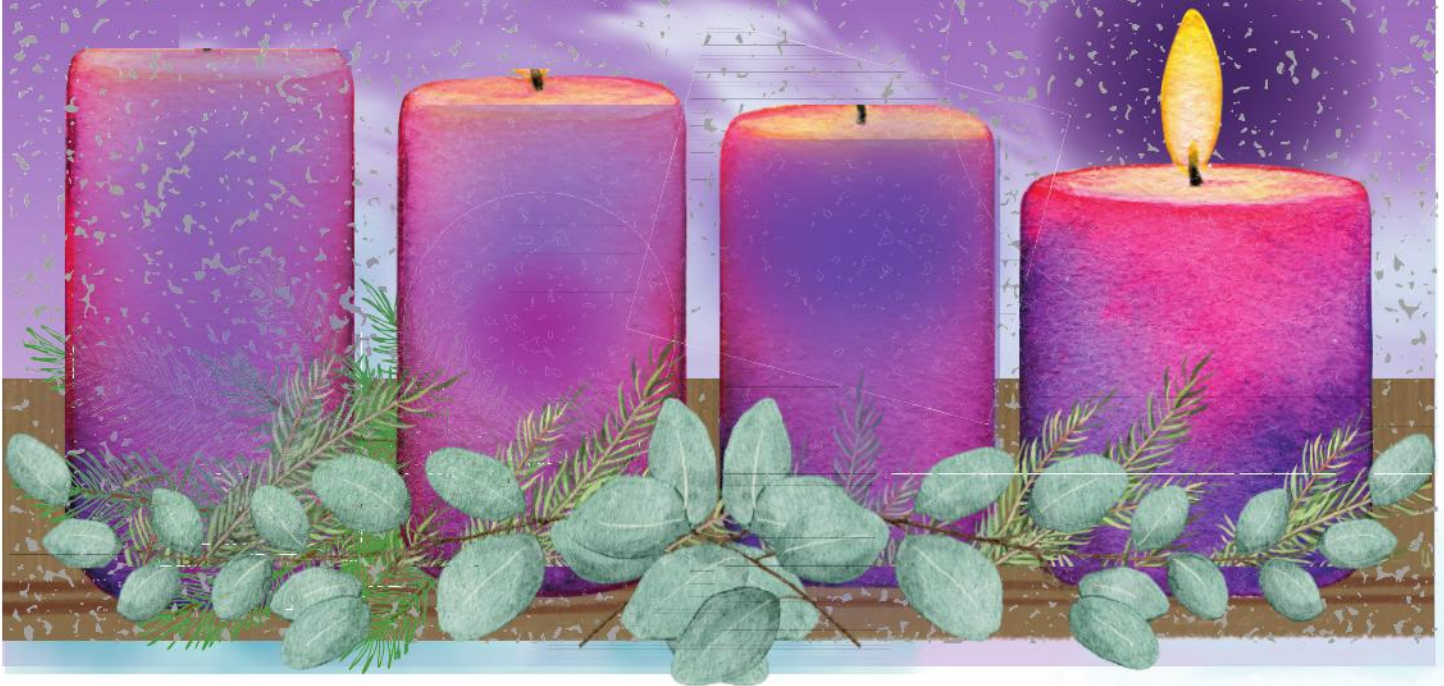


ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

*"The one who has
HOPE
lives differently."*

-Pope Benedict XVI



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 Friends,

We begin today our Advent journey that will lead us to walk with Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. Below you will find several great opportunities at St. Jerome to grow in your faith this Advent season. It is my hope that you will be able to participate in many of the events. Happy Advent!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. John Blum
Pastor



- 12/3 – First Sunday of Advent - Blessing of Advent Wreaths
Suncoast Symphony Christmas Concert 7:30PM-9:00PM
- 12/7 – Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Christmas Tree Lighting in Gathering Space 7:00PM-8:30PM
- 12/8 – Immaculate Conception - Mass 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 7:00PM
- 12/10 – Second Sunday of Advent – Blessing of Hay
Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival at 5:00PM Mass followed by reception in Parish Center; see page 2 for more details.
- 12/11 – Rick Bankemper Christmas Concert, 7:30PM-9:00PM
- 12/14 – Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
- 12/15 – St. Jerome Christmas Concert 7:30PM-9:30PM
- 12/17 – Third Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday – blessing of baby Jesus from home Nativity scenes
- 12/21 – Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
- 12/24 – Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00PM(Children’s Nativity) Church,
4:00PM – Parish Center, 6:00PM – Church, 6:00PM – Parish Center
- 12/25 – Christmas Day Masses: Midnight Mass at 12:00AM, 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, and 12:30PM. Parish Office Closed.

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

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



Visit Our Gift Shop!

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



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

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 † Marcos Alegre - Fr. Blum

Sunday, December 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

Monday, December 4th

- 7:00 AM † Walter Cushing - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Colette Austin - Fr. Cadrecha

Tuesday, December 5th

- 7:00 AM † Edwin Casa - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † John Vona - Fr. Mike

Wednesday, December 6th

- 7:00 AM † Bernadette Sheehy - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Nazzarema Mizzi - Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, December 7th (VIGIL)

- 7:00 AM † Paul Franklin Mills - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Donna Everson - Fr. Blum
- 4:00 PM † Jim Allen - Fr. Waters

Friday, December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 7:30 AM † Dennis Morrow - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Raymond Joseph Sutter - Fr. Blum
- 7:00 PM † Fr. Sean O'Sullivan - Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, December 9th

- 9:00 AM † Raymond & Thomas DeLuca - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Dec'd Members of Friedenborg Family - Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM Sam Nickolson - Fr. Waters

Sunday, December 10th

- 7:30 AM † Ray Evans - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Joseph McGlone - Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Dec'd Members of Totino & Guidice Families - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
PSALM: Psalm 85:9-14
SECOND READING:
2 Peter 3:8-14
GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

Christmas Flowers for Loved Ones

Christmas flowers beautify the Church during the Christmas Season. We are continuing our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church. The name of the person being recognized will be listed along with the donor name in the bulletin during the Christmas Season. In addition, those using the flower envelope in the December packet or in the pews will have their name included in the bulletin.



Place an order by completing the form below. Your offering (a \$10 suggested minimum per name) should be attached. Make checks payable to "St. Jerome Church" and place in the Offertory collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. **Order Deadline: Monday, December 18 at Noon.**

Please write legibly and include your phone number so we can contact you if we have any questions.

YOUR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____ ENVELOPE#: _____
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: In Honor of OR In Memory of: _____
GIFTED BY: _____

Please include any additional names on a separate sheet of paper. Contact the Parish Office if questions. Merry Christmas!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration!

Sunday, December 10th



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

All concerts are in the evening in the Church.



Christmas Toy Drive

Our toy boxes opened 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!




2023

Ricky Bankemper & Friends Christmas Concert

December 11th 7:30PM

One Blood Donations

12/17; 7:30AM-1:00PM
 St Jerome Parking Lot
 All donors will receive: \$20 eGift, Oneblood T-shirt, Wellness Checkup including: blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged; visit oneblood.org/donate-now. Sponsor Code 12669
 Sponsored by the Health Ministry.
 Questions? Josephine: jmurphy132@tampabay.rr.com



Stewardship

We are called to give to the Lord the time, talent, and treasure with which He has blessed us. An easy way to give to St. Jerome: www.stjeromeonline.org or scan the QR Code by opening your camera and follow the link to our safe and secure online giving portal. From there, go to "offertory" and fill in your information to give.

November 19, 2023

- Offertory: \$24,394.45
- E-Giving: \$4,411.00
- Total Offertory: \$28,805.45
- ***CMA Cash: \$161.00
- ***Roof Cash: \$99.00



November 26, 2023

- Offertory: \$16,268.00
- E-Giving: \$5,281.00
- Total Offertory: \$21,549.00
- ***CMA Cash: \$--
- ***Roof Cash: \$--

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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.



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

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

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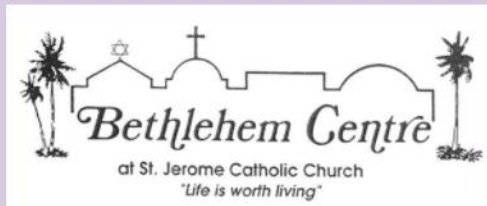
- Fridays 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building
- From 9/8/2023 through 7/19/2024

Spanish

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

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

- Wednesdays 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



Watch For It: An Advent Reflection for Week 1

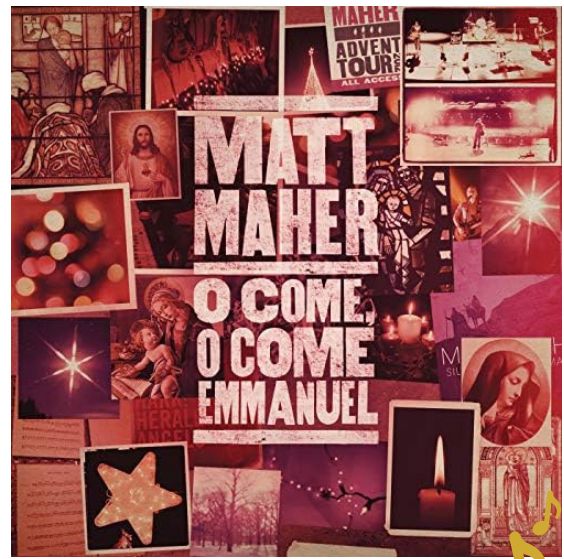
In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' Gospel parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

-Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Publications

Advent Tunes



A fun feature back this year, each week we will feature an Advent song beloved by one of our staff members!

Sarah W., our bulletin editor, chose the classic, "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,**" arranged by Matt Maher. The twist comes in the bridge--she says, "you can feel the longing in the weary hearts of the faithful, crying out for rest and a Savior in Matt's voice. I love the lines: *Take heart, o weary soul, take heart! For help is on His way, and Holy is His Name!* I tear up at the power EVERY time. Truly, our Lord sees us and comes to our aide!"



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



St. Jerome
LIFE TEEN



Youth Ministry December Calendar

- ➡ **On:** December 3rd, 10th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Event, & 17th
- ➡ **Off:** December 24th & 31st
- 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



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 & www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

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