

# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord



## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS: 4:00PM & 5:30PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY

LITURGY), 10:45AM, 12:30PM &

5:00PM (LIFE TEEN)

MON.-FRI.: 7:00AM & 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS

3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL



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## Decline to Sign Petitions for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

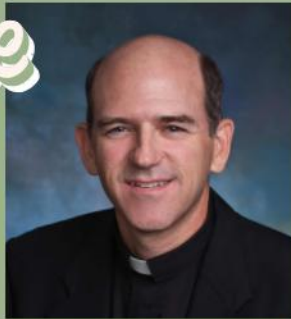
An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by banning government regulation of abortion in our state constitution. A network of abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. In order to do so, they need nearly 900,000 signatures and are working right now in communities across Florida to collect them.

This amendment is deeply concerning because it will allow all abortions to be obtained until viability and includes a broad "health" loophole, essentially allowing abortion on demand up to birth. The amendment would hinder the Florida legislature's ability to protect women and children from abortion. It could also nullify current laws requiring parental consent before minors obtain abortions and a 24-hour waiting period prior to abortions, as well as the 15-week and 6-week abortion laws recently passed by the legislature.

Floridians should not sign the petition. Declining to sign is not impeding the democratic process; it is taking a stand against what would be a terrible state policy. The FCCB is following developments in the initiative process closely and diligently preparing to help defeat it. Continue your prayers for the protection of the unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence.

Thank you for helping to protect and respect all human life, especially the most vulnerable. To see more resources and information from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, please visit <https://flaccb.org/>.

Welcome  
HOME  
Fr. Blum!



### Welcome Reception for Fr. Blum!

Please join your parish community on August 27th from 1:30-3:00PM in the Parish Center in giving a warm welcome to our new pastor, Fr. John Blum!! Cake and refreshments will be served and Fr. Blum will be present to meet you!  
Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

### Email Scams



It has come to our attention that scammers are again trying to lure parishioners into purchasing gift cards by pretending to be Fr. Blum and other members of our clergy or parish staff. Please know we will never ask you by email for a gift card unless this is also specifically mentioned in the bulletin! Please report all scam emails to the government agency at [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org) not to the parish office, because the office cannot stop these scammers.

### CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURE FOR REPAIRS

**Our Church building repairs & cleaning project is nearing conclusion (mid-August) in the Church and the Gathering Space.** During this time, daily Mass will be in the Holy Family Chapel, and weekend Masses will be in the Parish Center. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Coffee & Donuts has moved into the Education Building during this time. Thanks for your patience as we have almost completed these much needed repairs!

## Saturday, August 5th

- 9:00 AM † Alison Reynolds - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Clara Chiavetta - Fr. Mike O'Brien
- 5:30 PM † Brian Coady - Fr. Waters

## Sunday, August 6th

- 7:30 AM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Fr. Mike O'Brien
- 10:45 AM † Veronica Lehman - Fr. Mike O'Brien
- 12:30 PM † William "Lee" Craven - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM William "Bill" Baldwin - Fr. Blum

## Monday, August 7th

- 7:00 AM † Angie Cancellieri - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Gorden Gundle - Fr. Blum

## Tuesday, August 8th

- 7:00 AM † Christopher Costa - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Rick Gillis - Fr. Mike O'Brien

## Wednesday, August 9th

- 7:00 AM † Michelle Garnier Guanipa - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Robert Krenzel - Fr. Blum

## Thursday, August 10th

- 7:00 AM Jason Peterson - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Carnesoltas & Enriquez Families - Fr. Blum

## Friday, August 11th

- 7:00 AM † Lynn Watkins - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Rocco Micucci - Fr. Blum

## Saturday, August 12th

- 9:00 AM † Edmund Sullivan - Msgr. Muldoon
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Stephanie Rizzo - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Ruth, Frank & Allen Horvath - Fr. Blum

## Sunday, August 13th

- 7:30 AM † Karen Pudela - Fr. Waters
- 9:00 AM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM † Rocco Micucci - Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Dennis Cusack - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Marcos Alegre - Fr. Blum

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
PSALM: Psalm 85:9, 10,  
11-12, 13-14  
SECOND READING:  
Romans 9:1-5  
GOSPEL: Matthew  
14:22-33

*"This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I  
am well pleased;  
listen to him."*

*Matthew 27:5*

August is the month of



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



Saturday, September 16, 2023



## Save the Date for the VERY special DOSP Eucharistic Encounter!

Special Speakers include (L-R): Fr. Tim Anastos (National Eucharistic Preacher), Curtis Martin (the founder of Focus), Mother Olga Yaqob (founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth) and Dr. John Bergsma (Professor of Theology, the Franciscan University of Steubenville)

September 16, JW Marriott Hotel in downtown Tampa on the Riverwalk; \$5/person.

### *Awe & Wonder by Tommy Shultz of Diocesan*

*Ever since I was a little kid I have always enjoyed magic shows. I remember going to some shows with my dad and getting hooked on the idea of something happening right before your eyes that you can't really see. My obsession turned into a hobby of learning magic tricks and performing shows for area Catholic schools. I always let people know right off the bat that what they are about to see are tricks. I do not claim to have any sort of supernatural power. I think this makes the shows even more powerful because people know they rely on skills that have been acquired over many years of study and practice. But at the end of the day, they are just tricks and each one has a fairly easy explanation.*

*I think Peter was quite aware of this phenomenon when speaking in the second reading from today. He makes it quite clear that when the Apostles spoke of Jesus, they did not use cleverly devised myths to speak about his power. In other words, the power of Jesus was not just a cheap trick with a simple explanation, but rather, the supernatural power of God working in a very real and tangible way. One of these miracles, which had eyewitnesses, was the transfiguration.*

*All throughout The Old Testament, the Jewish people are anticipating and searching for the Messiah who was promised in the writings of the prophets. The first reading today from Daniel is one such prophesy where Daniel exclaims that he saw the Son of Man coming like on a cloud from heaven. Fast forward to the Gospel today and we see just that, he is being raised up as if on a cloud with a bright light surrounding him and the voice of the Father saying, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Now this illusion would be difficult even for David Copperfield to perform. The best part about it is that it was not some grand illusion, but a reality of the heavens opening up and showing us that Jesus is truly God become man.*

*As amazing as a magic show might be, eventually the curtain falls and the show ends and we leave knowing that we have been tricked in the best possible way. But the Gospel is not a trick. Do we have more awe for the real power God is working in our lives than we have when we see someone perform a sleight of hand? One is real and meant for our salvation, the other is fake and meant to give us a momentary pleasure. So, I guess the question we can all ask today is, where have you seen the power of God working in your lives and has it brought you to your knees in awe and wonder of our Creator? From all of us at Diocesan, God bless!*

**DIOCESAN**

## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass Schedule

August 14th - 4:00PM Vigil

August 15th - 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 7:00PM

### Assumption Celebration

Rosary & Reading at the Grotto  
Tuesday, August 15th, 2023

Immediately after the 9:00AM daily Mass

Sponsored by the Rosary Group, the Marian  
Spirituality Group and the Knights of Columbus

*"The Immaculate Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."*

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her as it was fitting that the flesh that had given life to God Himself should not undergo decay. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we hope to follow when our earthly life ends.



## You are invited to **Alpha!**

### Come Taste and See!

**Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.**

Join us for a great meal and conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached.

If you come, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the check.

The ball is completely in your court.

What do you have to lose?

**Beginning Tuesday, 09/05/2023 at 6:30PM**  
**Parish Center at St. Jerome Catholic Church**  
**10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo**

For registration: [www.stjeromeonline.org/alpha-ministry](http://www.stjeromeonline.org/alpha-ministry)  
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**Stewardship**

**July 23, 2023**

- Offertory: \$16,148.33
- E-Giving: \$4,790.00
- Total Offertory: \$20,938.33
- \*\*\*CMA Cash: \$29.00
- \*\*\*Roof Cash: \$26.00

**July 30, 2023**

- Offertory: \$16,254.00
- E-Giving: \$6,055.00
- Total Offertory: \$22,309.00
- \*\*\*CMA Cash: \$61.00
- \*\*\*Roof Cash: \$277.00

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**RAISE THE ROOF: CURRENT STATUS**

**As of 6/30, we have raised \$928,651.06 for our Roof Campaign**

*We are blessed to have the Diocese be the financial record keepers of our campaign.*

We are working hard towards the goal of **\$1.4 million**. Thanks for pledging today so we can quickly complete this needed project!

**ATTENTION: Important Online Giving Update**

Thank you for donating to St. Jerome Catholic Church through our on-line giving program. Our giving platform is changing from WeShare to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). As such, we invite all who contribute online to register with OSV Online Giving. You can access the new portal by going to our website, [www.stjeromeonline.org](http://www.stjeromeonline.org) and clicking on the Online Giving Icon, or visit: [www.osvhub.com/stjeromeonline/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stjeromeonline/giving/funds) You can then set up your new account and method of giving. **We Share will remain available until August 20th during this transition during this transition; ; you DO need to log into your WeShare account and delete your giving; otherwise, you will be giving twice.** The WeShare link is [www.wesharegiving.org](http://www.wesharegiving.org). We are happy to help you set up your new OSV profile and delete your WeShare giving if you need help. Call Tracey at the Parish Office if questions or if you desire assistance.

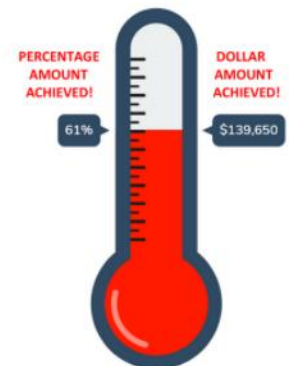
**Catholic Ministry Appeal**

The Catholic Ministry Appeal supports many of the ministries of our diocese. What a great way to serve God's people today!

We accept all major credit/debit cards as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system. Donor managed online giving is available with:

1. Our diocesan website at: [GivetoMinistry.dosp.org](http://GivetoMinistry.dosp.org)
2. QR Code - Donors can scan the code and be redirected to our secure online giving page.
3. Make checks payable to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

**St Jerome Current Status**  
GOAL: \$229,153



## The Legion of Mary

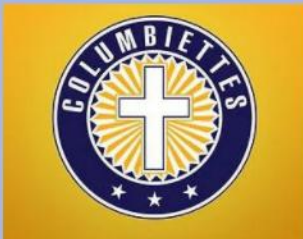
Looking to share your spiritual gifts? The Legion of Mary serves others while growing in their own spiritual life. In union with Mary, we bring Jesus to everyone we visit. Our weekly meeting and handbook study gives us tools and inspiration needed to grow in holiness and bring others with us.



## The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249

The Knights meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. We are very active in serving the community, our parish, and growing in faith.

For more information, visit our website at <https://knightsdmoj17249.org>. To order a brick to be placed in front of the Grotto, visit <https://knightsdmoj17249.org/grotto> and select "Buy a Brick".



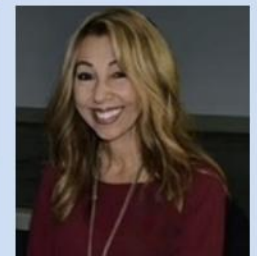
## The Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus Council

The new Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus auxiliary, is growing with 40 members to date! More women are committed to join this fall. If you are a woman, eighteen years old or older, and a practicing Catholic, please consider joining us. Our purpose is to assist the Knights in their commitments as well as establish our own projects. We want to assist those in need in our parish and our community. If you are interested in more information or in joining, contact either Claudia, President, 724 766-2615 or Denise, Vice President, 352 226-7151.



## The Bethlehem Centre is on hiatus and will return September 5th.

If questions, contact: Tim, 727-596-9394 or [bethlehemcentre@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemcentre@gmail.com)



## MAGNIFICAT: A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

*August Speaker: LAURA WORHACZ, Lay Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament*

Magnificat of St. Petersburg is excited to welcome all women to our next **MAGNIFICAT MEAL-BREAKFAST 9:30 AM—12:30 PM, Saturday, August 19, 2023, in the Parish Center at St. Jude the Apostle Cathedral, 5815 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.** Please also join us for 8:15AM daily Mass in the Cathedral. Come refresh and renew your spirit! Our Holy-Spirit, joy-filled morning will feed you physically with a delicious breakfast, and spiritually with words of wisdom by one of our local priests, as well as the Rosary, and praise and worship led by Francesca Ani. Then hear how the Holy Spirit opened doors to allow Laura Worhacz to become more involved in the Church, leading her to work in her home parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Holiday, to become a co-founder of Elisheba House, a nonprofit Catholic Media Apostolate, as well as author of "Consecration to Jesus Through Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament". Join us and hear of Laura's love for our Eucharistic Lord, and witness of faith & perseverance.

Reservations are \$18.00 each; tickets are on sale until August 12, 2023. No tickets are sold at the door, and seating is limited due to social distancing. Please respond early to allow time for the mail to process your request.

Checks payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Linda Barron, Treasurer, 6069 Second Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Questions: Email [magnificatfstpetersburg@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatfstpetersburg@gmail.com) or text: Linda at (727) 415-2693, or Jane (727) 452-7404.

## Faith Formation Fall Registration

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration continues for Faith Formation. Registration for fall continues at [faithformation@stjeromeonline.org](mailto:faithformation@stjeromeonline.org).

Please note, all 4:00PM start times have changed to 4:15PM to better accommodate more families' schedules.

The Toddler and Level I 10:00-11:30AM sessions are now full.

Do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Martin with any questions or to schedule a tour of our beautiful atria (classrooms) at the above email.

Thank you for partnering with St. Jerome in the formation of your child's faith!



## St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

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Registration is now taking place for the 2023-24 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.

Please call 596-9491 to schedule your tour. We look forward to meeting with you!



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## BAPTISM CLASSES AND INTRO TO CGS

We rejoice with our families who have been blessed with the birth or adoption of a child or are anticipating the birth of a newborn. We offer Baptism Classes on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please call the Parish Office (727) 595-4610 to register for the class. In addition, we would also like to arrange for a tour of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Toddler Atrium and other Atriums. (info provided at the Baptism Class).

Upcoming Baptism Classes:

August 8th, September 12, October 10, November 14,  
December 12

[www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism](http://www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism)







**Enjoy Bingo!**

Join us every Thursday afternoon in the Parish Center; doors open at noon. See old friends, make new ones, test your luck!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. If questions, contact Bill at: [knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com](mailto:knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com)



**GriefShare**

Grief Share is on hiatus and will return on September 5th.



**Rosary Group Mon-Wed**

We welcome all to pray the Rosary each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday following the 9:00AM Mass. Questions? Contact either Virginia 727-393-6063 or Mary Pat 727-517-4289. There is also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM Wednesday evenings!

**Lifeline Ministries**

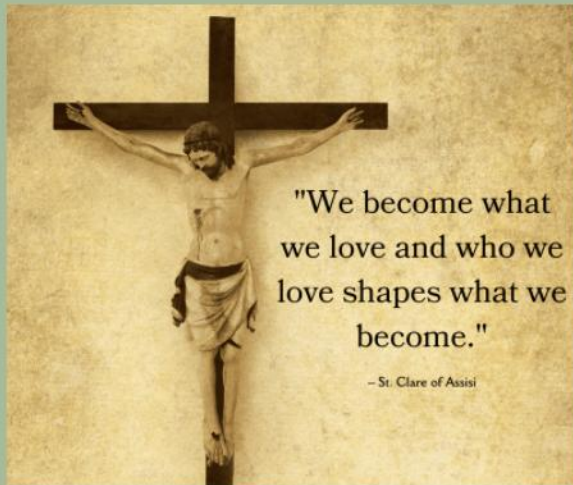
Last week, Lifeline served 125 families comprised of 412 people for a total of 322 families comprised of 1,067 people in July. Parishioners donated 210 bags of food for a total of 558 for the month of July.

In recent months, we have seen record numbers of people coming to us for food assistance and our shelves are depleting rapidly. We are always in need of the non-perishable food items listed below. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office during the week or the Chapel foyer also has a bin at all times. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.



- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Beef Stew
- Jellies & jams
- Rice (2 lb bags)
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Hearty canned soup

*Saint of the Week*



St. Clare of Assisi is dear to many, especially in our community. A contemporary and close friend of St. Francis, Clare is known for founding the Poor Clares. A humble woman of great devotion, especially to the Eucharist, St. Clare is once credited with turning an invading army away by processing with the Blessed Sacrament. She's also the patron saint of television and remote Mass attendees, so perhaps she may provide comfort and companionship to those of us physically unable to attend Mass. Sr. Lucia Brady is a member of her order! Thank Sr. Lucia for her service to the Lord the next time you see her. :)

#courageouslyliving #courageoussaints

**Youth Ministry**

St. Jerome  
**LIFE TEEN**



Follow our summer adventures on  
Instagram! @saintjeromeyouth

*A sweet week of adventure and faith for our middle schoolers at Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA!*

Hiatus - We do not meet weekly on Sundays for Edge & Life Teen during the summer. Please pray for us as we travel on our summer camp adventures, growing in friendship and in Christ!

*Pray for us as we return from our final trip!*

- World Youth Day Portugal July 31-August 6

**PARISH INFORMATION**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:30PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Second Sunday of the Month after the 12:30PM Mass in the Church, or by request.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM-Chapel. DRIVE-THRU CONFESSIONS: Last Saturday of the month 9:30-10:00AM at the Northern Entrance of the Church.

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION: Every Thursday, every First Friday, and every First Saturday 9:30AM-10:30AM; also Livestreamed.

Masses celebrated in the Church and Chapel are Livestreamed at: [www.stjeromeonline.org](http://www.stjeromeonline.org) and [www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo](http://www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo)

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