk-ins may be taken, depending on the number of appointments made. To make an appointment, please visit:



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Please use sponsor code #12669, so that they know you will be donating at St. Jerome. Thank you for donating the "Gift of Life!"

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10

7:00 am † Br. Chris Moran Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Robert Hansen Fr. Tom

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 am † Albert Leese Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am Sacred Heart Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 am † Ann Chevalier Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Stella Kobus Fr. Tom
7:30 pm † Joseph Farbo Msgr. Muldoon

Thursday, August 13

7:00 am † Budway & Delia Maroon Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Alfonso Ramos Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, August 14

7:00 am † Daniel Steeg Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Andrew "Andy" Ermilio Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, August 15 (Morning Mass celebrates the Assumption of Mary)

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Dorothy & Frank Palmieri Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, August 15

Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm † Gene Woods Fr. Cadrecha
5:30 pm † Leonard E. Walsh (Mass said privately) Fr. Waters

Sunday, August 16

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Margaret Madden Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Nuala Sheen Fr. Tom
11:00 am † Catherine Oberlander Fr. Waters
12:30 am † Mr. Gonzalez, Sr. (Mass said privately) Msgr. Muldoon
5:00 pm † Willy Leimgruber Fr. Cadrecha

**Priest Schedule subject to change. **If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.*

Scripture Readings

Prepare & Pray the Word of God

Next Sunday's Readings: August 16, 2020
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56: 1, 16 - 7
Psalm 67: 2 - 3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32
Matthew 15: 21 - 28

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