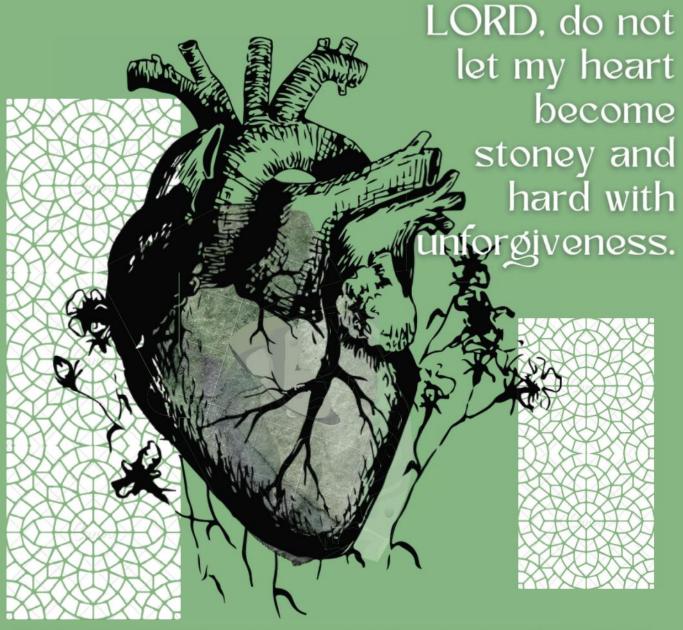
ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 17, 2023 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself. can he seek pardon for his own sins? -Sirach 28:3

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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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This gives us an opportunity as a parish family to acknowledge with gratitude all those who are involved in the religious formation of our children, youth and adults.

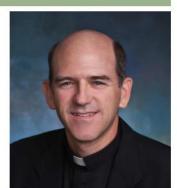
This includes our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, our Early Childhood Center, our Youth Ministry and Young Adult Programs, our Order of Christian Initiation for Children and Adults, and our various ministries that provide evangelization and on-going formation opportunities.

We are blessed with wonderful leadership, dedicated teachers, and energetic volunteers who give so generously of their stewardship to share and witness the Catholic faith with our children, youth and adults.

On this Catechetical Sunday, we ask God's blessings upon them and on all those whom they serve. Thank you for sharing and witnessing the light of Christ's love and the joy of our Catholic faith to eager minds and hearts!

Fr Blum





World Famous Pancake Breakfast THIS Weekend! 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.



September 17, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray

Saturday, September 16th

- 9:00 AM † Mary Bueno Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish Fr. Blum

Sunday, September 17th

- 7:30 AM † Jack and Pat Cannon Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Thomas Brennan Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM † William McClintock Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Philip Englett Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:00 PM † Kathleen Thomas

Monday, September 18th

- 7:00 AM[†] Michelle Garnier Guanipa Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Joseph Waller Fr. Cadrecha

Tuesday, September 19th

- 7:00 AM[†] Carl George Hawkins Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Joan Bonner Fr. Mike

Wednesday, September 20th

- 7:00 AM † Shelley Sarabia Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, September 21st

- 7:00 AM † Sharon Fanelli Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Antanas Alksmantas Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, September 22nd

- 7:00 AM † Ronald J. Martin Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM Michael Guarino Fr. Blum

Saturday, September 23rd

- 9:00 AM † Garrett McKernan -Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Johnston Family Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Fred Streng Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, September 24th

- 7:30 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Geri Morgan Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Regina St. Amant Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † Ann & Harry Newhook Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Joseph McGlone 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.

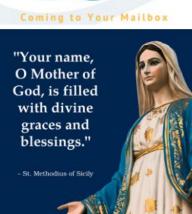
NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9 PSALM: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16a

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

Sirach 27:30







LIFE TEEN

on Instagram!

Follow our adventures

@saintjeromeyouth

EDGEgames,

September 17th

EDGE- We will begin our semester on "Sacraments" with games, teaching, small groups and closing prayer time.

Life Teen- We will begin our quarter on "Community" with games, teaching, small groups and closing prayer time.

youth Ministry Sunday Events. EDGE Middle School - 3:30-

- EDGE Middle School 3:30-4:45PM in the Education Building
- Youth Mass- 5:00PM
- Family Dinner (middle, high and parents) 6:00PM
- Life Teen High School 7:00-8:30PM



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Catholics (ages 15 years and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are Invited to participate in a preparation program.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the individual's baptism is reinforced and sealed. This sacrament, like baptism, may only be celebrated once. It is closely linked with baptism in that there is an anointing with oil (Chrism), laying on of hands, and a special activity of the Holy Spirit. When celebrated apart from Baptism and First Communion, the bishop, or a priest designated by him, is the minister of Confirmation.

The preparation program consists of six sessions in which you, the adult, will be advised of the process for this preparation and what is required of you. Begins October 12th!

For further information and to sign up please contact Sister Lucia at 595-4610 or email her at <u>srlucia@stjeromeonline.org</u>.

Human Trafficking - Protecting Our Most Vulnerable

9/23/2023; 6:00-7:30 AM. Starkey Ranch Theatre at the Library Cultural Center, Odessa 2118 Lake Blanche Drive. Free Event; seating limited to 200.

This conference is a community approach on how to protect our most vulnerable from Human Trafficking. Local experts will speak on how we can protect our youth from exploitation, what is being done locally to address the problem, and how the community can get involved.

Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church with Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking Questions: Please contact Evelyn G., (St. Jerome) evelyngrosch@gmail.com

Bethlehem Centre Returns! New Fall Schedule

Bethlehem Centre 2023-2024 Calendar

Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair

- Each Wednesday 10:00-11:00AM
- From 9/6/2023 through 7/17/2024
- Education Building Main Hall

Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor

- Each Friday at 10:00-11:00AM
- From 9/22/2023 through 7/19/2024
 Education Building Main Hall

Art

- Each Thursday 10:00-1:00PM
- From 9/7/2023 through 7/18/2024
- Education Building Art Room
- Each Friday 10:00-1:00PM
- From 9/22/2023 through 7/19/2024

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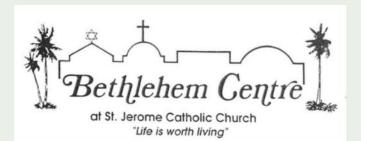
Education Building Art Room

Mahjong

- Each Friday 12:30-3:30PM
- Ed Kilroy BuildingFrom 9/8/2023 through 7/19/2024

Spanish

- Each Wednesday 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Art RoomBeginning in October TBD



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 a 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAMA MARY!

September 17, 2023

The four-year-old class from St. Jerome Early Childhood Center, in conjunction with the Legion of Mary, honored Our Blessed Mother on the occasion of her birthday. The children sang and presented handmade flowers to Our Lady as a sign of their love.



♪ ♪ LOVELY LADY DRESSED IN BLUE, TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY...

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sessions have Begun!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Faith Formation began this week welcoming over a hundred children and their families! Many of our sessions are full and space is limited in each Atria which serves children from birth to twelve-years-old. If you are interested in learning more about this amazing resource at our parish, please contact Stephanie Martin at faithformation@stjeromeonline.org.



Aiden B. working with The Good Shepherd and His sheep.

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:October 10, November 14, & December 12

September 17, 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!

September 10, 2023

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Offertory:	\$17,081.03
E-Giving:	\$4,961.00
Total Offertory:	\$22,042.03
***CMA Cash:	\$235.35
***Roof Cash:	\$232.00

RAISE THE ROOF: CURRENT STATUS

for our Roof Campaign!

As of 7/31, we have raised \$936,435.73

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

RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future



Catholic Ministry Appeal

St Jerome Current Status

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

project!

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 WELCOME St. Jerome. We want to grow the Greeter and Welcome Desk Ministry and are II 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.

CURIOUS ABOUT GOD? CATHOLICISM?

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 the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist typically 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.

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.

Yes! I would like to learn more about Catholics Coming Home!

Name: Address:

Phone:

Email: Please return this form to the St. Jerome Parish Office by September 20th by mail, in person, or email to **<u>Receptionist@stjeromeonline.org</u>**. 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.



Welcome

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

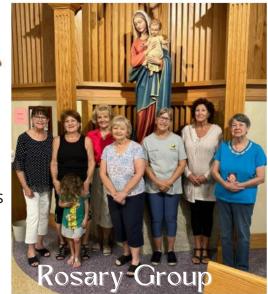
Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

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 interested, contact either Claudia, President, 724-766-2615, or Denise, Vice President, 352-226-7151.





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. You can also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM Wednesday evenings!

Welcome back to GriefShare, where we support each other on our journey of grief. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM in the Education Building Art Room. You don't have to walk alone. Questions? Judy: 727-595-4610.

Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 91 families comprised of 278 people and Parishioners donated 194 bags of food. Unfortunately, due to excessive after hours pilfering, we had to move the donation bin near the chapel into the main church. Hopefully, this move will alleviate the problem. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.





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



Calling all singers & musicians: join our 2023-24 season! Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

- Chorale: Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:15PM; Mass Sundays at 10:45AM
- Spirit Singers: Rehearsal Thursdays 5:30PM; Mass 1st & 3rd Sundays 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

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





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