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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 (Church), 9am (Parish Center), 11am (Church), 11am (Parish Center), and 5pm (Life Teen Mass)

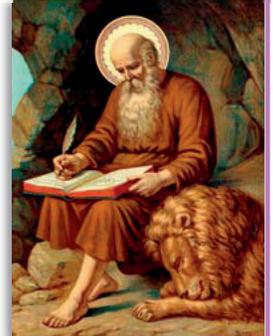
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am and 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 9:30am – 10:30am—available on Livestream



LENT

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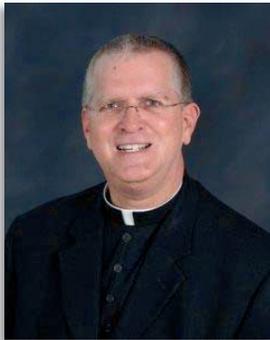


**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2021**

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



Dear Friends:

How is your Lenten journey going? I thought I would share with you some suggestions made by RENÉE LAREAU from the “Busted Halo” website <https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/25-great-things-you-can-do-for-lent>. Here are 10 of Renee’s list of 25. See the previous link for the complete list.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures *before* Sunday Mass. In the same way that reading up on football players, opposing teams, and coaching strategies will help you experience a game more fully, familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.
2. Use Busted Halo’s Lent Calendar, filled with Lenten-themed Daily Jolts and MicroChallenges to find new ways to practice the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Each day of Lent, we’ll offer an inspirational quote paired with a practical, challenging task that you can do that day to help keep your spiritual life on point. You can also find these challenges on our website, or when you follow us on Facebook or Twitter.
3. Try a new spiritual practice. Sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Experience Mass at a parish that’s made up of people from a different racial/ethnic group. Sign up for a silent retreat or spend at least one hour in silent meditation each weekend.
4. Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you’ll “fast” from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.
5. Take something on - 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.
6. When you first sit down in front of your computer at work, or at the very end of your workday, try a 10-minute guided prayer from Sacred Space based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.
7. Go to (or watch online) a weekday Mass one day during the week. Many parishes offer them early in the morning, at noon, or after work. Daily Masses are often more intimate and shorter than Sunday Mass.
8. If you don’t have a crucifix in your apartment or home, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.
9. Use Busted Halo’s InstaLent Photo Challenge for daily, creative doses of Lenten spirituality. Post a photo each day and encounter the themes of Lent on a visual, personal level.
10. Instead of turning on a streaming service for your next binge-watching session, read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting. As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus’ life, and the cross, a central Lenten symbol, plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION AND MISSION

Q: How can I testify to my faith?

M: Find an image of the cross or crucifix that you particularly like, or make one. Keep it visible during Lent as a constant meditation on the face of God.

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 February 27 - 28, 2021

Offertory	\$ 15,524.23
Electronic Giving	3,957.50
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	46.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	115.00
	115.00
Totals this weekend	\$ 19,642.73

APA STATISTICS

We include here a report on our first month of collection and pledges for the 2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal. We thank those who have responded so generously, leading us ahead of last year. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider this week your donation to this year's APA. Thank you!



2021 APA STATISTICS

(As of February 28, 2021)

ITEM	2020 APA	2021 APA	2021 B/(W) THAN 2020
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 241,543	\$ 241,535	\$ (8)
Total Pledged	48,000	58,594	10,594
Total Pledges Made	144	163	(19)
Average Pledge	\$ 333	\$ 359	\$ (26)
Percent Achieved	20%	24%	5 Pts



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 in the Gathering Space

of the church from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

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.



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/knights-of-columbus.html>



SPECIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 13 - 14, 2021

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad.

In the poor and lowly of the world, let us see Christ. In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, let us see Christ. In the elderly who are forgotten, let us see Christ.

Next weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Special Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at all of our weekend Masses. You may place your donation in the basket along with your Offertory donation. Thank you for your generous spirit!

St. Joseph's Feast Day • March 19, 2021



Pope Francis has declared this year **“The Year of St. Joseph”**

Please help us in raising much needed money for **Those in Crisis**

Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs

**Feed the Hungry, Shelter the Homeless,
Clothe the Naked, Visit the Sick, Give to the Poor**

“LIVE ONLINE AUCTION”

Saturday, Feb 27 thru Friday, Mar 19, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

**Please register at the link below to bid
on one of many beautiful unique and creative basket items
You can also make a cash donation as well on the site:**

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341697516>

Please note: The Sisters of St. Claire have graciously allowed us to run the Feast of St Joseph Auction from their site. If you should see their name pop up occasionally, for example, when you first register to bid, please be assured that all donations will be used for the families in need at St Jerome

All Donations Benefiting Those in Crisis. The website is available 24/7

**We will have curbside pickup on Saturday, March 20th at
St Jerome Catholic Church • 10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, FL 33774
Back of Parish Center @ 12:30 pm • Office # (727) 595-4610**

**We will also be collecting nonperishable food items for Lifeline.
Please bring and leave those items at the St. Joseph Table
in the gathering space at the back of the church**

A MESSAGE ON THE WEARING OF MASKS AT MASS

It has been our policy to ask all those attending Mass at St Jerome to wear masks. It will continue to be so until the CDC tells us that this no longer necessary. We will continue to have masks available for those who forget to bring a mask or their mask breaks during Mass. We ask for your cooperation, for there is a real concern on the part of some of our parishioners that their health could be compromised by those not wearing masks.



It is clearly sacrificial to wear a mask. We are aware, however, that some are unable to wear masks due to their health condition. I would remind everyone that Bishop Gregory Parkes' dispensation not to attend Mass, due to an individual being unable to attend a public gathering because of the possibility of their health being compromised, remains in effect. In addition, we will continue to have Holy Communion available by drive through for those who participate by watching Mass on Livestream and then driving to church for reception of the Eucharist. It will not be the policy to enforce the wearing of masks. As good disciples, however, we seek to walk in knowledge and freedom, always keeping the good of others in mind. Since we seek to practice Jesus' mandate in Mt. 18:15, we ask those not wearing masks to please understand if a fellow worshiper asks the reason you are not wearing a mask. I request that those not wearing masks to please understand if others choose not sit by them in church. We ask for your assistance during this time by wearing a mask if you choose to attend Mass.

Fr. Tom Morgan

AROUND THE DIOCESE



"Life - Justice - Advocacy"

Do Justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:6-8)

FAITH & ACTION for STRENGTH TOGETHER (FAST), with over 40 congregations in Pinellas County, meets each year with local officials to work for justice concerns since it began in 2005. Every year FAST gets results by on-going research and focus. The FAST issues in 2021 are:

Affordable Housing

Behavior Health & Addiction

Criminal Justice

FAST RALLY on March 8, 2021 at 6:45pm

FAST ACTION on March 22, 2021 at 6:45pm

All FAST events will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's parking lot & ZOOM

Please contact Carla Rollandini at Carla953@msn.com or (703) 477-4334 or call Sr. Lucia in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8

7:00 am † Wilfred McGrath Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Robert Dornisch Fr. Tom

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 am † Ralph Bolgehn Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Patrick Kennedy Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 am † Weber & Harold Families Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Mary Andrews Fr. George M.
7:30 pm † Ronnie Brennan Msgr. Muldoon

Thursday, March 11

7:00 am † Robert McMullen Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Antoinette "Dolly" Carro Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, March 12

7:00 am † Josephine Santella Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Bill DeVarti Fr. Tom

Saturday, March 13

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Marie Klein Fr. Tom

Saturday, March 13

Vigil for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Church † James Lover Fr. Frans
4:00 pm PC † Olding Family Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, March 14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am † Linda O'Keefe-Wood Fr. Tom
9:00 am Church † Colbert Madray Fr. Waters
9:00 am PC † Dwayne Bastress Fr. George M.
11:00 am Church **All The People of the Parish** Fr. Tom
11:00 am PC † Delores French Msgr. Muldoon
5:00 pm † Carneda & Chester Denton 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 and Pray the Word of God

Next Sunday's Readings:

March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23

Psalm 137: 1 - 2, 3, 4 - 5, 6

Ephesians 2: 4 - 10

John 3: 14 - 21

... when in a Garden ... one is closer to God!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

At St. Jerome we need to maintain two acres of grounds around the church, year around (not including the parking lot!). The task covered by our Landscaper's contract are limited; to expand them is currently cost prohibitive.

Many hands are needed to restore our grounds to a well-maintained, garden-like state. Experts from the USF Extension Services have agreed to provide input and guidance. "Green Thumbs" are not required, but appreciated. Ability to socially distance is not a problem – there's plenty of space! Please give "lending YOUR hand" prayerful consideration and if you feel "called," please contact the Parish Office and come join us in "the Garden."

LIFELINE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Lifeline is again running low on food, as we cannot rely on our usual bulk sources. Our "List of Preferred Foods" includes:

- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Beef stew
- Hearty canned soups
- Canned pork and beans
- Peanut butter
- Jellies and jams of any kind
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Rice (2-pound bags)
- Cereal

Please, nothing fresh or perishable!

Donations may be left at the parish office, the chapel (open 24 hours a day), or bring your donations with you for Sunday or Daily Mass. Lifeline bins are located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your help!

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