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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 (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center)

**Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am (Family Liturgy), 11am
(Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen)**

Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for
those unable to participate at a public Mass

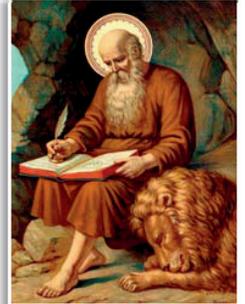
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am

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**

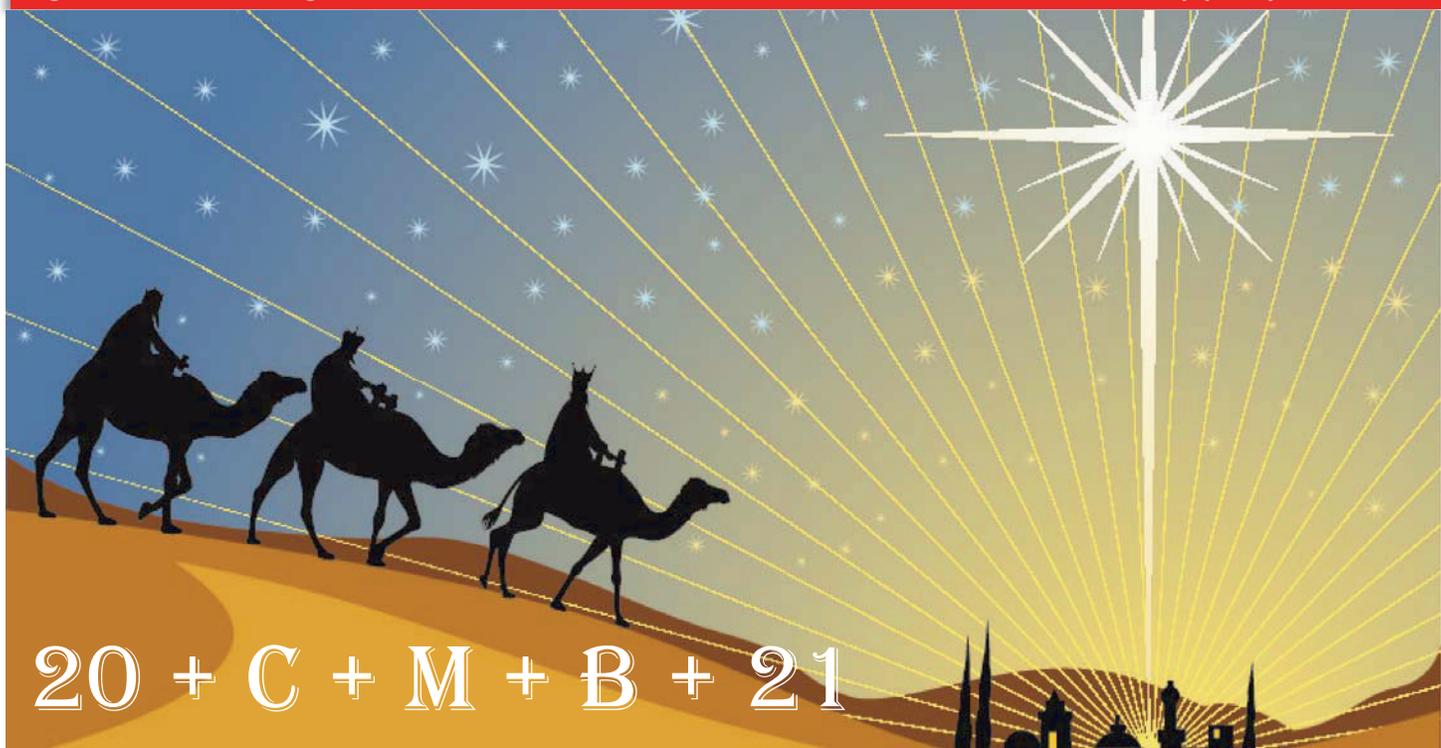
**Holy Hour and Benediction: Every Thursday and every First Friday and First
Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am—available on Livestream**



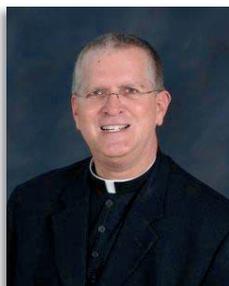
EPIPHANY

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We are happy to have available an Epiphany home blessing kit for you today. Since the Middle Ages, there has been a tradition that on (or near) the feast of the Epiphany, we pray for God’s blessing on our homes, marking the door post with chalk (an incarnational image reminding us of the dust of the earth from which we were made). We mark the main door of our home with the initials of the Magi and the numerals of the New Year, connected with crosses:

"20 + C + M + B + 21."

The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar," and also stand for the Latin motto:

“Christus mansionem benedicat” - “May Christ bless this house.”

In the book of Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with the blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in *this* ritual, we mark our homes with chalk as a sign that we have invited God’s presence and blessing into our homes. Included in the Epiphany home blessing kit is a piece of chalk and the prayers for the blessing.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Morgan

The Epiphany of the Lord

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ... "- Matthew 2:11

Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi's visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We too must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer, we will find the answer.

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 December 19 - 20, 2020

Offertory	\$ 15,526.54
Electronic Giving	5,920.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	15.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	70.00
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Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 21,531.54</u>

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

Beginning Monday, January 18, 2021, parishioners may request a year-end statement for their

contributions to St. Jerome for the calendar year 2020. These statements can be either emailed or mailed.

Please call the parish office and leave your name and how you would like to receive your statements and we will get them out to you.

Please note: no statements will be sent automatically, so we request that you call us if you would like to receive yours!

B I N G O				
2	23	43	54	71
15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63

We are hoping to resume weekly Bingo some time in the new year. We will need enough players to successfully reopen. While no commitment is necessary, if you would like to join us when we reopen, would you please call the parish office at (727) 595-4610 NOW to let us know of your desire to be with us when we reopen! Bingo will be held on Thursdays, with the doors opening at 10:00 AM and the games beginning at noon. We hope to see you soon!

- The hall will be sanitized before Bingo starts
- Your temperature will be taken upon entry
- Players will be spread out, honoring social distancing
- Masks will be worn at all times
- Hand sanitizers will be provided
- Players must provide their own food and beverage

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are held on Wednesdays on the portico entrance to the church from 10 am – 11:30 am until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.



We have not been meeting during the Christmas break but will start again in 2021, with our first meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience on our journey "From Mourning to Joy." If you have any questions, please call Judy DeFillipis at (727) 595-4610.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?

M: Bring the light of Christ within you to seven people this week. Write a card or email, make a phone call, listen, share, make a donation. After each encounter, light a candle and pray for those whom, you have shared your faith .



St. Jerome Homeless Ministry COVID-19, 2020 Report

Starting on April 6, 2020, St. Jerome Homeless Ministry reconfigured cooking operations to provide Monday dinner meals for Pinellas Hope. We moved from cooking in the Parish Center kitchen to our homes. The complete meal was reduced to main course and a side dish as well as PB&J sandwiches for future lunches. Each dinner meal serves 200 residents.



Unsold bread and desserts donated by Publix is also collected and delivered for distribution. We are limited to 10 volunteers who participate each week. Kitchen workers at Pinellas Hope serve our meals as a safety precaution.

We are determined to pursue our commitment to feeding dinners and lunches for Pinellas Hope. Home cooking will continue until we are permitted to use the Parish Center kitchen.

Love through Christ
Pat and Rich Jennings

IS THE COVID VACCINE OK FOR CATHOLICS?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. Do these new vaccines align or conflict with the Church's teaching on life? Were they developed using aborted fetal cells? It's a complicated issue, but this statement provides guidance for the faithful. The statement in part reads:

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of "a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available."

Read the full text here <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

CHURCH LIGHTING REPAIRS



As many of you have experienced, we are having lighting problems with the system that controls our church lights. This system is very sophisticated and it has taken several experts assisting us to determine the exact cause. We now feel we have located the source of the problem, and we have shipped back to the manufacturer the dimming system panels for them to analyze and repair. We learned that one of the panels had three modules that would need to be replaced.

The company is now repairing the panel that is not working. We expect to receive both panels back in early January. They will be reinstalled and all the bulbs will be completely replaced to get the lighting system back to the baseline we had when they were newly installed. This process may take several weeks. We appreciate your patience as we get our lighting system "back to new."



Online Giving is indeed Fast, Easy and Convenient. When you sign up, you can make a “recurring” donation that allows you to specify the amount, the regularity (weekly, monthly or otherwise), when you want to start, and where (what fund) the donation is to go. You may make this donation securely from your bank account or from a debit or credit card.

You may conveniently go to our parish website at: www.stjeromeonline.org

to sign up for Online Giving. Just click on the “Opportunities for Giving” icon at the top of our home page.

If you have any problems signing up or need other assistance, please call the parish office at (727) 595-4610 and we will provide that assistance.



The *St. Jerome, Divine Mercy of Jesus* Knights of Columbus Council 17249, Largo Florida, meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday night’s meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is an officers’ meeting. The second Wednesday night’s meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is a general meeting. Due to COVID-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom. An email will be sent with the Zoom link prior to the meetings. Please call 727 244-2832 or for more information, please go to:

<http://www.stjeromeonline.org/kofc.html>

St. Jerome Christmas Toy Drive a success!



We would like to thank all those who made this year’s Lifeline Christmas Toy Drive such a success. This was another great year of parishioner generosity, especially with the daily challenges we are all facing!

Please join us in thanking Lois Ann Chapman and her wonderful team members who worked so hard to collect, purchase and distribute hundreds of toys, making Christmas special for many families in need.

And we thank our parishioners for your continued generosity!

Youth Ministry

Youth Gatherings
resume on **January 10!**
Hope to see you then!

Schedule for Youth Gatherings:

Middle School Confirmation	3:30 - 4:45 pm
Mass	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Dinner for ALL Youth & Parents	6:00 - 7:00 pm
High School Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come.....Taste.....See

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4

7:00 am Boulanger Family Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Suzanne Florescu Fr. Tom

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 am Cristine Diaz Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Robert Nopper Msgr. Muldoon

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 am † Carla Levesque Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Patsy Holson Fr. Tom
7:30 pm † Charles S. O'Toole Msgr. Muldoon

Thursday, January 7

7:00 am Fr. Tom Morgan Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Nancy Reese Msgr. Muldoon

Friday, January 8

7:00 am Robert Duffy Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Brian, Thomas & Lana Coady Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, January 9

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Georgeann Esmerado Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, January 9

Vigil for The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 pm Church † Doris Couture Fr. Tom
4:00 pm PC † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Waters

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am All the People of the Parish Fr. Waters
9:00 am † Lily Pirulli Fr. Tom
11:00 am Church † Ralph Roperti Msgr. Muldoon
11:00 am PC † Daniel Brodник Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm † Leovic Cepeda Chapman 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:
January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7
Psalm 29: 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 3b, 9 - 10
Acts 10: 34 - 38
Mark 1: 7 - 11



Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

"WHEN YOU CALL ME, WHEN YOU 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

We will continue our regular practice of Exposition during the coming New Year.

Exposition will take place following the 9:00am Daily Mass, at about 9:30am, every Thursday and on the first Friday and the first Saturday of each month. Benediction will conclude adoration at 10:20am.

Exposition will be available on Livestream for those who wish to participate but not able to come to the church.

The Christmas Flowers list of donors with memorial and honored names will be printed in next week's bulletin (January 10, 2021 bulletin). Thank you to all of our generous donors!

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