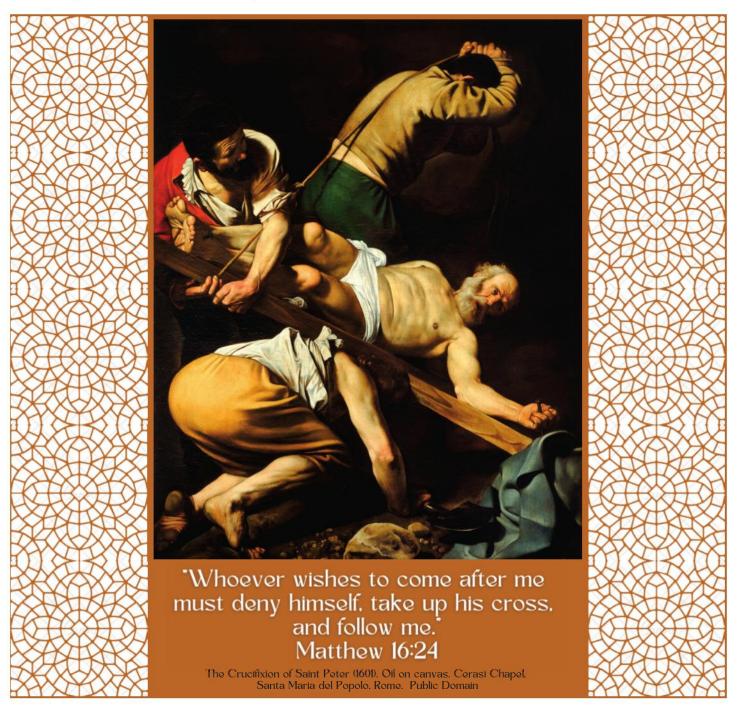
# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG 10895 HAMLIN BLVD | LARGO, FL 33774 COUR AGEOUSLY Living the Gospiel 727-595-4610 | WWW.STJEROMEONLINE.ORG Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

- Last week was our missionary co-op for the Archdiocese of Imphal. If you didn't have a chance to make a donation, you may mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Please write the check to St. Jerome and put on the memo "Missionary Co-Op".
- The family home should be a safe haven, but the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. Last week was Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness offers access to resources that caring adults and their children can use to protect themselves from online risks, which can be found here: www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn. Please join us with your prayers and support of this movement.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Blum, Pastor

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) has announced that "abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot." The FCCB has provided half-page "Decline to Sign" bulletin announcements (attached, in English and Spanish), which may be utilized in your various parish media channels. While it is not yet clear that the amendment proposal will reach the ballot, it is helpful to make the faithful aware of its potential harm.



Sunday Morning Bible Study! Join us for a study of the Gospel of John! Begins 11/26/2023 from 10:30-11:45AM. Sign up: Call Parish Office 727-595-4610. Register by Nov 1 & order study book (\$12). Tell Parish Office if you need financial assistance.

# FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

#### Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



**The World Famous Pancake Breakfast is Back**! The Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249 will be serving a pancake breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45AM Masses on Sunday September 17th. All donations will go into the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed where needed.

#### There is no vacation from your vocation

It has been a privilege to serve as youth minister the last 3 years and watch the youth and their families grow in love for Jesus Christ. This summer, when most teenagers look forward to going away with families or just staying at home playing video games and watching tv or playing at the beach, our St. Jerome teens chose additional events that helped them have an impactful summer.

First, we must thank our investors - the faithful community of St Jerome and your support to our teens for them to experience so much at no cost to them or their families. In this model of the beginning of Christian where everyone shares to teach the next generation.

This summer our teens went to serve the poor at the diocese Good Samaritan Project (GSP) where they slept in a classroom and woke each morning at 6:00AM and then served our communities all day in the Florida heat. This weeklong project has speakers and time to adore Jesus at Mass and in Adoration all without their cell phones. When GSP was happening ,our middle school teens were at Camp Hidden Lake meeting Jesus with other teens from around the country hearing the word and sharing with our community and others.

The next trip for high school was Covecrest where they played and prayed with daily Mass, mud games, Confession, talks and conversion of hearts all without their cells again. This trip in North Georgia has been life changing for many and again this year you can see transformation in their

hearts. From bible study to white water rafting, it's a time just to be with each other and the Lord.

The last week was in Lisbon. Portugal, where 14 of our teens gathered with 1.5 million people from around the world and world youth day with Pope Francis where we stayed for a week praying and sharing with people from everywhere. Each day had teaching, bible study, Mass, and getting to be with the Pope for three events, including the closing Mass with the Pope. To say the least, Thank You for all your prayers and thank you for your dedication to the youth of this church. As you can see, our teens understand there is no vacation from your vocation of loving and serving the Lord. I have witnessed and can testify that the Jesus is alive with the teens in our parish. -Michael A Guarino

THANK YOU!

We at St. Jerome give heartfelt thanks to Michael & Marissa Guarino for their generous service as our youth ministers for the past three years. May the Lord continue to bless you as He calls you to serve in new ways! Thank you for loving & supporting our youth!



#### September 3, 2023

#### MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray

## Saturday, September 2nd

- 9:00 AM † Michelle Guanipa Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Carolyn Russo Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Joseph Fulton Fr. Cadrecha

#### Sunday, September 3rd

- 7:30 AM Michael Guarino Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Elizabeth McMann Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Philip Englett Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Priscilla Mallare Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha

# Monday, September 4th

- 7:00 AM <sup>†</sup> Michelle Garnier Guanipa Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † James Olenhouse Fr. Blum

## Tuesday, September 5th

- 7:00 AM<sup>†</sup> Priscilla & Joel Mallare Sr. Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Michael O'Reilly Fr. Blum

# Wednesday, September 6th

- 7:00 AM † Sean Clarke Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Dennis McCarthy Fr. Blum Thursday, September 7th
  - 7:00 AM † Edward J. Hand Jr. Fr. Tony
  - 9:00 AM † Rose Capozzoli Fr. Blum

#### Friday, September 8th

- 7:00 AM † Leonard Weber Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Kath Villeneuve Fr. Blum

# Saturday, September 9th

- 9:00 AM † Jim Allen Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † All the People of the Parish Fr. Waters
- 5:30 PM † Alice Vetter Fr. Blum

# Sunday, September 10th

- 7:30 AM † Nick and Mary Rella Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Joseph McGlone Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Marcos Alegre Fr. Cadrecha

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9 PSALM: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 SECOND READING: Romans: 13:8-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Matthew 16:25



A great big THANK YOU goes out to the St. Jerome Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy of Jesus Council for purchasing new tablets for our Early Childhood classrooms!! This technology helps our teachers communicate with parents, maintain digital portfolios of student progress and document lessons and activities. We are so grateful for the Knights' financial and spiritual support of our program. September 3, 2023

#### WELCOME HOME, FR. BLUM!





High School Teens, join us Sunday September 10th for our Life Teen Kick-Off event: Battle of the Sexes!!

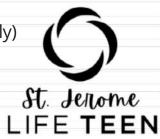
Boys should wear blue and girls should wear pink for team spirit. Join us for:

- 5:00PM Mass
- 6:00PM Family Dinner7:00-8:30PM Kick-Off event!

Bring a change of clothes to (possibly) get messy in! Invite your friends, share on Instagram, and let's make this the best start to our new ministry year!!!!

Sollow our adventures on Instagram! @saintjeromeyouth





HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

#### St. Jerome Health Care Ministry

Presents Another Free Educational Health Lecture:

PART 1: COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS IN PINELLAS COUNTY? PART 2: IS IT A STROKE? : LEARN THE SIGNS OF A STROKE AND



Monday, Sept 11, 2:00-4:00PM St. Jerome Parish Center Presenter: Melinda Bynum, RN-BSN, Baycare Faith Community Nurse Coordinator, Mease Dunedin Hospital

#### **Post Abortion Healing – Project Rachel**

Project Rachel is a confidential healing ministry for the many people, both men and women who have been impacted by an abortion decision.

Upcoming healing program: One Day Project Rachel Retreat: 8:00AM– 5:00PM Saturday, September 30 at St. Jerome Church.\$20 registration fee. Contact Joyce for details; pre-registration is needed: 813-690-3516. Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 24-48 hours.

# Come Taste and See!

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

# you are invited to Alpha!

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 *"Finding friends, peace and purpose"* 

# OCIA

*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, welcoming setting. For information, please contact the Parish Office.

# **Ministry to the Sick**

Ministry to the Sick serves the Sick and Homebound in our community, assuring they can receive the Eucharist when unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick bring the Holy Eucharist to anyone unable to attend Mass and provide an abbreviated Sunday service to them. The Ministers remind them they are part of the St. Jerome Parish Community and lots of people are praying for them. If you wish to be part of this Ministry, or know someone who is Homebound, please call Sister Lucia (727) 595-4610.







#### KIDS MINISTRY & CATHOLICS COME HOME

# **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Faith Formation**

Registration Continues as Start Date Nears

Faith Formation begins on September 11th, and sessions are quickly filling up. Contact <u>faithformation@stjeromeonline.org</u> for more information and to complete the registration process.

Please contact Stephanie Martin with any questions or to schedule a tour of our beautiful Atriums which welcome children from birth to age twelve.



All our families are invited to the required parent meeting on September 20th from 6:00-7:00PM in the Education Building. We look forward to growing ever closer to the Good Shepherd with our St. Jerome children and families in the coming months!



# BAPTISM CLASSES AND INTRO TO CGS

We rejoice with our families blessed with the birth or adoption of a child or are anticipating a newborn. We offer Baptism Classes on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room.

Call the Parish Office (727) 595-4610 to register. 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). <u>www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism</u>

Upcoming Baptism Classes: September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

#### **Blessing Bags for the Homeless**

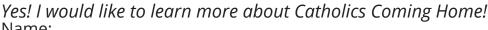
\*\*\* Donation Items Needed \*\*\*

- hotel size shampoo, lotion, soap
- dentist sample size toothpaste & toothbrushes
- rain ponchos
- pop-top 15 oz can beef stew
- pop-top 5 oz can chicken breast

Please leave donations under the Blessing Bag rack or in the Parish Office. Please take a Blessing Bag from the Parish Center, Office or Chapel to keep in your car to help one more homeless person.

# **Catholics Come Home**

Experience love & acceptance by coming home to the Catholic Church! If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church and Sacraments, please consider Catholics Coming Home. This ministry provides a relaxed group setting to discuss your concerns and desire to reconnect to the Church. St. Jerome Parish is offering a four week series beginning October 11, 2023, at 6:00PM in the Parish Office Library. For more information, please contact Sister Lucia Brady at 727-595-4610 or complete the form below. You are missed, and we hope you will join us.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email:

Please return this form to the St. Jerome Parish Office by September 20, 2023 by mail, in person, or email to Receptionist@stjeromeonline.org. The Parish Office is open Mon–Fri from 9:30AM to 4:30PM. The form can also be dropped in the collection baskets at Mass.

#### September 3, 2023

**FINANCES** 

# Stewardship

Stewardship is more than being a good manager of one's time, talents, and 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. Thanks for sharing His gifts!

#### August 27, 2023

- Offertory:
- E-Giving:
- Total Offertory:
  \*\*\*CMA Cash:
- \$6,385.00 \$23,505.45 \$152.00

\$17,120.45

- \*\*\*Roof Cash:
- **\$153.00 \$162.00**

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# RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future



# **Catholic Ministry Appeal**

#### **CURRENT STATUS** As of 7/31, we have raised \$936,435.73 for our Roof Campaign!

**RAISE THE ROOF:** 

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!

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
- 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.





# 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".

# **Greeter & Welcome Desk Ministry**

Ministers of Hospitality are needed as Greeters and to serve at the Welcome Desk. Thanks to all who have been involved in Hospitality/Welcome Ministries at St. Jerome. We want to grow the Greeter and Welcome Desk Ministry and are welcoming individuals, couples or families to serve in this important ministry. This is a wonderful way to meet new people, get involved in our parish family, and do YOUR part to make St. Jerome Parish a welcoming place to worship.To learn more, sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the Parish Office.



# **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

## **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!





#### 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.

Both **Grief Share and The Bethlehem Centre** return from hiatus on September 5th. If questions, contact: Tim 727-596-9394 bethlehemcentre@gmail.com.





# St. Jerome's Justice Ministry, FAST

Your Community Faith effort since 2005 that is now now 55 congregations strong, FAST energizes Pinellas County solutions united with people of faith. Such efforts in the past gave pathways to: free VPK pre-school, affordable housing, youth restorative practices, civil citations for minors, dental clinics, better bus routes. Our current 2023 efforts & research are: Water Quality, Affordable Housing, and Criminal Justice. Interested to learn & discuss our issues for 2024? Please come to the Home Meeting: Friday, September 8th, 4:00PM. St Jerome contacts: Sr. Lucia, Carla R., Evelyn G. Call: Carla at 703-477-4334

#### **Lifeline Ministries**

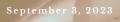
Last week, Lifeline served 113 families comprised of 382 people. Parishioners donated 126 bags of food for a total of 416 so far this month. We are always in need of the non—perishable food items listed here.





- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Beef Stew
- Jellies & jams
- Rice (2 lb bags)
- Pasta/spaghetti
   Pasta sauce
- Pasta sauče

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Hearty canned soup



# SERVING YOU







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Calling all singers and musicians! Join our 2023-24 season!

- Chorale: Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:15PM; Mass Sundays at 10:45AM
- Spirit Singers: Rehearsal Thursdays at 5:30PM; Mass 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:00AM
- Bell Choir: Rehearsal Tuesdays at 7:00PM; Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:00AM
- Praise Ensemble: Rehearsal Thursdays at 6:15PM; Mass Sundays at 12:30PM

Contact Tom Kurt or Erica DiCeglie for more info: 727-595-4610

# 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.

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 and www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

# CLERGY

Fr. John Blum, Pastor Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar Deacon Fred Kunder

# PARISH STAFF

Chris McBride, Parish Manager Rita Gianninoto, Assistant to Parish Manager Pat Kunish, Sacramental Coordinator & Receptionist Sylvia Cummings, Receptionist Tracey Swaine, Administrative Assistant Tom Kurt, Music Director Erica DiCeglie, Associate Music Director Francesca Ani, Life Teen Mass Musician Maintenance: Michael Shaughnessy & Bruce Villeneuve Sarah Williford, Bulletin Editor

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Phyllis Steele, Administrator, (727) 596-9491

#### ASSISTING PRIESTS

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For Sacraments, contact the Parish Office (727) 595-4610





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