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November 26, 2023 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

KING OF THE UNIVERSE



BE THE KING OF MY HEART

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

**MORE ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES -PAGE!!*



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Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. First, he tells us that the resurrection of Christ is not the end of God's reign, but the beginning. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. Now that he is risen, he will complete his reign over all creation, meaning that everything in creation that turned away from God will now be subject to God. Since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.



When all this happens, everything will show God's glory. God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to the Father, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

The rest of the Gospel is symbolic description of that judgment. I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. This means that we cannot use not seeing Christ in others as an excuse to put off helping them. ("Sure, I'll help those drug addicts—as soon as I see Jesus in them.") Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we need to take that leap of faith to help, not knowing if we will ever see Christ in them. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

-Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Publications

Advent Confession Times

- All Saturdays in Advent – 9:30AM & 3:00PM
- Thursday, December 7th – 6:00PM
- Sunday, December 10th – 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 4:00PM
- Friday, December 15th – 6:00PM
- Sunday, December 17th – 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 4:00PM
- December 18th-22nd – 9:30AM



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Hours: Saturdays 3:30-5:30PM; Sundays 9:30AM-12:30PM in the Gathering Space in the Church

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Dec 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass Times:

Thursday, December 7th
4:00PM Vigil

Friday, December 8th
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM
& 7:00PM



The October 500 Club winners are:

- 1st Place: Shirley Winston
- 2nd Place: J. Lauren SanFilippo
- 3rd Place: Ed & Marie Bensman

500

Thanks for supporting our parish's growth!

Saturday, November 25th

- 9:00 AM † Julian & Brian Walsh - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Louis Anselmo & Louis Chiavetta - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Frank M. Oliver - Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, November 26th

- 7:30 AM Michael Guarino - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Allen Miller - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM T. Richard (†) & Lucille Leidig - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Ludwika & John Liput - Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, November 27th

- 7:00 AM † Laurie Ann Moses - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM Ed Kerr Family - Fr. Blum

Tuesday, November 28th

- 7:00 AM † Edith Deen - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Brendan Brosnan - Fr. Bernie

Wednesday, November 29th

- 7:00 AM † Dave VanDewater - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Kath Villeneuve - Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, November 30th

- 7:00 AM † Robin Vaillancourt - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Cathi Bondar - Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, December 1st

- 7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jim Allen - Fr. Blum

Saturday, December 2nd

- 9:00 AM † Fr. Stanley Kolasa - Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Ray & Mary Thole - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Marco Alegre - Fr. Blum

Sunday, November 3rd

- 7:30 AM † William A. Schultz - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Ricky Pracell - Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM † Rosemary Holland - Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:00 PM † Julian Thomas Walsh - Fr. Cadrecha

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

PSALM: Psalm 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19

SECOND READING:
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL:
Mark 13:33-37

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4 Ways to Prepare a Quiet Advent NOW: How to make the Christmas Season Less Stressful

Sarah Damm, Blessed is She (edited for spaxe)

Every year around around this time, I long to slow down, create space, quiet my heart, and find rest. Perhaps I am weary from the toll of this chaotic world. Perhaps I need to step back from the whirlwind of everyday life and realign my priorities. Perhaps my soul is ready to once again enter into the season of Advent—the season of prayer and penance, waiting and watching for the coming of Jesus.

Advent is the perfect liturgical season for my longing. I wait for the light and warmth of Christ to illuminate the darkness of the world, which can weigh so heavily on my heart. For just as the dawn comes after the long, dark hours of night, Jesus comes to bring light and love, to dwell among us.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:78-79) Perhaps you experience this longing, too?

Advent Invites Us In

Advent ushers in a new liturgical year, a new opportunity to return to the Lord. Advent invites us to encounter Christ in the simple manger in Bethlehem. It encourages us to recreate that manger scene in our own hearts, putting Christ at the center of our lives once again.

Below are four ways to prepare for a quiet Advent season starting now:

1. Center on Christ

The most necessary aspect of the Advent season is prayer. How do we want to pray this Advent? How do we want to grow in our worship of the newborn King? Do we want to:

- Use Lectio Divina to pray with the daily Gospel?
- Meditate more deeply on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary?
- Find one or two days during the week to attend Mass?

2. Stay Rooted in Tradition

There are many rich liturgical traditions throughout the Advent season. One temptation can be to think we have to do them all. This can lead to overwhelm or busyness, and can distract us from our real desire for quiet and peace. May I suggest a simple plan?

- Set up an Advent Wreath to gather around for prayer
- Pick two or three favorite feast days to celebrate
- Consider only what is most meaningful to you personally or as a family

3. Tackle To-Dos

Often, we don't start Christmas to-dos until Advent. This creates unnecessary tension in our hearts, as our desire for quiet is confronted with a busy to-do list that seems impossible to complete in such a short amount of time. This year, let's try something new. From now until the first Sunday of Advent, let's work on accomplishing some (if not most) of our Christmas to-dos:

- Order Christmas cards & Update address list
- Buy stamps and wrapping paper
- Make and freeze cookie dough
- Finish Christmas shopping by the first Sunday of Advent
- Create space for wonder, awe, coziness, and togetherness

4. Simplify Decor

To reflect peace in our living spaces, keep Christmas decor simple this year:

- Prominently display a Nativity scene
- Wait to decorate the Christmas tree until Gaudete Sunday
- Avoid too many Christmas tchotchkes, which can clutter our spaces, minds, and hearts

Veni, veni, Emmanuel: Come, Lord Jesus!



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Erica DiCeglie	1st	7:30
Suncoast Symphony	3rd	7:30
Tree Lighting	7th	7:00
Rick Bankemper	11th	7:30
Annual Christmas Concert	15th	7:30

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

St. Jerome Catholic Church
Celebrates the Feast Day of
Our Lady of Guadalupe



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

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November 12, 2023

- **Offertory:** \$24,289.26
- **E-Giving:** \$4,426.00
- **Total Offertory:** \$28,715.26
- *****CMA Cash:** \$196.85
- *****Roof Cash:** \$5.00

**More recent numbers not yet available due to early printing deadline.*

RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

As of October 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at 1,002,740.85. We have broken one million dollars! This is a substantial milestone!

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.



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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 our secure online giving page.
- Make checks payable to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.



(As of November 13, 2023)

GOAL: \$229,153



Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 99 families comprised of 315 people. Parishioners have donated 355 bags of food for a total of 665 so far this month. We appreciate the strong response to our Annual Thanksgiving food drive.



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

Christmas Toy Drive

Our toy boxes open Nov. 18 to help many families. We are able to assist with children from birth to seventeen years of age. Please place unwrapped 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.

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

GriefShare

The holidays can complicate grief. 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

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? Virginia (727) 393-6063 or Mary Pat (727) 517-4289.

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

Questions? Contact Elizabeth: elzbieta.sochet@gmail.com



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".



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. Women eighteen or older who are practicing Catholics are invited to join. 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 community.

Interested? Claudia, President, 724-766-2615, or Denise, Vice President, 352- 226-7151.

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

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

Art

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

Mahjong

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

Spanish

- Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room
- \$5 per class.

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

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



Relaxed Energy Exercise

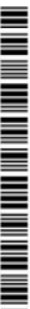
Easy Exercise

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 22nd and reopen on Wednesday, November 29th.





Thank You!



Thanksgiving Dinner

On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, we would like to thank all those dedicated volunteers and the Knights of Columbus for their continued support that made our Thanksgiving Dinner a success. We would also like to thank Mary & Gabriel of "Happy Days" for our amazing entertainment.



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 faithformation@stjeromeonline.org if questions.



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 Class: December 12th

www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism

Ministry Fair

Thank you to all the ministries that participated in the Ministry Fair on Nov. 12th, and to all attendees! If you did not get a chance to visit, we invite you to stop by the Parish Office and pick up a Time & Talent brochure and see where God might be calling you.





St. Jerome
LIFE TEEN



Youth Ministry Sunday Events

**NO Youth Ministry
November 19th.**

Happy Thanksgiving!
We resume
November 26th.

- 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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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.

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