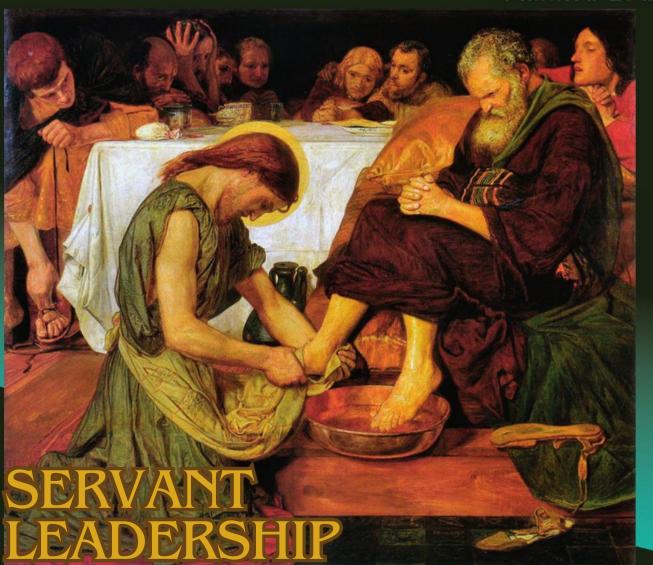
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November 5, 2023 | Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled: but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

-Matthew 23:12



Christ washing the Disciples' Feet. Ford Maddox Brown., (1821-1893)

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS: 4:00PM & 5:30PM SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, 12:30PM & 5:00PM (LIFE TEEN)

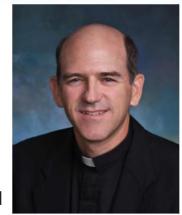
MON.-FRI.: 7:00AM & 9:00AM SATURDAY: 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL

COUR AGEOUSLY Living the Gospel

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG 10895 HAMLIN BLVD | LARGO, FL 33774 727-595-4610 | WWW.STJEROMEONLINE.ORG Dear brothers and sisters,

During this month of November, we turn our attention to the souls of the faithful departed who are in Purgatory undergoing the final purification of the elect. This is celebrated liturgically with our Commemoration of All Souls November 2, highlighted by our annual All Souls Remembrance Mass as we especially prayed for the members of our parish family who died this past year.



The holy souls are friends of God who have died in His Grace and are assured of Heaven, but who are not yet spiritually 'clean' enough to enter into Heaven. Their wedding garments are still stained with the imperfections, vices, and attachments to sin that need to be washed away so they can achieve the purity needed to be received into the wedding feast of the Lamb.

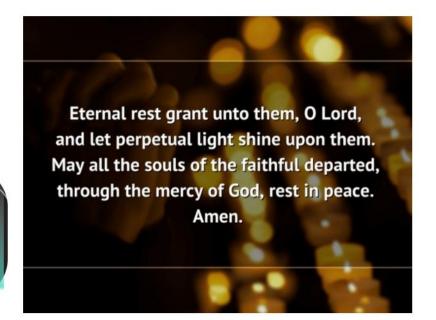
These holy souls are often referred to as the Church Suffering because their temporary separation from God and from the Beatific Vision is a cause of great pain. However, the suffering is not punitive, but purgative. Like gold tested in fire, the suffering experienced is the purgation of all the spiritual impurities and imperfections that ultimately lead to purification and entrance into the fellowship of the Church Triumphant in Heaven.

We, the Church Militant on earth, have the awesome opportunity and obligation to assist the holy souls with our prayers, sacrifices and good works in order to help them reach their final destination...Heaven.

And so, let us renew our commitment this month to pray for the souls in Purgatory when we are at Mass, when we pray the rosary, even when we pray grace before meals. In my family, we add to the conclusion of our grace before meals: "...and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen." A simple yet effective way to remember and pray for the holy souls.

God Bless, Fr. John Blum Pastor

> Jesus. Temembet me. when You come into Your kingdom.



MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray



Saturday, November 4th

- 9:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Ray Evans Fr. Mike
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, November 5th

- 7:30 AM † All Souls Fr. Waters
- 9:00 AM † Georgia Colville Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM Robert Kidney Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Shelley Sarabia Fr. Tony
- 5:00 PM † All Souls Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, November 6th

- 7:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Blum

Tuesday, November 7th

- 7:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Mike

Wednesday, November 8th

- 7:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, November 9th

- 7:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † All Souls Fr. Mike

Friday, November 10th

- 7:00 AM † Ann Coleman Stadtler Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Michael O'Reilly Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, November 11th

- 9:00 AM † Lorraine David Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Providence Limina Fr. Waters
- 5:30 PM † George Winkel Fr. Mike

Sunday, November 12th

- 7:30 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM Barbara Austin Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Joseph McGlone Fr. Mike
- 5:00 PM † Marcos Alegre Fr. Cadrecha

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:
Wisdom 6:12-16
PSALM: Psalm 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 7-8
SECOND READING:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL:
Matthew 25:1-13



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

FEED THE HUNGRY JUSTICE & MERCY

Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 118 families comprised of 396 people. Parishioners donated 200 bags of food for a total of 651 bags so far this month. 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 sauce
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Hearty canned soup



BAPTISM CLASSES & **INTRO TO CGS**

We rejoice with our families blessed with the birth or adoption of a child or 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 you to tour our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Toddler Atrium and other Atriums. (Info provided at the Baptism Class).

Upcoming Baptism Classes: November 14 and December 12

<u>www.stjeromeonline</u> .org/baptism

Thanksgiving Food Drive

LifeLine Ministries will collect Thanksgiving dinner items for families in need beginning October 1 through November 6. Please use this shopping list and fill a bag with the foods listed below to make a package for one family. Then put the bag in one of the LifeLine bins at St. Jerome Church.

We appreciate whatever you can provide from this list. No other items are needed. THANK YOU!

- 1 box or bag of stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 jar turkey gravy
- 2 cans corn or beans
- 1 large can of yams
- 1 box mashed potatoes
- 1 box cake mix
- 1 container cake frosting



JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING



ST. JEROME'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER NOVEMBER 23, 2023



You are warmly invited to St. Jerome's Thanksgiving Dinner. Please make reservations for you and each family member by calling the parish office at (727) 595-4610. The meal will consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed & sweet potatoes, vegetables, a roll, and a delicious dessert.

The suggested donation is \$12.00.

Limited volunteers needed:

- Thurs. Nov. 23 Need 8 servers 12:30PM 3:30PM
- Thurs. Nov. 23 Need 8 cleanup 3:30PM 4:30PM



Reservations required. Please contact the Parish Office to attend or to volunteer at (727) 595-4610. Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.



Find Your Perfect Fit!

Ministry Fair

Learn about the various ministries and see where your gifts lead you.



Parish Center 8:30AM-2:00PM

There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.





youth Ministry Sunday Events

November 12 & 26

(On November 5th, Life Teen will road trip to St. Timothy in Lutz for a special event! No Edge.)

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

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Marriage Anniversary Mass

We will have a special Mass for married couples celebrating 50 years of marriage or more Sunday, November 19, at our 12:30pm Sunday Mass! We will provide an opportunity for those couples desiring to renew their marriage vows following the Mass. We will take a group photo. Come celebrate your sacrament and ask the Lord's continued blessing on your marriage! The Diocese of St. Petersburg has a similar event usually scheduled in February. RSVP to the Parish Offic by Friday, November 10 to register for the Mass.

Marian Spirituality Group

The Marian Spirituality Group, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, each month, invites you to participate in monthly Marian devotions. Each month, we celebrate a different aspect of Marian spirituality where several ministries at St. Jerome assume a leadership role in presenting the theme of the month.

The Knights of Columbus and the St. Jerome Marian Spirituality Group were instrumental in building the beautiful Grotto in honor of Our Lady to spread Marian devotion throughout the parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor Our Lady and ask her intercession in protecting our families and our parish during these difficult times.

The Marian Spirituality Group and the Knights of Columbus will assist your ministry in developing and launching the event. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful Marian tradition, call Ana Maria S. @ 727-458-0943. Totus Tuus Maria†

DECEMBER 10, 2023





Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother.
4:30 pm Rosary Procession
5 pm Mass with Mariachi Band
6 pm Celebration in Parish Center

Featuring Mexican dancers, music, authentic Mexican food (taco bar and tamales), and more!

Become a sponsor of this beautiful event!

Sponsorship Levels:

White Rose \$25

Yellow Rose \$50

Red Rose \$100

All sponsors will be recognized at the event. Place your donation in the collection basket or mail to the front office. Mark your donation Our Lady of Guadalupe, please.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please consider donating roses to decorate Our Lady's carrier.

Kindly drop the roses off at the Gathering Space ALL DAY Saturday
12/9 and Sunday 12/10 until noon.

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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!

October 29, 2023

Offertory: \$23,741.15
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Total Offertory: \$27,412.15
***CMA Cash: \$12.00
***Roof Cash: \$47.00

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RAISE THE ROOF: CURRENT STATUS

As of 9/30, we have raised \$944,880.32 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 much needed project for our parish to replace the Church roof.

MAKE A GIFT TO ST. JEROME CHURCH

Year end is quickly approaching. We want to remind you there is still time to make a gift to St. Jerome. All gifts postmarked, brought to the office, or made online by December 31st count for the 2023 Tax season. Any time you give to support the work of Christ in our parish you are investing in a mission and making our world a little better. With a little year-end planning, you can optimize your impact with a gift by December 31. Below are a few options:

- Give Smart, give stock: Donate appreciated stock, pay no capital gains and your charitable deduction is at the full, fair market value of the stock.
- If you are 70 1/2 or older: Make a gift directly from your IRA it counts toward your required minimum distribution!
- Make the gift that pays you back: Set up a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust and transfer assets before December 31 to help lower estate taxes.
- Make your mark on the future: Leave a gift in your will or trust, give life insurance you no longer need or donate real estate.
- Make a gift now you can direct later: Set up a donor-advised fund with the Catholic Foundation.

Please contact Chris McBride at the Parish Office to learn more about how to make your year-end gift. With a heart full of gratitude – Thank You!



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 at the Grotto, visit https://knightsdmoj17249.org/grotto and select "Buy a Brick".

Bethlehem Centre 2023-2024 Calendar

Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair

- Wednesdays 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 & Friday 10:00-1:00PM
- From 9/7/2023 through 7/18/2024
- Education Building Art Room

Mahjong

- Each Friday 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building
- From 9/8/2023 through 7/19/2024

Spanish

- Each Thursday 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room
- Begins October 12; \$5 per class.

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

- Wednesdays from 11:30AM-12:30PM.
- \$5.00 per class





Relaxed Energy Exercise

Try RE to avoid the ER! 10/25/2023; 10:30-11:30AM Ed Kilroy Building \$5.00 per session

If questions about the Bethlehem Centre, contact Tim Kunish at 727-596-9394



GriefShare

At GriefShare, 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.





Landscaping Update

We thank Jag Property Solutions for helping us keep St. Jerome safe. They removed several sick trees that were becoming a liability including our beloved Ear Tree by the Fr. Sean Prayer Garden. The pictures show the rotting from within.

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





What is a Health Ministry?

A health ministry promotes whole-person health and healing — body, mind and spirit. It includes a wide variety of faith community services, from coordinating blood pressure checks and other health screenings to helping people find health resources to visiting the sick and homebound. A health ministry can be organized in whatever way best meets the health and wellness needs of the congregation and neighborhood it serves.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? ...Therefore, glorify God in your body. -1 Cor 6:19, 20b

What is a Health Minister?

(Also called Health Ambassador, Congregational Health Promoter, Health Advocate, etc.) Health ministries often are led by faith community members who have a deep spiritual calling to serve others through the promotion of health, healing and wholeness. A professional health or ministry background is not required, although some health ministries are led by healthcare professionals. Health ministers come from a variety of medical and non-medical backgrounds and occupations. Health ministers believe in the importance of whole person health in the role of faith communities and other faith-based agencies. Often, they are part of a health and wellness ministry or team. Some may work alone while others may work with faith community nurses to organize, plan, and evaluate health ministry activities.

What does the Health Ministry of St Jerome do?

Here at St Jerome we have a health ministry composed of members with various backgrounds in the health field. We sponsor monthly free community educational seminars covering a vast array of useful topics. Each February we hold a health fair where parishioners can gain information and access to local community healthcare practitioners, agencies and services. Along with our partners at Baycare Faith Community Nursing we offer free monthly blood pressure screenings and can assist with obtaining healthcare services where they may otherwise be unable to due to finances, transportation, or other restrictive factors.

How can you help?

We are always seeking members with healthcare backgrounds and experience to plan and assist with activities. Specialists are always welcome to speak at our lectures. Healthcare and non healthcare help is always welcome at the annual Health Fair.

Thank you! We hope to see you at our events or to be able to assist you with any healthcare challenges.





St. Jerome Health Care Ministry presents another free educational health lecture:

Can what we eat, help us age well? Food for Managing Diabetes & Heart Disease

November is National Diabetes Month when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on actions to prevent diabetes health problems.

Monday, November 6, 2023, 2:00-4:00PM, St. Jerome Parish Center Presenter: Susan M. Glatter, APRN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator

This is a free community educational event. Bring your questions. No products are sold or solicited.

September Funerals:
Barbara Fittner
Patricia Gamble
Marie Shemeley
Paul Vogel
Baptisms:
Luke Alabovitz
Adrianna Howard
Thomas Marasol Naquin
Amilia Perera

<u>September</u> <u>Confirmation:</u> Jessica Lopez Howard



Rosary Group

We welcome all to pray the Rosary each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 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!

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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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.

Some Masses are Livestreamed at: www.stjeromeonline.org and www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

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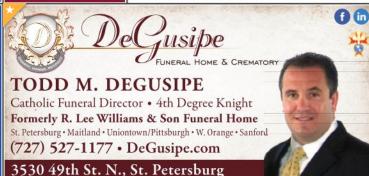


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