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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, & 5:00PM (TEEN)
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7:00AM & 9:00AM
SATURDAY: 9:00AM
CONFESSION: SATURDAYS 3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL

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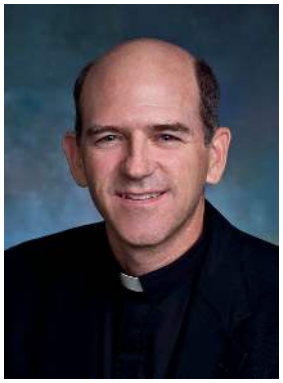
Welcome to the Congregation of the Servants of Christ, the Priest



We are pleased to welcome this weekend religious sisters from the Congregation of the Servants of Christ, the Priest. They are here as part of our Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan. The sisters are involved in pastoral ministry at parishes, education, health care, and works of charity. Please use the donation envelopes in the pews to make your gift. Thank you for your generous support of this community and for your faithful stewardship!

God Bless,
Fr Blum

MASS INTENTIONS

Let Us Pray

Saturday, September 12th
- 9:00 AM † Richard Vitale
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Leonard Weber

Sunday, September 13th
- 7:30 AM † Lois Anderson
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM † Gregory Miles John

Monday, September 14th
- 7:00 AM † Erin Skala
- 9:00 AM † Bill Leary

Tuesday, September 15th
- 7:00 AM † Patty Gamble
- 9:00 AM † Anthony Fortunato

Wednesday, September 16th
- 7:00 AM † Mary Ellen Mattison
- 9:00 AM † Vito Parisi

Thursday, September 17th
- 7:00 AM † Estrella Rivera
- 9:00 AM † Bill Leary

Friday, September 18th
- 7:00 AM † Primitiva Talusan
- 9:00 AM † Joseph Waller

Saturday, September 19th
- 9:00 AM † Angel Tellechea
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Carl George Hawkins

Sunday, September 20th
- 7:30 AM † Don Mellinger
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary
- 10:45 AM Anthony Maletta
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish

"All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever." -Daniel 3:80

An eagle atop our cross! Many thanks to Justin Hazen for sharing this beautiful moment!

Coffee & Donuts

Coffee & donuts are available after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 10:45 AM Masses weekly! **Starting May 10th coffee & donuts will move from the Parish Center to the Education Building during renovations.** There will be no Knights of Columbus Breakfast during that time.

Renovations Continue

The Parish Center closed for renovations on May 4th. This affects bingo, coffee & donuts, and possibly other events. Stay tuned to the bulletin and social media for updates, and thanks for your flexibility and patience during this time.

Gift Shop Opens!

The gift shop will be open again starting this weekend, 9/12-13! Thanks to our team for serving!

Bingo

Join us Thursday afternoons in the Education Building. Doors open at eleven, ticket sales start at noon, game starts at one. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Curious About Catholicism?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments?

Our next Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) journey begins on **Sunday, September 13, at 12:00PM**, immediately following the 10:45AM. Mass, in the Multipurpose Classroom in the Education Building.

OCIA is for adults and high school students who have not received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation– Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. It is also for baptized adult Catholics who have not yet received Confirmation.

Those who are simply curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic are also warmly invited to attend. There is no pressure or obligation. All inquirers are welcome to ask questions, learn more about the faith, and discern where God may be leading them.

Anyone who would like to meet privately before September 13 is invited to contact André. He is happy to meet with you, discuss the Catholic faith, answer your questions, and explain the OCIA process.

For more information or to schedule a private meeting, email **OCIA@StJeromeOnline.org** or call the parish office.

Faith Formation Starts This Week!!

Children's Faith Formation, Including Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, is available now via the parish website at stjeromeonline.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Faith Formation will be held once a week in the Monsignor Muldoon Education Building on either Monday or Tuesday from 4:30-6:00PM **beginning September 14th** through May 5th observing most breaks for children birth through fifth grade.

Sacramental prep is a two-year process, and a lifelong journey. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd team is honored to accompany families on this journey!

Questions? Stephanie Martin: faithformation@stjeromeonline.org

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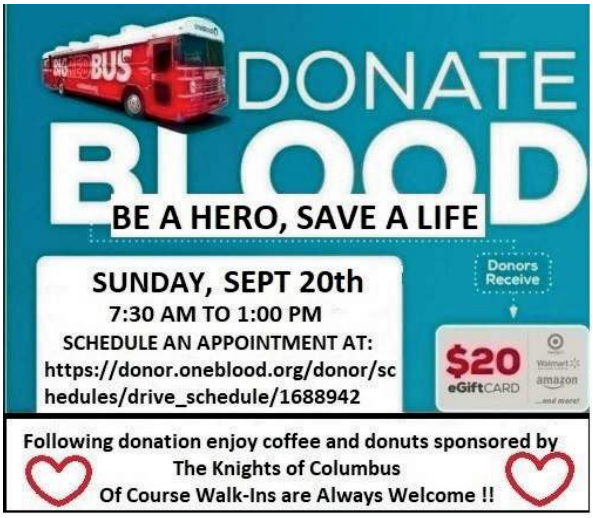

Emmaus Retreat for the Women of Pinellas County
October 16 – 18, 2026

Catholic women of Pinellas County: Jesus is calling you to deepen your relationship with Him! This is a weekend of spiritual awakening, or reawakening, that every woman should experience. If you liked Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP), you'll love this!

You are invited to leave the distractions of your daily routine and journey with sisters in Christ on the Emmaus Road as shared in Luke 24. You will find your heart opened and listening to the Holy Spirit! Find the inner joy, peace and fellowship that God wants for you.

Private accommodations are $250 for double room and $295 for single room. Meals are included.

Please contact: Brenda Atherton (727) 465-6103 athertonb@hotmail.com or Lisa Langan (727)420-7916 Lisalangan59@gmail.com for more information.

Carmelite Spirituality - A Deeper Prayer

Life, according to teachings of Sts. Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross & Thérèse of Lisieux. Three 1-hr info meetings to be offered at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor on Sat. Sept. 19; Sat. Oct. 17; and Sat. Nov. 21, 12:30-3pm in the John Bosco Center. Attendance at ALL THREE meetings is part of the initial discernment process. Presented by Mary Queen of Carmel Discalced Secular Community.

Contact mqc.ocds.pinellas@gmail.com or (813) 997-9299 if you plan to attend or if questions. Check out more at Overview of OCDS — OCDS Wash Prov

FINANCES

September 6, 2026

- Offertory: $21,475.72
- E-giving: $8,520
- **Total: $29,995.72**
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- CMA Cash: $70

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Parish Center Renovations

PHASE 1 GOAL MET!
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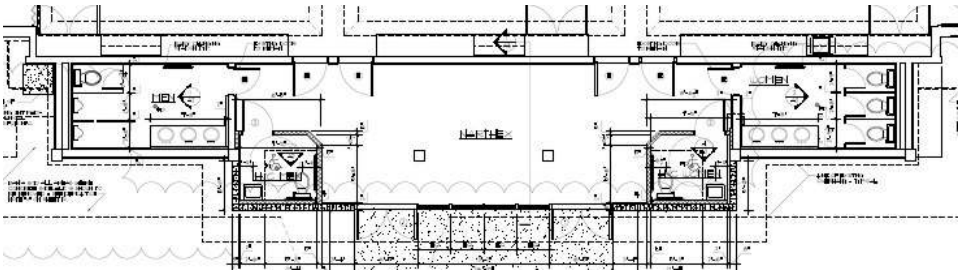
CATHOLIC MINISTRY Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministry Appeal! St. Jerome's 2026 goal amount, as determined by the Diocese, is: **$226,061**.

As of September 3,

- Our parish has pledged: $191,531.97
- We have paid: $186,799.47
- % of goal pledged: 87.6%



PARISH CENTER RENOVATION UPDATES

THANK YOU to all who contributed to help us reach our goal for phase 1, and to those sponsoring the generous matching gifts! We are still collecting money for phase 2 which is replacing the roof. An update on this goal will be coming soon.

The Parish Center Renovations project will refresh and improve the space to better serve our congregation and the wider community for years to come. It includes updates to improve safety, accessibility, and functionality, making the Parish Center a more welcoming place for fellowship, programs, outreach, and continue to serve as our secondary worship space.

The updates include:

- An enclosed air conditioned entryway/foyer
- Fully renovated and air conditioned bathrooms in the entryway/foyer
- Two new handicap accessible and family bathrooms
- A new meeting room
- Re-installation of the floor on the kitchen side
- A sturdy new 30 year roof
- And more!

Donate Here

We still have more to go! Join us in reaching the finish line for this important community project. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and prayers as we take this exciting step forward together!

Sponsor a Bench

We are blessed with the lovely Our Lady of the Rosary Grotto. So many of our ministries gather here throughout the year to pray together! We have a good problem: the benches have been so well used and loved over the years that they need to be replaced.

We are looking for sponsors for much needed new benches for our Grotto. The existing benches are not going to last too much longer. We plan to replace these benches with a much sturdier product that will not give way to the intense sun and rain and humidity we encounter here in Florida (as seen in the Fr. Sean Prayer Garden). Especially being so close to the gulf and the salt air. The cost of these benches are $800. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a sponsor. 727-595-4610.

The Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus Auxiliary

The Columbiettes are welcoming new members. If you are a woman eighteen years old or older and a practical Catholic, please consider joining our auxiliary. In addition to assisting our Knights, the Columbiettes participate in our own activities, services, and fundraisers. If you would like to join our auxiliary or have any questions, contact Jo-Ellen, President, at (407) 810-6502.

The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249

The Knights meet 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".

Rosary Group Invitation

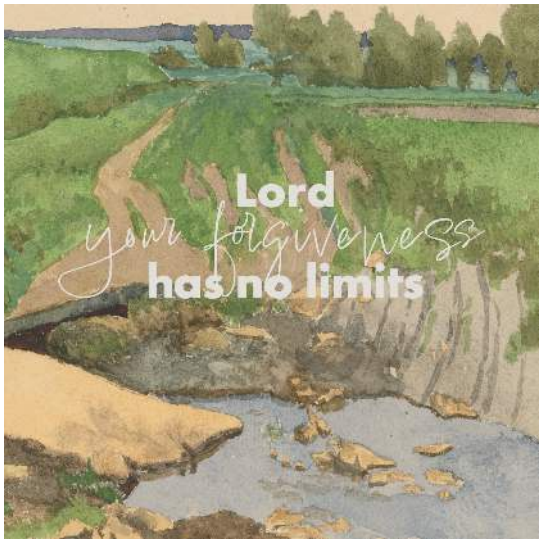
If you are able to attend daily Mass, the Rosary Group invites you to linger 20 min. more and pray the rosary with us. We begin immediately after 9:00AM daily Mass, except on days of Eucharistic Adoration. Also, there is an evening rosary in the Holy Family Chapel, each Wed.at 6:00pm for Pro Life and for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Contact the Parish Office if questions!

The Bethlehem Centre

The Bethlehem Centre is on hiatus until after September 7, 2026 (Labor Day).

Questions: Dennis Ayral via BethlehemCenter@stjeromeonline.org or the Parish Office



Mahjong FunFridays will continue through the summer at the Ed Kilroy Building. The fun starts at 9:30 AM and finishes at 12:30 PM each Friday. Mahjong classes will be available for those wanting to learn and join the fun. Contact Diane at 316-350-6522.

MINISTRIES

Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 89 families comprised of 313 people. Total families served in August was 513 comprised of 1,815 people. Parishioners donated 615 bags of food last month. **Last week we experienced a failure of our walk-in freezer**. Special thanks to parishioner Nick DiCeglie, President/CEO of Hope Villages in Clearwater, who agreed to allow us to store 1000 lbs of chicken at their facility until repairs can be made,preventing a catastrophic loss for us.
We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

Items Needed:

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

Bingo

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FAST (Faith & Action for Strength Together)

FAST is a justice ministry in Pinellas county where churches come together to advocate for the needs of our community. Contact the Parish Office to learn about our St. Jerome chapter.

GriefShare

Grief can be complex and surprising. You don't have to go it alone. Join us on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM, now in the Ed Kilroy Bldg for GriefShare. Questions? Parish Office: 727-595-4610

Health Care Ministry

Lost or confused about a medical problem, illness or concern? Don't know where to turn? St. Jerome's Health Care Ministry can assist. We have knowledge and resources that can point you in the proper direction. Don't navigate rough seas alone. Contact us at 321-403-3364 or email at healthministrysj@gmail.com.

Millions of Monicas

Moms young & older join us on Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm in the Chapel for Millions of Monicas 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 at 6:30pm. Questions? Kathycincotta@comcast.net

Music Ministry

More voices needed to join the beautiful Music Ministry! We have Spirit Singers (children's choir - Thursdays practices, sing two Sundays a month), Bell Choir (practice on Tuesdays, play two Sundays a month), and Chorale (Thursday practices, sing weekly). Contact Tom Kurt: MusicDir@stjeromeonline.org

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program

The virgin statue visit program 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 & pray. The visit is typically a week. Interested? Contact Elrita at 727-221-7040

St. Theresa's Helping Hands

Occasionally our parish & ministries need extra help with various short-term projects around the parish or fill in when our ministries are shorthanded. St. Theresa's supports those needs. When a need arises, an email will be sent to those signed up for this ministry. You can then offer your assistance if you are available. Interested? Elaine: StTheresashelpinghands@gmail.com, or: 727-386-8689.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: By request or appointment

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

CLERGY

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