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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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Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am, and 5pm

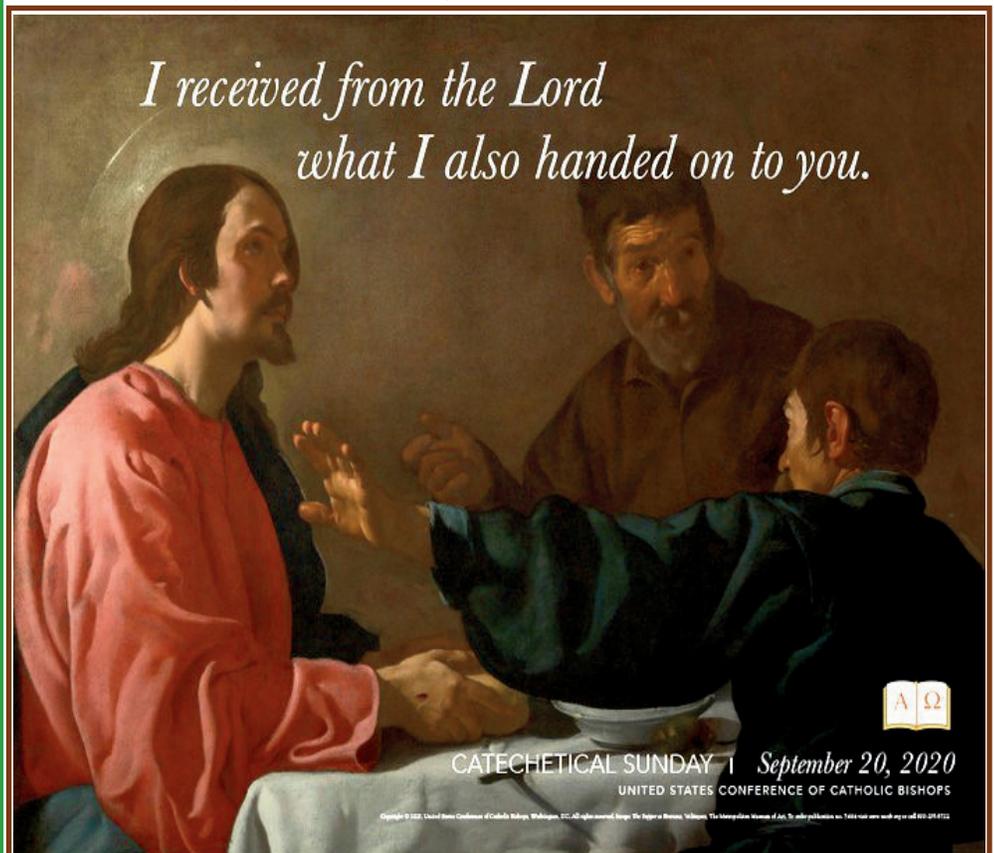
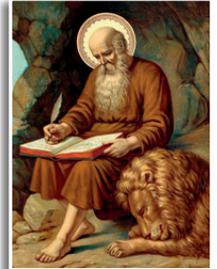
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and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for
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Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am
Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am

Confessions: Saturday morning 9:30am - 10:30am

Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month following the
9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in the church, also by request

Holy Hour and Benediction: Every Thursday and every First
Friday and First Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am



*I received from the Lord
what I also handed on to you.*



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY | September 20, 2020

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Supper at Emmaus

The 2020 Catechetical Sunday theme is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." The theme focuses on the primary substance of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. It emphasizes that living faith necessitates movement, inspiring all those who hear the Word to share it as witnesses of the true and living God.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again, [amen] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. So what are we really celebrating?

Catechesis is the act of bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church and is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism makes clear, “Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church’s life ... her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis” (CCC #7).

This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire Church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents, grandparents and godparents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith in them. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in our parish faith formation programs and Early Childhood Center, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

But Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person in our faith community plays, by virtue of his or her Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

At the conclusion of our Prayer of the Faithful this weekend, we will have a special blessing for all our catechists. Please know that you are to be included in this blessing, as a catechist by what you say and what you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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 September 5 - 6, 2020

Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will report the collection for the September 5 - 6 weekend in next week's bulletin.

Pledging Dignity beyond the Debate



With another election cycle in full swing, we are faced with the difficult question of what it means to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to

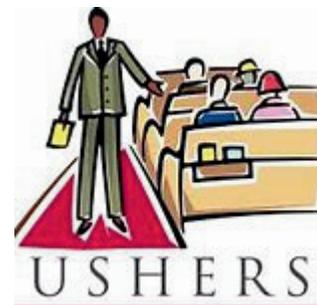
the public square - and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. In response to this need, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a year-long campaign calling for civility throughout this election year. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do the same.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is challenging Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect and compassion during the 2020 election cycle and beyond. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. Pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We are not authorized to allow the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

WE NEED YOU! ASSISTANCE TO USHER MINISTRY



Beginning this weekend, September 12 -13, 2020, the ushers will again be collecting the Offertory at Mass. An usher will come by, much as the priest, deacon or EM does at Communion time, for your donations to the parish.

We will need a few additional usher assistants to make sure our collection is as efficient as possible and doesn't distract from the Mass. If you are interested in helping us, even if it is from time to time, please contact the parish office or call Jim Cullinan at (727) 409-0146. Thank you!

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**LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17249 RECEIVES TOP AWARD**

The **K of C Divine Mercy of Jesus, St Jerome Catholic Parish, Largo FL Council #17249** has received the distinction of Star Council the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council  Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

Upon request from our Pastor Sir Knight Fr. Tom Morgan to create and form a Knights of Columbus council within St Jerome Catholic Parish in Largo, FL, our new council was chartered in April 2019. We started with 18 Knights, who transferred from other Councils. Under the leadership of our Worthy Sir Grand Knight Pete Grasso Jr and a team of dedicated Council Officers, presently our council's membership exceeds 80 Knights, including our Knights from our Parish Clergy.

Some of our 1st year Community Events consist of the following:

-  We enjoyed our brotherhood with several evenings of Family Mass and Corporate Communion
-  We are known as the "Sea of Blue" Knights in our new Council's royal blue polo shirts
-  We helped to organize and provided Knights for St Jerome Parish Community Trivia Night
-  We assist the St Jerome's Community Food Pantry in our Parish's Ed Kilroy building
-  We supported the Parish's annual children & family costume Halloween festival, music & candy
-  We provide shuttle assistance from parking lot to the Church for our congregants during Masses
-  We held several successful membership drives within the Parish
-  We hosted our council's first Knight & families Christmas Carols sing-along Holiday party
-  We held monthly community breakfasts with worker teams of 10-15 Knights serving & cooking
-  We sponsored a video Order of Exemplification Degree Ceremony for current or new Knights
-  We provide traffic control for Saturday confessions and drive thru distribution of communion
-  We note in memoriam: four of our beloved Knights are now in Our Lord's Army of Knights: Worthy Warden Knight Alfonso Ramos, Knight Mayor (Bob) Robert DiNicola, Sir Knight (Bill) William C. DeVarti, and this month Sir Knight (Charlie) Charles S. O'Toole

For information on joining the  Knights of Columbus contact local **Membership Director:**
Sir Knight Gregg P Appel PGK, karokegal@gmail.com , (727) 244-2832.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY



Are you interested in this NEW ministry? Just in case, here is some information about our Livestream Ministry Team!

As you may know, we have led the Diocese in providing both live and recorded Masses and other events to be viewed by our parishioners...and many others! We would like to grow this ministry and make it even better!

We would like to invite you or your family members into this new team. The team's main role is to operate the camera and sound during the Masses. This role is so important that we would like to dedicate an individual solely to this responsibility. You do not need to be a "technical" genius and we welcome all age groups, from teens to those beyond their "teens!"

Our plan is for members of this team to serve no more than once a month at whatever Mass or Masses they prefer. We will be working over the next month or so in recruitment and preparation of a short training program for our members. If you are willing to be part of the team, we would request that you contact Tom Kurt by calling the parish office at (727) 595-4610 and leaving your name and contact information. We will soon be in touch with you for the necessary training.

We hope to begin our training sessions during the week of September 21, 2020. They will be held in the church. We hope to make YOU familiar with our Livestream system and welcome you to the team! Once again, please call Tom Kurt at (727) 595-4610 and leave us your name and contact information.

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

Our Open House was a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to become familiar with their classrooms and teachers. Everyone was super excited to start the school year!

Mrs. Porter appreciates her new front office. We are all happy that we can safely screen visitors and deter intruders. Other security features we have recently updated include hurricane resistant films on all the classroom windows, video monitoring at the entryways and upgraded lighting in the hallways and classrooms.

You may not know that the ECC does not receive annual financial support from the Parish or the Diocese. We do get minimal state funds for our VPK program, but they only supply half of the tuition needed to educate a four year old student. With the current pandemic we are forced to cancel our Breakfast With Santa and forfeit the funds it supplied to our budget. We are searching for creative ways to fundraise in order to maintain our high quality program. We welcome your ideas and participation in our fundraisers. We currently have a catalog sale and SCRIP fundraiser taking place. You can visit our website for more information at <https://www.stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org/>. Thank you for your support and please keep us in your prayers!



Submitted by P. Steele

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14

7:00 am † Nancy Reese Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † James Kinney Fr. Tom

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 am † William & Evalyn Shergold Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Maurice & Jeanne Downey Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 am † Rosemary Miller Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Alfonso Ramos Fr. Cadrecha
7:30 pm † John Scullin, III Fr. Tom

Thursday, September 17

7:00 am † Wesson Family Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Tom

Friday, September 18

7:00 am † Joseph Waller Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Sr. James Therese Msgr. Muldoon

Saturday, September 19

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Carl George Hawkins Fr. Tom

Saturday, September 19

Vigil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm † Joan Bonner Msgr. Muldoon

Sunday, September 20

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Sue Leary Fr. Waters
9:00 am † Sarah Svabek Msgr. Muldoon
11:00 am † Barbara Sutter Fr. Tom
5:00 pm † Brett Heenan Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions said privately by our Priests at home - NOT A PUBLIC MASS:

Saturday September 19: 5:30pm Vigil - Fr. Cadrecha - Andrew Ermilio †

Sunday September 20: 12:30pm - Fr. Cadrecha - Mary Beth Lute †

**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: September 20, 2020
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9
Psalm 145: 2 - 3, 8 - 9, 17 - 18
Philemon 1: 20c - 24, 27a
Matthew 20: 1 - 16a



Dear Friends of Kimberly Home,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Kimberly Home. We will be hosting our Annual Gala on October 3, 2020 and would greatly appreciate if you would register to join us and help us to spread the word!

This event is our biggest event of the year and vital to our ability to continue serving women, children, and families. Thank you for your support!

A Night for us to
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Saturday, October 3, 2020
beginning at 6:00 pm

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" A TIME TO LIVE!"

Help support the Kimberly Home by participating this year in our Virtual Gala. Tune in **free** from your computer, laptop, phone or TV and enjoy an evening filled with inspiration, fun, silent and live auctions and excitement!

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