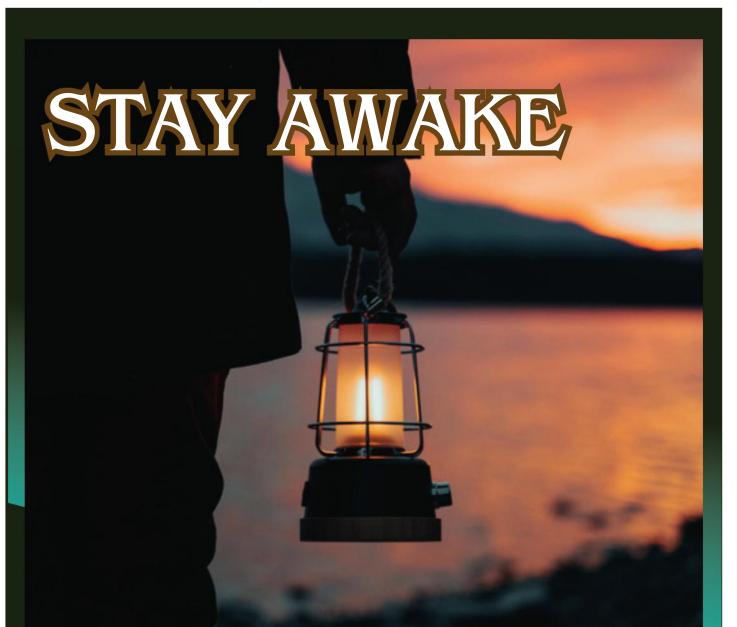
ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 12, 2023 | Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



for you know neither the day nor the hour.

-Matthew 25:13

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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10895 HAMLIN BLVD | LARGO, FL 33774 (727) 595-4610 | WWW.STJEROMEONLINE.ORG Dear Parishioners,

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we saw steady activity in our ministries. Our Preschool, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry are active and developing. We are expecting continued growth in the coming years. Lifeline Ministries has been serving more people than usual this year. They have, with the tremendous volunteers and donations from our parishioners, been able to stay afloat. Bethlehem Centre, Adult Faith Formation, Pinellas Hope Homeless Ministry, and all our other ministries are also doing well. The consistent activity confirms how well established our ministries are at St. Jerome.



Like last year, we have had to spend extra money so we could catch up on several deferred maintenance projects, some of which include: replacing the damaged red terrazzo in the church, replacing the keypad system at the Education Building, replacing our defective commercial copiers, pruning our oak trees on campus, and adding a meeting room in the Parish Center. These projects and many others ensure that our property and buildings are kept up so our community and many ministries can thrive. We also reviewed all our vendor and service contracts. This led us to renegotiate or bid out over half of our service needs which will help our parish save money in the future and receive better service.

The next page features our year-end financial report from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. I want you to know how much I appreciate your generosity and sacrifice to help our community of St. Jerome. Together we continue to work toward growing closer to Christ and serving others through words and actions.

In Christ,

Chris McBride, Parish Manager



Feeling called to financially help make a difference through our parish? Check out page 5 for ideas of ways to contribute to St. Jerome before the end of this year.

Christmas Toy Drive

Our toy boxes open Nov. 18 to help many families in need. Please place <u>unwrapped</u> gifts in the Toy Boxes at the entrances of the Church and the Parish Office. Monetary donations and questions can be taken through the offertory or Parish Office.

ITEMS NEEDED: TOYS FOR ALL AGES! Thank you for your generosity.



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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

St Jerome Catholic Church **Financial Report** July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

		Operating Income	Operating Expenses
General Operating Revenue-Offertory		1,575,800.65	
General Operating Revenue-Other*		272,432.42	
Clergy-Salaries, Stole fees, Allowances, Benefits			214,617.85
Worship and Music			175,100.55
Faith Formation			145,784.07
Property & Liability Insurance			97,206.40
General Administration			541,720.33
Facilities General			596,959.36
School Support			46,421.34
	TOTAL \$	1,848,233.07	\$ 1,817,809.90
*General Operating Revenue- Does not include Bequests.			

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Operating	Income	Less	Operating	Expenses
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Loan - Church Renovation of 2009 **Principle Payments**

Interest Payments

November 12, 2023

Restricted Fund Contributions

Raise the Roof donations

Bequests

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160,150.56 \$

312,946.92

30,423.17

Other Income Other Expenses

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93,366.83

28,183.18

121,550.01

\$

\$

TOTAL \$



November 12, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray

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

Monday, November 13th

- 7:00 AM † Gregory John Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Joan Bonner Fr. Mike

Tuesday, November 14th

- 7:00 AM † Susan Wajiechowski Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Carl Guidice Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, November 15th

- 7:00 AM † Tara Ann Rosa Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM [†] Sam & Marie Vastano Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, November 16th

- 7:00 AM † Frederick Gatesman Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Carl Hawkins Fr. Mike

Friday, November 17th

- 7:00 AM † Judy Rooney Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Dec. Members of Zenaida, Carnesoltas, and Enriquez families - Fr. Blum

Saturday, November 18th

- 9:00 AM † Deceased members of Dorothy Fong Family - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Buzzo Family Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Joseph Skala Fr. Blum

Sunday, November 19th

- 7:30 AM † Joseph J. Chiampi Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Rita Guidice Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM † Jozef Pachowicz 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: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 PSALM: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 GOSPEL:

Matthew 25: 14-30

SO SOFFY! Our staff apologizes for the All

Saints Day Mass time error with the 10:45AM and 4:00PM. We have made changes to avoid this in the future.

> Did you know St. Jerome is on Facebook & Instagram?

Check us out!



St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church

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Find Your Perfect Fit! Ministry Fair

Learn about our various ministries and see where YOUR gifts lead you.

November 12, 2023 Parish Center 8:30AM-2:00PM

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



Advent Wreath Making with Faith Formation Families

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd families are invited to join us in the Education Building on Sunday, December 3rd immediately following the 9:00 Mass to create fresh Advent wreaths. Wreaths are free of charge to make if you are a registered Catechesis of the Good Shepherd family. Completed wreaths are available to all parishioners to purchase for \$20.00 with proceeds benefiting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry. Candles can be purchased for \$5.00. The greens for the wreaths will be blessed and are a beautiful addition to your family's Advent traditions.

Please contact Stephanie Martin at <u>faithformation@stjeromeonline.org</u> if questions.

Preparing for Advent in the Atrium

All of us, the children, and catechists alike, are preparing for the coming season of Advent. Some of the specific ways we do that in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to teach the youngest children the Liturgical colors through hands-on materials, songs, and artistic expression.

Our elementary-age children build on this by learning how the church determines the date of Easter through working with a Liturgical Calendar. Another specific way we are laying the foundation for further study into the birth, life, and resurrection of Jesus is through geography. In all Atria we examine the land of Israel using a variety of maps. Our oldest children, nine to twelve are in the middle of an eight-week Bible study of Exodus, Moses, and the Decalogue.

As we all prepare for the coming season of Advent, we hope our Faith Formation children inspire us all to grow closer to God by studying His word and thanking Him for His endless gifts.

The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will serve a pancake breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:45AM Masses Sunday, Nov. 19th. All donations go to the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed where needed.





Membership Drive

The Knights will hold a membership drive the weekend of November 18-19. There will be Knights in the Gathering Space to answer any questions you may have. There is a Fraternal Benefits meeting on Monday November 20th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center to explain the many benefits available to you as a Knight.

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".

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FINANCES

Stewardship

Stewardship is more than being a good manager of one's time, talent, 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!

November 5, 2023

- Offertory:
- E-Giving:
- Total Offertory: • ***CMA Cash:
- \$16,434.66 \$7,011.00 \$23,445.66
- ***Roof Cash:

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- \$40.00 \$269.00

RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

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 guickly 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 31st 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!

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:

- Our diocesan website at: GivetoMinistry.dosp.org
- QR Code Donors can scan the code and be redirected to ٠ our secure online giving page.
- Make checks payable to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.



(As of October 30, 2023)

FEED THE HUNGRY JUSTICE & MERCY

Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 80 families comprised of 247 people. Parishioners have donated 312 bags of food so far this month. In October, Lifeline served 406 families and parishioners donated 711 bags of food. On November 18, we expect to provide Thanksgiving dinners to almost 300 families. 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



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

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. Questions? Bill: knightsdmoj17249 @gmail.com

Rosary Group

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



November 12, 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.

Dinner will be served between 12:30PM and 3:30PM. The suggested donation is \$12.00.

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



Visit our Gift Shop!

Lots of lovely Catholic items for you and your loved ones. We have Advent wreaths, candles, Christmas Nativities, and gifts for your holiday shopping!

Hours: Saturdays from 3:30-5:30PM Sunday from 9:30AM-12:30PM In the Gathering Space in the Church

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



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- 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! Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM Ed Kilroy Building; \$5.00 per session

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

The Bethlehem Centre will be closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, November 22 and reopen on Wednesday, November 29.



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 10th to register for the Mass.

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).

<u>www.stjerome</u> online.org /baptism

Upcoming Classes: November 14th & December 12th

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 \$50 Yellow Rose 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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Marian Spirituality Group

St. Jerome Church encourages the First Saturday Devotion. The Rosary will be said at The Grotto at 10:30am following the 9:00am Mass and Exposition on the First Saturday of each month. All the faithful are encouraged to participate.

The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation for the sins of the world through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On the First Saturday during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession,

2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,

Saying five decades of the Rosary, 4. Méditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Ouestions? Contact Elizabeth at Elzbieta Chobot-Sochet elzbieta.sochet@gmail.com



SERVING YOU



- Youth Ministry Synday Events November 12 & 26
- 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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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 Livestreamed at: www.stjeromeonline.org and www.facebook.com/StJerome Largo

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, titled *Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion*, 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.



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



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