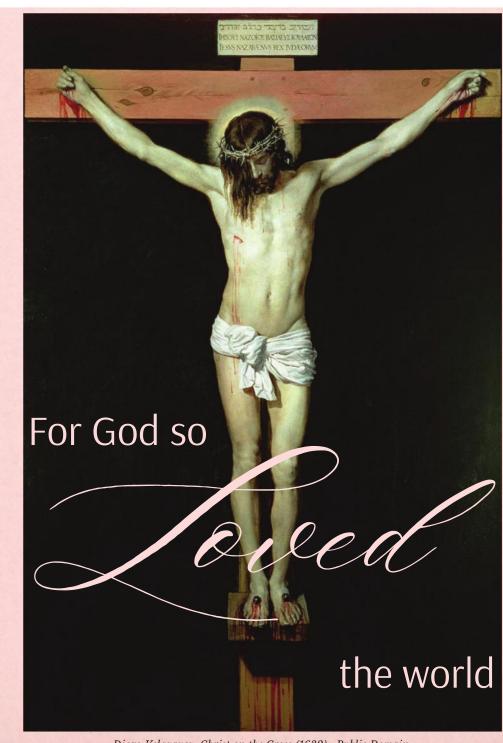
ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH March 10th, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



Diego Velazquez, Christ on the Cross (1632). Public Domain.

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



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG 10895 HAMLIN BLVD | LARGO, FL 33774 (727) 595-4610 | WWW.STJEROMEONLINE.ORG Dear parish family,

Thank you to those who have generously supported the Raise the Roof Project for our church roof. Our success to date is just a little over \$1,058,000. We are closing in on reaching our goal of \$1,400,000. This total will enable us to install a long-lasting metal roof with a new skylight. The sooner we get closer to our goal, the sooner we can lock in a vendor and start to order materials and get on the vendor's schedule. Over the past two years we have successfully found long-term solutions to other projects in the church including fixing the ring lights over



the altar and repairing the red terrazzo floor. We are doing the same for this roof project.

St. Jerome has a long history of being a blessing to all who walk on our campus and walk through our doors to experience God's love and compassion. Completing this roof project for our church is about ensuring that the Lord will continue to touch the hearts of all who come to St. Jerome to worship, especially to celebrate the Sacraments. Once we get this project completed, we can start to tackle other needs such as updating the Parish Center bathrooms.

If you have yet to give, we invite you to. If you have already given, we thank you for your generosity and invite you to consider giving once more. To give, you may use the roof envelopes you receive in the mail. You may also use the roof envelopes in the envelope holders in the pews or at the end of the pews. To give online, you may use the QR code here in the bulletin or our online giving portal on our website. It will lead you to our "Raise the Roof Fund." As an incentive, the Knights of Columbus have made a Five Thousand Dollar contribution and will match up to another five thousand dollars of all March donations to the Raise the Roof Fund. Thank you, Knights! Can you help us reach that match goal?

Thank you for your continued dedication to our parish and mission. Let's each prayerfully

discern what gift we can contribute, so we can rally to the finish line and finally... raise this roof!

Peace in Christ, Chris McBride Parish Manager



Confessions Before All Weekend Masses March 16th & 17th

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before all weekend Masses March 16th & 17th. Confessional rooms are located inside the main doors of the Holy Family Chapel. Arrive early for Mass and take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession.

Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses: Monday-Friday, 7:00AM and 9:00AM; Saturday, 9:00AM - Church

Eucharistic Adoration: Lenten Fridays 10:00AM-6:45PM - Chapel

Saturday Lenten Confessions: 9:30AM & 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 9:30AM and 7:00PM - Church

Additional Confession Times: March 16 & 17 before all weekend Masses

Simple Supper - Friday, March 15, 5:00-7:00PM, Parish Center

TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND FOLLOW THE GOSPEL..."

Saturday, March 9th

- 9:00 AM Stephen Cox Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † De Candia Family Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Peter Schnurr & Family Lineage Fr. Blum

Sunday, March 10th

- 7:30 AM † Janet Grimmer Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM Lori Neely & Family Fr. Tony
- 5:00 PM † Mark Borowy Fr. Blum

Monday, March 11th

- 7:00 AM † Michael Geary Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Dec'd Members of Carnesoltas & Enriquez Families - Fr. Blum

Tuesday, March 12th

- 7:00 AM † Pablo Silva Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Dec'd Members of Moore & Shell Families - Fr. Blum

Wednesday, March 13th

- 7:00 AM † Enrique Jorge Munoz Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory Fr. Mike

Thursday, March 14th

- 7:00 ÅM † Mary Eileen Cernansky Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Robert Maus Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, March 15th

- 7:00 AM † Michelle Garnier Guanipa Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Mary Spires Brown Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, March 16th

- 9:00 AM † Louise Colucci Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Paul W. Chapman Fr. Blum
- 5:30 PM † Van Thomas Fr. Blum

Sunday, March 17th

- 7:30 AM † Dina Myers Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Eugenija Kaspariunas Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Cadrecha
- 12:30 PM † Virginia Conlon + Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM The Clergy of St. Jerome 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. JEROME'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 5:00 PM - 7:30PM

You are warmly invited for an enjoyable Irish dinner in the Parish Center. We are serving Irish beef stew, Irish desserts, and various beverages.

Advance tickets for adults are \$12.00, children 10 years & under are \$6.00. Mac & Cheese is available for the "wee ones". Tickets available after Masses in the Church in The Gathering Space.

If you are buying tickets at the door, reservations are required by calling the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610. Adult tickets will then be \$14.00; children 10 years & under will still be \$6.00. Tickets go on sale 2/24!

Landscaping Update - Fr. Sean Prayer Garden

To be transparent, the work done on the Fr. Sean Prayer Garden next to the church is being funded by donor dedication donations, not the parish operating fund. We are thankful to our generous donors who have helped us get where we are now. The area has been leveled and the statues and memorials have been safely stored in the parking lot next to the cottage. Our maintenance committee is working on redesigning a garden that is prayerful, beautiful, spacious, and easy to maintain. If you would like to contribute time or make a dedicated donation, please contact the office. Once it is complete then we will have a rededication. Thank you for your patience and understanding.







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- Sacristan
- Reader
- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Contact Deacon Fred or Sylvia at: 727-595-4610

hrist has no hands but yours.

St Teresa of Avila





Join Us for Breakfast!

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



The Columbiettes. **Divine Mercy of** Jesus Council





Do you want to assist those in need in our parish and community? Are you willing to work with our Knights of Columbus Council and their charitable commitments? Then please consider joining our growing Columbiettes Auxiliary. We are developing our own projects and fundraisers, and guess what--we are having fun, too!

If you are a practicing Catholic woman 18 years or older and would like more info or to join us, please contact Claudia M., president, at (724) 766-2615 or lilmacteacher@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".

Bethlehem Centre Spring Semester

Contact Tim Kunish if questions: (727) 596-9394.

Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair

- Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor

- Fridays at 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

Relaxed Energy Exercise Easy Exercise

- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM
- Ed Kilroy Building

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

Wednesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM

Mahjong

- Fridays 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building

Spanish

- Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room

Fellowship Luau Lunch!

- Tuesday, March 26th, 12:00-1:00PM
- Hawaiian Ham, Tossed Salad
- Cheesy Potatoes, Homemade Rye Bread
- Green Beans, Pineapple Cake
- \$10 donation. To guarntee a seat, register by calling 727-596-9394.
- One free raffle ticket for all.



St. Jerome Health Care Ministry Presents **Another Free Educational Health Lecture:**

Join us for informative discussions focused on the senior population of Pinellas County. Monday, March, 11, 2024, 2:00-4:00PM, Parish Center

- 2-2:45PM "Care for the Caregiver" Linda Burhans, Radio Host and Caregiver Advocate
- 3-3:30PM Health and Wellness Programs/ Health Initiatives, Area Agency on Aging, Pasco and Pinellas County - Terri Toner, Health and Wellness Coordinator

 3:30-4:00PM - Memory Evaluation and Suggestions for Improvement -
- Rachel McInerney, Arden Courts Memory Care Community

Free community educational event. Bring your questions. No products sold or solicited.

SIMPLE SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

5:00-7:00PM in Parish Center Suggested donation: \$10 per person, \$5 per child, \$25 per family

MENU

Tomato Soup (gluten free) Grilled Chee'se, Salad, and dessert





OCIA Scrutinies

This year we have six Elect, who during this Lenten season, continue their process of formal initiation. This formalized initiation process takes place during the 10:45AM Mass where the Scrutinies take place. A set of three different scrutinies that centralize around the reality of sin and the salvation that we receive through God's mercy and grace. These Scrutinies will be celebrated after the homily on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR LOVED ONES

Easter flowers beautify the Church during the Easter Season. We continue our tradition to honor or memorialize loved ones by making available the privilege of donating toward the Easter 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 Easter Season. Those using the flower envelope in the April packet or in the pews will also have their name included in the bulletin. To place an order, complete the form below. Your offering (\$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. Please write legibly and include your phone number in case questions arise. Order Deadline: Tuesday, April 13 at Noon.

YOUR NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: In Honor of OR In Me	emory of	
In Honor/Memory of:		
GIFTED BY:		
Please include any additional names or		

FINANCES



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.

March 3, 2024

Offertory: \$28,049.03
E-Giving: \$6,466.00
Total Offertory: \$34,515.03
***CMA Cash: \$166.00

• ***Roof Cash: \$1,730.00

RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

As of January 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,059,714.88. 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 and replace the Church roof.

Prior to starting our campaign, our Building and Maintenance Committee determined that replacing our shingled church roof with a metal roof was our best choice for several reasons. First, the warranty for a metal roof is at least 40 years, which is over double the lifespan of a shingle roof. Second, metal roofs withstand a category 4 hurricane with 150 mph winds and 180 mph gusts. Third, metal roofs have reflective properties making them energy efficient which can reduce cooling costs by as much as 25%.



CATHOLIC

As an incentive to help us quickly reach our goal, the Knights of Columbus have made a Five Thousand Dollar contribution and will match up to another five thousand dollars of all March donations to the Raise the Roof Fund! Can you help us reach that match?

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL





Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 90 families comprised of 285 people. Parishioners donated 208 bags of food for a total of 920 bags in February. We served a total of 408 families in February. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

- Hearty canned soup
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Cereal

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- **Beef Stew**
- Canned fruit
- Jellies & jamsGranola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Boxed mac & cheese



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.



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

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Donation Items Needed

We will be collecting items for the homeless at a table in the Gathering Space the weekends of March 2-3 and March 9-10. Please donate:

- beef stew, pop-top 15 oz can
- chicken breast, pop-top 5 oz can
 granola bars or breakfast bars
- **Lance sandwich crackers**
- beef jerky sticks, tuna pouches
- new hotel size soap, shampoo, lotion
- men's new socks
- toothbrushes
- dentist sample size toothpaste
- rain ponchos
- pocket size Kleenex tissues

These items become part of "Blessing Bags", gallon size bags that contain about 25 items. Blessing Bags can be found in the Gathering Space and church entrances. They are available for parishioners to take and hand out to local homeless people. Since 2018, our parish has distributed over **2,000** Blessing Bags and Warmth Bags, and 800 were handed out just last year. The need is growing. Please place donations in the basket next to the Blessing Bags shelf in The Gathering Space. Thank you!

Enjoy Bingo

Join us Thursday afternoons 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 following the 9:00AM Mass Monday through Saturday., except on days of Eucharistic Adoration. You can also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM on Wednesday evenings! Questions? Virginia (727) 393-6063 or Mary Pat (727) 517-4289.



Youth Ministry Fundraiser

Mary & Martha, mobile Christian bookstore, will be here offering timely resources for your walk with the Lord, Easter table & Mother's Day gifts!

Sunday, March 10th, in the Education Building, 10:00AM -2:00PM

New to Mary & Martha? Think Home Goods & Pottery Barn meet Jesus! Stunning pieces for expressing your love for God & others!

Experience & express the life-changing message of God's word through stunning home decor, table wares, kiddo products & faith-deepening devotionals.

20% of the proceeds benefit St. Jerome Middle & High School Summer Camp in Georgia.

Check out the website ahead of time: www.mymaryandmartha.com/jillbradshaw







Calendar

Come hang out soon!

- March 8-10 Confirmation Retreat St. Jenome (Fire & Ice Retreat)
- March 10 NO youth group
- March 17 usual youth group
- March 24th Middle School usual, High School- Lenten Penance Service for teens and parents
- March 31st- no youth group (Easter!)

Usual Sunday Schedule

- 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

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Is Enrolling Now!

2024-25 School Year Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Registration is taking place now for the 2024-25 school year. St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and four. St. Jerome ECC is fully accredited by NAEYC and is a Gold Seal school. Full or part day programs are available. St. Jerome ECC is a VPK provider for four-year olds. Call (727) 596-9491 to schedule your tour. We look forward to meeting with you!

Save the Date for VBS!

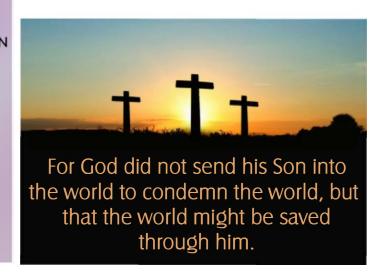


Registration is \$25 per family from April 13th through June 7th; space is limited though so register early!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8th through July 12th in the Education Building from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

All St. Jerome children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to attend. Youth are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer.

We look forward to celebrating this year of the Eucharistic Revival through this handson program including Bible study, Adoration, music, theater, games, crafts, and more.



Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Carnival











Sunday, March 24

1pm to 5pm

You will find us under the big tent by the stage.

Card sales will begin at 12pm and will continue throughout so play until you win.

GREAT PRIZES GRAND prize game at the end!

Come join a fun fellowship event for all ages!





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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