

# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 16, 2025 | The 2nd Sunday of Lent



*The Transfiguration of Christ, Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640), public domain.*

## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 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

CONFESSION: SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL

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## **Maintenance Update**

Dear friends,

Along with the day-to-day tasks, our maintenance staff and volunteers have been busy over the past couple of months taking care of a lot of special projects around the campus including several leaks, broken toilets, parking curbs, cleaning out storage spaces, etc. We thank them for their hard work in ensuring our campus is safe and maintained as well as possible. We also thank our generous stewards and donors who have helped make the below projects possible:

- Church Projectors – end of March
- Office Roof – end of March
- Fr. Sean Prayer Garden – Rededication April 26th, 10:00AM
- Eagle Project at the Veteran Memorial/American Flag – end of April
- Church Skylight/Roof – end of April

In addition to the above, our Early Childhood Center is seeking donations to install a safer ground cover for their outdoor classroom. Currently, the area is covered with dirt, which renders the space full of puddles and essentially unusable if there is more than a little rain, and it is not the most effective way to promote a learning environment for our students. Can you imagine their disappointment in not being able to go not because it's raining, but because it rained earlier? They are looking to install a permanent and safe ground cover that they will not have to replace for a long time. It will cost between \$5,000-\$6,000. They hope to raise enough money to install the new ground cover over the summer in time for the new school year with their extended hours. If you are interested in supporting this exciting project, please contact the office or mail a check to the Early Childhood Center. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity to our amazing parish and school community!

In Christ,

Chris McBride  
Parish Manager

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## **Lenten Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence**

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.*

*The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. (From USCCB)*



## Saturday, March 15th

- 9:00 AM † Louise Colucci
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Sam & Marie Vastano
- 5:30 PM † John DiVarti

## Sunday, March 16th

- 7:30 AM † Lino & Dolly Sacco
- 9:00 AM † Paul Chapman
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish
- 12:30 PM † Brett Bobak
- 5:00 PM † Patrick Nolan

## Monday, March 17th

- 7:00 AM † Kim Salveggi
- 9:00 AM † Eugenia Kaspariunas

## Tuesday, March 18th

- 7:00 AM † Wayne Baur
- 9:00 AM † Virginia Conlon

## Wednesday, March 19th

- 7:00 AM † Anthony Sukys
- 9:00 AM † Guiseppe De Fillipis

## Thursday, March 20th

- 7:00 AM Mike Wagner
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary

## Friday, March 21st

- 7:00 AM † Peter Hasselberger
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller

## Saturday, March 22nd

- 9:00 AM † Dr. Ronald E. Perrott - 1st year anniversary
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Michelle Garnier Guanipa
- 5:30 PM † Josef Pachowica

## Sunday, March 23rd

- 7:30 AM † Daniel Coll
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish
- 12:30 PM † Margaret Anne Dabdoub
- 5:00 PM † Olivia Rose Vaughan

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

## Help Needed: Trees!

We are excited to share that we are going to begin planting trees again on campus! Flowering trees will be added to this greenspace. Our ECC will have one tree planted for each class so they can watch it grow over the years. Special thanks to our donor for granting this lovely opportunity!

Throughout the next year or two we will be periodically planting trees around campus. We look forward to adding more color to the campus. If you have any suggestions on trees, please email or contact our parish manager, Chris McBride.

## Post Mass Fellowship



### Join Us for Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249 will serve a pancake, egg, and bacon breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 Masses on Sunday March 16th. All donations will go into the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed where needed.



### Coffee & Donuts

Coffee and Donuts is available after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 10:45 AM Masses! Coffee and Donuts will be served every Sunday with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of the month which is the KOC Pancake Breakfast.

### Gift Shop

Stop by the Gift Shop this weekend to pick up your Lenten devotionals and Easter gifts!

*Hours:*

Saturday: 3:30-5:30PM  
Sunday: 9:30AM-12:30PM





**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

The traditional Lenten devotion of praying the Stations of the Cross will be offered every Lenten Friday at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the CHURCH.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

*Confession Schedule:*

- **Lenten Saturdays** at 9:30am and 3:00pm
- **March 24 – 26** at 6:00pm (these confession times precede our Lenten Retreat at 7:00pm)
- **March 29 and 30:** Confessions will be offered before all weekend Masses
- **April 5 and 6:** Confessions will be offered before all weekend Masses

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in our CHAPEL Confessional Rooms for all times listed above.*



**ALL DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON LENTEN 1ST FRIDAYS**

We will offer all-day Eucharistic Adoration on the next 1st Friday of Lent season: **Friday, April 4th.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur in the Chapel after the 9am Mass and Stations of the Cross. Benediction will occur in the Chapel at 6:45pm immediately preceding our 7pm Stations of the Cross.

Since Our Eucharistic Lord will be exposed on the altar from morning until evening, **it is essential that we have a sufficient number of Eucharistic adorers to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.**

There should be a minimum number of 2 adorers present at any given time.

Please consider making a prayer time commitment – a sign-up sheet will be in the chapel, or contact Barbara W. at 516-554-1427.

*Take advantage of this wonderful 1st Friday prayer opportunity this Lent. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you!*

**CRS RICE BOWLS**

Rice Bowls can be found at all entrances of the Church, benefiting the efforts of Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity during this Lenten Season. The rice bowl project has served the world now for its 50th year!

**ST. JEROME LENTEN RETREAT: MARCH 24 -26, 2025**



Guillaume Courtois - David and Goliath - Public Domain

*"...and David picked up five smooth stones..." (1 Samuel 17:40)*

**Monday - Wednesday, March 24-26, 7:00pm in the Church**  
**Confessions available prior at 6:00pm**

Come join us for three nights of presentations where you will learn how to face your giants and find victory in the spiritual life. In this retreat, Dr. Schneider draws from his experience in combat and in the apostolate to unpack the story of David and Goliath as it applies to today's spiritual battles. Come and learn how to engage in your Catholic faith as well as the strategies and tactics for growing in holiness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each evening of the Mission from 6pm – 7pm in the Chapel Confessionals.

Mission Talks by Dr. Schneider will be given in Church starting at 7pm.

*Dr. Dan Schneider is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville and Associate Supervisor at the Maryvale Institute at Saint Mary's University Twickenham, London. A former amateur boxer, U.S. Army Cobra helicopter pilot and Gulf War veteran, Dan teaches with both humor and practical experience. He is also a founding member of Liber Christo, a movement in conjunction with Fr. Chad Ripperger, SMD which provides tools and resources for priests and laity working in Catholic exorcism and deliverance.*



St. Patrick Catholic School  
*invites you to our*  
**Pot O' Gold Benefit  
 Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Held in St. Patrick's McCall Hall, Largo

Gourmet buffet and dessert by Stuffed Mushroom Catering

Live Music by local band, Guilty Pleasure

Tickets are only \$50 per person, or reserve tables of 8 for \$500!

Drinks included!

For tickets or to donate, please call Patty Ruppel at 727-455-1976.

Your support will help acquire a school bus, provide tuition assistance, and other critical academic and co-curricular initiatives.

*We appreciate your support of Catholic Education!*



**St. Jerome Early Childhood Center**

NOW Enrolling in our 2-year-old classroom for the 2025-26 School Year!  
 New Extended Hours! Starting in August, we'll be open from 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, with our Morning Program still available for families seeking a part-time option. Space is limited in our 3-year-old and VPK classrooms, secure your child's spot today! Call us at (727) 596-9491 or email [preschool@stjeromeecc.org](mailto:preschool@stjeromeecc.org) to schedule a tour!

*"Praise Jesus for showing up..at XLT!!! Thank you for everyone who played a part in making this happen :) What a privilege to host you all tonight!" - Taylor Gunn, Youth Minister*



**MARCH 2025**

**WED 5** Middle School- Ash Wednesday  
**SUN 9** Central Deanery XLT @ St. Jerome

**WED 12** Middle School Youth Group  
**SUN 16** NO High School- Spring Break

**WED 19** NO Middle School- Spring Break  
**SUN 23** NO High School- Spring Break

**WED 26** Middle School Youth Group  
**SUN 30** High School Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP



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



*The Columbiettes thank everyone who participated in and contributed to the Trivia Night fundraiser!*

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? Consider joining our growing Columbiettes Auxiliary. We are developing our own projects and fundraisers, and guess what--we're having fun, too!

If you are a practicing Catholic woman 18 years or older and would like more info, contact Claudia M., president: (724) 766-2615, lilmacteacher@gmail.com



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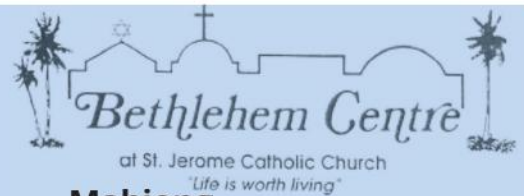
**Knights Membership Drive!**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a membership drive the weekend of March 15-16. There will be Knights in the Gathering Space to answer questions you might have.

Also, join us for breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45AM Masses. There will be Knights there to share the many benefits available to you as a Knight.

**Bethlehem Centre Fall Schedule**

Join us at The Bethlehem Centre for great classes and community! Questions? Tim Kunish: (727) 596-9394.



**Art Class**

Wednesdays 10:30AM-1:30PM  
Fridays 10:00AM-1:00PM  
Education Building - Art Room  
\$5.00

**Spanish**

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00AM  
begins 10/30  
Education Building - Art Room

**Mahjong**

Fun Friday Mahjong!  
12:00-3:00PM  
Ed Kilroy Building  
\$2.00

**Bridge**

Wednesdays and Fridays  
11:30-2:30PM  
Education Building - Main Hall  
\$3.00 per table

**Mahjong Lessons**

Contact Diane 316-350-6522

**Line Dancing**

Fridays 10:00-11:00AM  
Education Building - Main Hall  
\$6.00 per class

***Life is worth living!***

**YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. JEROME**

**Join us the last Sunday of every month for the 5:00PM Mass and fellowship to follow. Contact us for further information on Bible studies, service events, and more!**

**Contacts**  
Alexandra M @ 727.637.6200  
Charles M @ 904.673.2912



Our Remaining Spring Jubilee Pilgrimages include:

- St. Raphael, St. Petersburg, 4/6/25
• Blessed Sacrament, St. Petersburg/\*Site of Narvaez Landing, St. Petersburg, 5/25/25
• \*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Tarpon Springs, 6/22/25

Email StJeromePilgrimages@gmail.com or call 727-595-4610 to reserve your spot on the pilgrimage(s) of your interest. We can accommodate 14 passengers in the church van. Also, we will have car pools available for those in need. Please let us know if you will be a driver.

All welcome!



Save the date - March 22, 2025 St Jerome Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker:

Charmine Carter, MD, MTh

THE FAITHFUL, THE FIERCE, THE FAB FIVE

WARNING: you will encounter intensely brave acts accomplished by faithful women of the Scriptures

Charmaine Carter, MD, MTh

Dr Carter was received into the Catholic Church in 2006. She immediately began her journey to become educated and trained to serve the Church more fully. She is a graduate of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute. She holds a Master of Theology from Saint Leo University as well as a certificate of Advance Biblical Studies from the University of Dallas. Charmaine serves as the Director of Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle.

Registration Form may be put in collection basket, mailed, or dropped off to the Parish Office with cash or check.

Deadline to register is March 18, 2025 St. Jerome Catholic Church 10895 Hamlin Blvd Largo, FL 33744

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost per person is \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ Persons

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE
With support of the Lifeline Ministry
Sunday, April 6, 2025
All are welcome
\*Enrich Your Faith \*Restore Hope and Trust \*Attain Spiritual Renewal and Rebirth
12:30 PM Mass at St. Jerome Catholic Church 10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo to begin the pilgrimage
1:40 PM Depart for St. Raphael 1376 Snell Isle Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg
2:35 PM Brief tour of the parish to learn the history and begin prayer devotions
A free will offering will be taken up in thanksgiving for St. Raphael for their hospitality in making the church available for our pilgrimage.
4:00 PM Fellowship dinner in Monsignor Caverly Hall to follow. \$10
A Plenary Indulgence is available per usual conditions.
Please email StJeromePilgrimages@gmail.com or call 727-595-4610 for dinner reservations. Pay in cash at the hall. We can accommodate 14 passengers in the church van. Also, we will have car pools available for those in need. Please let us know if you can be a driver.
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

**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](http://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 9, 2025**

- **Offertory:** \$16,803.53
- **E-Giving:** \$5,316.00
- **Total Offertory:** \$22,119.53
- **CMA Cash:** \$281.00



**CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL SPOTLIGHT**

(Formerly known as The Bishop's Appeal)

- St. Jerome's CMA 2025 Goal:
- \$216,629
- St. Jerome's total gift in 2024:
- \$204,869.30

- Our current total pledged:**
- **\$57,733.33**
- Our current amount paid:**
- **48,350.33**



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**500 CLUB**

Many thanks to all who participated in the 500 Club in 2024! What a great aid it was in helping us "raise the roof"! This year, our first goal with the 500 Club is to support **renovating the Parish Center restrooms**. Contact the parish office to become a member of this year's club today!

- CONGRATS to our very first winners of the year!
- 1st place - \$500: Claudia and Bill McClelland
  - 2nd place - \$200: Janet Nicolosi
  - 3rd Place - \$100: Karen and Larry Deuel

*Congrats!*

THANK YOU for supporting the growth of our parish!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2024**

Contribution Statements for 2024 are available upon request. Please call the Parish Office if you are a registered parishioner to request your 2024 Contribution Statement.





## Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 83 families comprised of 265 people and parishioners donated 278 bags of food. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance. Lifeline is open for food distribution every Wednesday from 8:30-11:30AM.



### Items Needed:

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

## Millions of Monicas

Moms young and older join us on Thursday night from 6:30-7:30pm in the Chapel for millions of Monica's prayer ministry with a unique mission. Many of us have children struggling to embrace their Catholic faith in a chaotic and stressful world. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their beautiful Catholic faith. We are not a support group or a self help group. We do not talk about our children. We pray for them and this gives us reassurance and hope. Please come by this Thursday night from 6:30 and check it out. Questions? [Kathycincotta@comcast.net](mailto:Kathycincotta@comcast.net)



## GriefShare

Grief can be complex. You don't have to go it alone. Join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM in the Education Building Art Room for GriefShare. Questions? Parish Office: 727-595-4610

## FAST

*FAITH & ACTION for STRENGTH TOGETHER*

FAST has worked with congregations of FAITH meets each year with Pinellas County officials to work for justice concerns since it first began in 2005.

Every year FAST gets results by on-going research and focus. Such efforts in the past brought improved community change: *VPK pre-school, youth restorative practices in schools, civil citations for minor 1st time offenders, better access to mental health pathways.*



The 2025 FAST issues are: *Affordable Housing & Water Quality*

Come join St Jerome Justice Ministry/FAST to discuss change with our local leaders:

- **RALLY March 10, 2025 at 7pm - St. Michael Archangel, Clearwater, FL**
- **Nehemiah ACTION April 7, 2025 at 7pm - 1st Baptist of St. Petersburg**

Carpools- leave St Jerome at 6pm - Front Parking Lot  
Contact: Sr Lucia, Evelyn G., Carla R., 703-477-4334

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program

The virgin statue visit program is being welcomed and enjoyed by parishioners and is available to anyone who wishes to host her. Our Blessed Mother (symbolized by her image) is brought into the home with love and reverence for family and friends to gather and pray. The visit is typically a week, presented by Legion of Mary members with the recitation of the rosary and prayers; then concluded in the same manner. Interested? Contact Elrita at 727-221-7040





**St. Jerome's Prayer Line is here for you.**

We will pray for any intention, from peace for a teething child, to a student stressing over an exam, to a marriage in trouble, or someone suffering illness of any kind. Simply call/text/email (727) 314-1166 or [stjeromeprayforus@gmail.com](mailto:stjeromeprayforus@gmail.com). Your request stays active for 7 days but you can call in to repeat as often as needed.

**SCAM NOTICE**

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- Report the number to your carrier
- Forward the text message to 7726 (SPAM) or email message to [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org)
- Report spam texts and emails to FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)



**PARISH INFORMATION**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 9:30AM-4:30PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Second Saturday of the Month after the 9:00AM Mass in the Chapel

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](http://www.stjeromeonline.org) & [www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo](http://www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo)

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