

# 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.*

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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)**

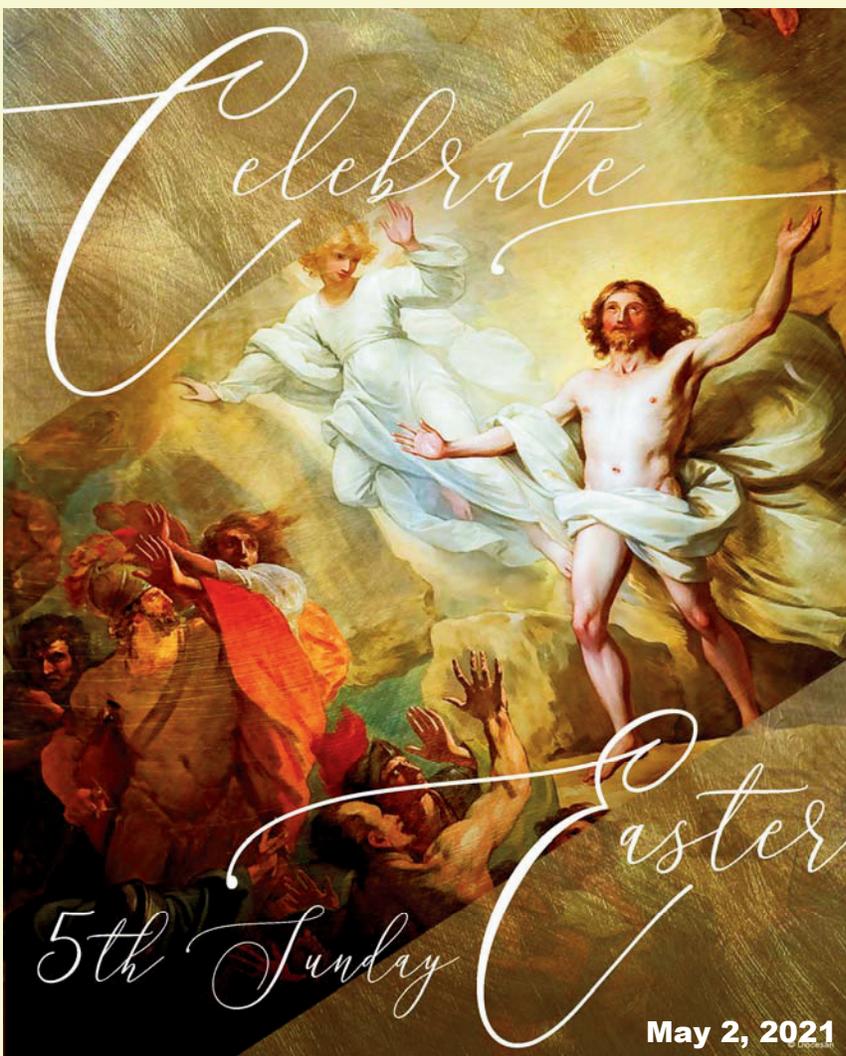
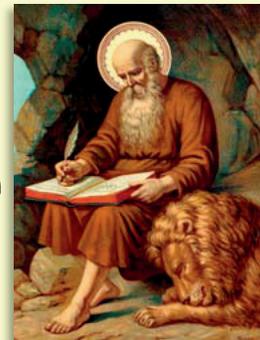
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm  
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church  
for those unable to participate at a public Mass

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am and 9am**  
**Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am**

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

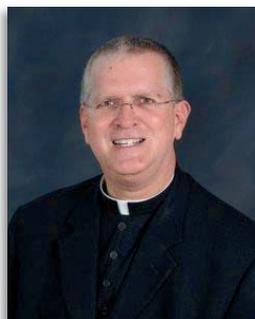
**Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month following the**  
9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in the church, also by request

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



**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm  
**Address/Phone:** 10895 Hamlin Blvd • Largo, FL 33774 • (727) 595-4610

From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We rejoice with our First Holy Communicants as they receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend for the first time:

Elias Abreu	Mason DeCorolis	Aubrey Sachon
Elisa Abreu	Mason George	Emma Sachon
Leo Alabovitz	Emma LaDrig	Elroy Schipper IV
Lucas Barnett	Adrian Mollett	Callie Swearingen
Andrew Cozzie	Lucas Novak	Siena Zorrilla
David Crawford	Ethan Oliveras	Lucca Zorrilla

These young disciples have been led by the Good Shepherd to appreciate Jesus as the “True Vine,” and the “Shepherd Who seeks the lost sheep,” and they have come to appreciate that our God is a “loving Father Who always welcomes home the prodigal son or daughter.”

Our First Communicants, as they make themselves available to God in their desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, say to our Good Shepherd, “Here I am Lord!” These young people and their families are mindful of Jesus’ words in John 12:26, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.”

It is our prayer that they will always allow the Good Shepherd to lead them now and in the days ahead. Wherever the Shepherd is, let the sheep gather.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom Morgan

### My Communion Prayer

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.  
The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion  
is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You  
enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving  
and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to  
help me. Show me the places and ways that  
I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace  
to others....  
in my family,  
in my neighborhood,  
in my community,  
with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### 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 April 24 - 25, 2021

Offertory	\$ 19,554.03
Electronic Giving	4,541.50
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	55.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	<u>62.00</u>
 Totals this weekend	 <u>\$ 24,212.53</u>

We would like to extend our gratitude to those donors who made

very generous memorial donation in the name of Mary Rea who passed away on April 2, 2021.

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### 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 YOU HEART....”

JEREMIAH 29: 12-13

Please join us for our regular practice of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction each Thursday, following the 9:00am Daily Mass in the church.

In addition, this Friday is First Friday, so we will have Exposition on this Friday, May 7, 2021, following the 9:00 AM Mass.

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



### UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

#### Part 1 - The Entrance Rites

These rites, serving to introduce and prepare for the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, are to help the people become a community at worship, an assembly convoked by God. Structurally, these rites are of secondary importance and are celebrated as such. Their major elements are the entrance song and the opening prayer.



*May Crowning*  
Sunday, May 2, 2021  
4:00 pm



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# YOUTH MINISTRY



Attention **ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.** Please contact the Youth Ministry office to share with us the next step of God's journey in your life. We would also like to Honor you and extend to you a Blessing at the Life Teen Mass on June 6, 2021.

YouthMinistry@stjeromeonline.org Ms. Tina (727)221-0229



All adults in the United States are now eligible for [COVID-19](#) vaccines, with all

50 states and Washington, D.C., meeting the April 19 deadline set for opening eligibility. Half of the adults in the United States have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 33% of adults are fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We encourage those not yet vaccinated to prayerfully consider, both for themselves, their loved ones and others, scheduling their vaccination.



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 Tuesdays in the Gathering Space of the church from 10:00 am to 11:30 am*** until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.

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.

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

Please, nothing fresh or perishable!

**Donations may be left at the parish office, the chapel which is open 24 hours a day, or you may bring your donations with you when you attend Sunday or Daily Mass. Lifeline bins are located in all the entrances of the church. Thank you so much for your help!**

### St. Jerome Early Childhood Center • 2021-22 School Year Open registration Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Open registration is ongoing for the 2021-22 school year. St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and four. St. Jerome ECC is fully accredited by NAEYC and is a Gold Seal school. Full or part day programs are available. St. Jerome ECC is a VPK provider for four-year olds, which allows all four year olds to attend the morning program at **no cost**. We now offer an additional option VPK+ which provides additional academic learning for those staying until 3:00 pm. Space is currently available in all age groups. Families interested in enrolling their children are asked to call **596-9491** or visit our website at:



[stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org](http://stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org)



for additional information and registration materials. Children who will be two, three, or four on or before September 1, 2021 will be eligible to enroll for the upcoming school year. You may schedule a tour after school hours in order to see our vibrant classroom environments and learn more about our dynamic programs. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 3

7:00 am † Marie & Andrew Janiak

9:00 am † Mary Cockerill

### Tuesday, May 4

7:00 am † Jennie Cannata

9:00 am † Catherine McCabe

### Wednesday, May 5

7:00 am † Robert McMullen

9:00 am † Marie & Sam Vastano

7:30 pm † Jeanne Hiller

### Thursday, May 6

7:00 am † Michael McGlaughlin

9:00 am † Agnes Sullivan

### Friday, May 7

7:00 am † Margaret Waller

9:00 am † Andrew Ermilio

### Saturday, May 8

8:45 am Novena

9:00 am Jakko Makimatilla

### Saturday, May 8 - *The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

4:00 pm † John Scullin, III

4:00 pm PC † Loretta Olding

### Sunday, May 9 - *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

7:00 am † Linda O'Keefe-Wood

9:00 am † Ahlene Maxwell

9:00 am PC † Carl Hawkins

11:00 am Fathers & Grandfathers of ECC

11:00 am PC † Helene Szabriez

5:00 pm † Dana Grady, III

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*\*Priest Schedule subject to change. \*\*If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office 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>

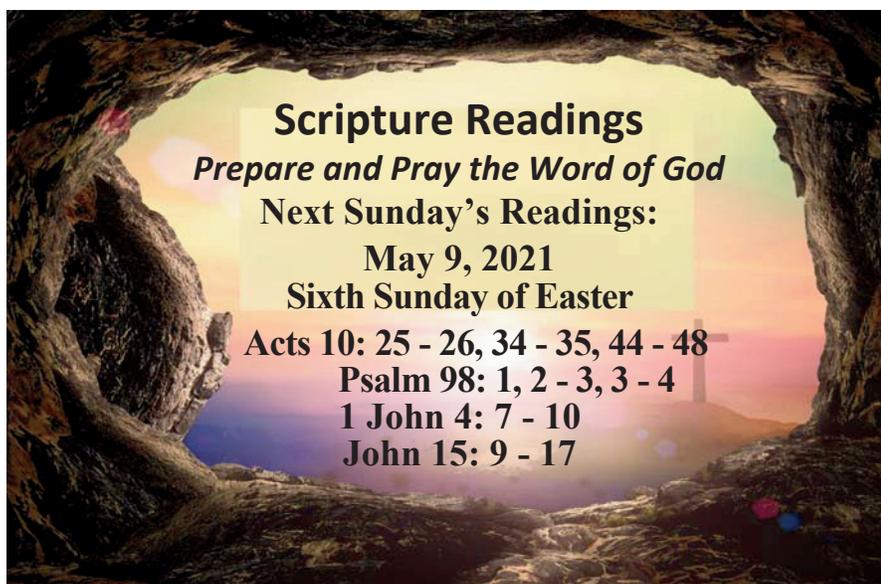
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### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



Tiny seeds of enthusiasm for the project have taken root, flourished and attracted many! "Maintenance" of our grounds now seems "do-able"- since the parish grounds are not only "the fields afar," we first concentrated on every church/parish center entrance. Areas of "must do immediately" have been identified and serious work is ahead of us. During this "period of discovery" we've discovered plenty! Our irrigation system needs plenty of work, roof lines are infringed by foliage, - the list goes on ....

Come join us in the Garden...we will show you!



## Scripture Readings

*Prepare and Pray the Word of God*

Next Sunday's Readings:

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 25 - 26, 34 - 35, 44 - 48

Psalm 98: 1, 2 - 3, 3 - 4

1 John 4: 7 - 10

John 15: 9 - 17

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