ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH December 17th, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent



MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS: 4:00PM & 5:30PM SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY OPM (LIFE TEEN)

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*MORE ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES -PAGE !!

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

SATURDAY: 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS

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Dear Friends,

We join Mary and Joseph as together we arrive through our prayer and worship in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. To help with this journey, we will have confessions available from Monday, December 18th - Friday, December 22nd in the Chapel at 9:30AM. The Christmas Mass schedule is also included below. Please note that with Christmas being on a Monday, there will not be our regularly scheduled 12:30PM and 5:00PM Masses on December 24th. The evening Masses on Sunday, December 24th are Christmas Vigil Masses.



If you will be away from the parish for Christmas, please know that we will be praying for you and your family throughout your travels.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. John Blum

Advent & Christmas Calendar

- 12/17 Third Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday blessing of baby Jesus from home Nativity scenes
 Oplatek Service - 1:45PM, Chapel
- 12/21 Exposition 9:30AM / Benediction 10:20AM
- 12/23 Fourth Sunday of Advent VIGIL 4:00PM & 5:30PM
- 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 10:45 AM. NO 12:30PM. 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 (11:00PM Carols by Choir), 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, and 12:30PM.
- 12/25 & 12/26 Parish Office closed
- 12/28 9:30AM Exposition / 10:20AM Benediction
- 1/1/24 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses 7:00AM & 9:00AM Parish Office closed

*NOTE: There will be NO 5:00PM Sunday Mass scheduled for Dec 24th (due to Christmas Vigil Mass schedule) AND Dec 31th (New Year's Eve). Also, because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1) falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, so our Mass schedule January 1st will be our usual daily schedule of 7:00AM and 9:00AM.



Advent Confession Times

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

"Come, let us make things right, says the Lord..."

MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray



- 9:00 AM † Joseph Tabory Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Suzie Gilley Fr. Blum

Sunday, December 17th

- 7:30 AM † Marie Ronnlof Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † Maureen Allen Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Dec'd Members of Hummel & Thomas Families - Fr. Cadrecha

Monday, December 18th

- 7:00 AM † Joey Obordo Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Michael English Fr. Cadrecha

Tuesday, December 19th

- 7:00 AM † Jim Masker Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Shirley Faretra Fr. Mike

Wednesday, December 20th

- 7:00 AM † Michael O'Reilly Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, December 21st

- 7:00 ÅM † Gil Rossi Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Donald Stuber Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, December 22nd

- 7:00 AM † Philip Englett Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Priscilla & Gregorio Mallare Fr. Blum

Saturday, December 23rd - Vigil, 4th Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM † Michael O'Connor Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions

4th Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM f Paula Weber Fr. Waters
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish Fr. Blum

Sunday, December 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent (Morning), & CHRISTMAS EVE

4th Sunday of Advent:

- 7:30 AM † Luis Leon Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM For Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them.
 Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Dec'd Members of Anselmo & Chiavetta Families - Fr. Cadrecha
- NO 12:30PM Mass

Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM CHURCH † Carol Sweetland Fr. Mike
- 4:00 PM PARISH CENTER † Paul Chapman Fr. Blum
- 6:00 PM CHURCH † Louis Vinci Fr. Waters
- 6:00 PM PARISH CENTER † Jeannine Bodine Fr. Cadrecha

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 PSALM: Psalm 89:2-3,

4-5, 27, 29 SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27 GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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

*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 co questions.	ontact you if we have any
YOUR NAME:	
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Please include any additional names on a separate sheet of pape Office if questions. Merry Christmas!	er. Contact the Parish

Bambinelli Sunday

A beloved annual tradition of many Catholics in preparation for Christmas is the Blessing of the Bambinelli. First instituted by St. John Paul II, on the third or fourth Sunday of Advent, parishioners are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to Mass for a special blessing. Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

A Bambinelli Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI (2008):

God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that with your Blessing these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your Blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends. Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace. He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



HOLIDAY EVENTS



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!



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

Join Us for Breakfast!

The Knights of Columbus
Divine Mercy of Jesus Council
17249 will serve a pancake
breakfast in the Parish Center
after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45AM Masses
Sunday, December 17th. All donations go into
the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed
where needed.





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.



December 10, 2023

Offertory: \$16,709.00
E-Giving: \$4,501.00
Total Offertory: \$21,210.00
***CMA Cash: \$36.00
***Roof Cash: \$66.00

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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

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.





Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 96 families comprised of 338 people. Parishioners donated 208 bags of food. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Hearty canned soup

- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- **Beef Stew**
- Jellies & jams Rice (2 lb bags)



Health Care Ministry

Lost or confused about a medical problem, illness or concern? Don't know where to turn?

The Health Care Ministry of St Jerome can assist. We have knowledge and resources that can point you in the proper direction. Don't navigate the rough seas alone. Contact us at 321-403-3356 or email at healthministrysj@gmail.com.



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



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.

Bethlehem Centre 2023-2024 Calendar

Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair

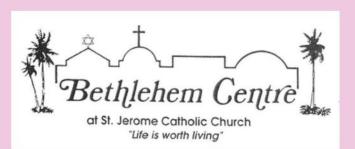
- Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- From 9/6/2023 through 7/17/2024
- Education Building Main Hall

Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor

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

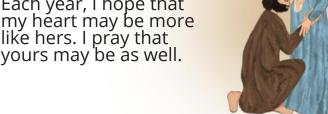
If questions about the Bethlehem Centre, contact Tim Kunish at (727) 596-9394

A Heart Like Hers

A Reflection by Msgr. Mike Muhr

Mary is closely associated with the season of Advent, no doubt because of her ability to listen deeply and to respond generously. There are two major feast days dedicated to Mary during this season - Mary as patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and as patroness of the Americas in her title as Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). What a wonderful guide she is for us in these final days as we prepare for the celebration of Jésus' nativity. I love the detail Luke includes in his gospel that as Mary witnessed the visit of the shepherds and their tale of the proclamation of the angels, she kept all these things

and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19
Each year, I hope that my heart may be more like hers. I pray that



Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation preparation sessions are held for those active Catholics who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Meet Wednesdays at 6:00PM starting February 7, 2024, in the Parish Office. If interested, please call Sr. Lucia at the Parish office: 727-595-4610.

Advent Tunes



Each week we are featuring an Advent song beloved by one of our staff members!

One of Tracey S.'s favorite Advent songs is an anthem the St. Jerome Chorale sings called "Waiting" by Pepper Chaplin. She says, "it's just such a pretty song. The words, 'Waiting, Listening, and Patience,' say that we are preparing for the Birth of Jesus. 'We welcome you with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us' is one of the phrases we sing. The congregation likes it too!"



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).

New schedule for classes will be announced shortly. www.stjeromeonline.org/baptism

youth Ministry December Calendar

On: Friday, December 22nd - Caroling & Christmas Party

Off: December 17th, 24th, & 31st - NO Life Teen or Edge.

Usual Sunday Schedule

December 17, 2023

- 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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