## ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 12th, 2024 | The Ascension of the Lord



## SUMMER MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, & 5:00PM (LIFE TEEN)

MON.-FRI.: 7:00AM & 9:00AM SATURDAY: 9:00AM **CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS** 3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL



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### Jesus our Model

Here we are at the Solemnity of the Ascension, one of the highest feast days in the Church calendar. We hear the story of the Ascension in the Gospel today, but notice what comes right before Jesus ascends into heaven. He asks for the apostles to go out to all the world and preach the good news.

The way I see it, Jesus didn't just come to die for our sins and open the gates of heaven. That would have been more than enough, of course, but it seems pretty clear from today's Gospel that Jesus also came to be our model. He came to show us what it truly means to be human, how to act, and what our destiny is.

Because we live in a world that has amnesia about how we were created and by whom, it is sometimes difficult for us to realize how beautifully and wonderfully we were all made and the purpose God has for us. It is easier to believe the lie that we don't have free will, that sin is too powerful, and that the best we can do, if we are lucky, is just to be kind to others and keep our heads down.

That sounds like a pretty lame existence, but thankfully we are reminded today that we aren't supposed to fall into the trap of mediocrity. God wants us to be on fire for the love and mercy he brings, he wants us to bring that same fire to others, and most importantly, he wants to remind us of our destiny. If we follow his example then we will one day be brought up into heaven as well. Maybe not in the same way as Jesus was, but make no mistake, our destiny is to be happy with God forever and to bring as many of our friends and family with us as we can by preaching the saving power of the Gospel.

This is why the very first paragraph in the Catechism states, "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." There is nothing lame about our call and our destiny. Now let's get out there and live it!

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless! -Tommy Shultz

## **A Blessing for Mothers**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church.

Bless all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, and those who provide maternal care.

Let the examples of their faith and love be refined and shine forth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother Mary, model and comfort of all mothers, pray for us!



### Saturday, May 11th

- 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Daughter Caroline Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Loretta Anselmo & Clara Chiavetta Fr. Waters
- NO 5:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

## Sunday, May 12th

- 7:30 AM † Marie Ronnlof Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Blum
- NO 12:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
- 5:00 PM † John Capozzoli Fr. Cadrecha Monday, May 13th
- 7:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM Carlos Estrada Fr. Blum

## Tuesday, May 14th

- 7:00 AM † Rita Hobbs Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Carolyn Russo Fr. Mike

## Wednesday, May 15th

- 7:00 AM † Catherine Ann Carroll Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † John F. Hourican Fr. Cadrecha

## Thursday, May 16th

- 7:00 AM † Gloria Mendez Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Kevin Mulcahy Fr. Cadrecha

## Friday, May 17th

- 7:00 AM † Patrick Nolan Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Shelley Sarabia Fr. Blum

## Saturday, May 18th

- 9:00 AM Pastor Anniversary Ordination of Fr. Tom Morgan - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Eleanor K. Spires Fr. Mike
- NO 5:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE

## Sunday, May 19th

- 7:30 AM Bill Spires Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM Pastor Anniversary Ordination of Fr. John Blum - Fr. Waters
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns Fr. Blum
- NO 12:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish 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.

## **NEW: Summer Mass Schedule** Has Begun

From May through August, the 5:30PM Saturday Vigil and the 12:30PM Sunday Mass will be on hiatus. Our summer schedule is:

- Saturday 9:00AM
- Saturday Vigil 4:00PM
- Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45ÅM, 5:00PM
- Monday-Friday Daily Mass remains the same: 7:00AM & 9:00AM

The Saturday 5:30PM Vigil & Sunday 12:30PM Mass will return from September through April.

During the summer, the **Gift Shop** will be closed from Saturday, June 29th and will reopen on Saturday, September 14th. Thanks for supporting this ministry of our parish!



#### **MOTHER'S DAY BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG - TODAY!**

This weekend you can help women and families in need. Baby Bottle Boomerang is a way for individuals, families, or groups to help support the efforts of Catholic Charities' Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center in Pinellas County. This ministry provides services to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy and the responsibilities of parenting.

At all Masses on Mothers' Day Weekend, May 11th & 12th, Baby bottles will be available for pick up. We invite you to take one and fill it with change, bills, or a check. Bottles can be left this day or at weekend Masses May 18th & 19th.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get the whole family involved in helping Foundations of Life provide services to women and families in need.

For more information call or text 727-401-1195 or Kevin at 813-300-5202. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Life Ministry.





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Fr. Mike O'Brien, a retired priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg who lives in residence at St. Jerome, will be celebrating his 45 anniversary of his Ordination at the 4:00PM Saturday evening Mass on May 18th. He has invited guests from his different assignments to join us.

We congratulate Fr. Mike and invite all to attend this Mass in joy with him. Ad multos annos, Father!

## Save the Date: Msgr. Muldoon's 60th Anniversary!



This year marks Msgr. Muldoon's 60th anniversary of ordained priestly ministry. Join us in celebrating him with Bishop Parkes June 16th at the 10:45AM Mass here at St. Jerome. Invite your friends and those who love Monsignor. so we can honor him with much joy!



## IMPORTANT NEWS COMING SOON!

We are blessed to have a very active parish! This sometimes means we have announcements, from special events to inclement weather updates, that need to be communicated more quickly than through the bulletin. As such, we ask that all parishioners sign up to receive email "e-blasts" via the link on the parish website.

- Visit: www.stjeromeonline.org
- Scroll down to Parish eBlast (email) System
- Click on "Let's Communicate"
- Sign up to receive our digital bulletin delivered to you in an email each week!



# The Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus Council





# The Columbiettes thank all who attended and contributed to our first signature fundraiser, Fun Trivia Night, on April 20 in the Parish Center.

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, contact Claudia M., president: (724) 766-2615, 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.

#### **Art Class**

- Education Building
- Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM in the Art Room
- Friday 10:00AM to 12:00PM in the Art Room

#### **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

#### **Zumba Gold Exercise Class**

Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM

## Relaxed Energy Exercise Easy Exercise

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



## **Mahjong Lessons**

Join us for a special 4-pack of lessons!

May 9th, 10th, 16th, & 17th, 12:30-2:30PM, Ed Kilroy Building, Fee: a suggested \$50 goodwill offering to St. Jerome-Bethlehem Centre.

Space Limited! Contact Diane 316-350-6522 or adventurediane@gmail.com

## The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary is an international Catholic lay movement which aims to collaborate in the Church's mission of evangelization. The Legion performs spiritual works of mercy by visiting the homebound, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, memory care facilities, praying for those in need and who request prayer, and evangelization in the Parish. The Legion of Mary meets Thursdays at 10:00AM in the meeting room of the Ed Kilroy building. We welcome Active and Auxiliary Members. *Ad Jesum Per Mariam.* Contact Lissy E. at 727-595-4610 to Jearn more.

#### **Confirmation 2024**

What a joy and blessing it was for Bishop Gregory Parkes to seal in Confirmation our young people here at St. Jerome on Monday, April 29th! Please continue to pray for and celebrate our newly confirmed, that they may claim their status as fully initiated members members of our Catholic Church with holy boldness. Go out; you are sent!

Miko Lopez
Matthew Kelley
Brady Smith
Max Bruni
Emma Eastwood
Kaylee Gustafson
Chloe Alabovitz
Annabelle Coutre
Lily Martin
Rosalie Martin
Kyara Garcia
Evelyn Turner
Aubrie Walker



"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8



## Boy Scouts Serve at St. Jerome

This year St. Jerome has agreed to charter Boy Scout Troop 2022. The majority of the Scouts and their families are from our parish. One of the boys, Bryson completed his Eagle Project on campus in front of the Ed Kilroy Building. We congratulate him on a job well done and thank him for picking a project at his home church. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in joining Troop 2022, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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## 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.

#### May 5, 2024

Offertory: \$19,554.27
 E-Giving: \$6,336.00
 Total Offertory: \$25,890.27

\*\*\*CMA Cash: \$108.05

\*\*\*Roof Cash: \$416.00

## RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

### RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

**As of March 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,113,326.65.** 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.

Great news! Our April Matching Challenge has been met, AND can be doubled in May. An anonymous donor will again match up to \$5,000 of roof donations. Can we reach that goal together?!







Another great way to support your parish is to consider naming St. Jerome as the beneficiary of one of your life insurance policies, IRA accounts, or adding as a contingent beneficiary to an existing policy. Beneficiaries can also make Stock or Bond Gifts. For owners of a single IRA account, consider adding St. Jerome as a percentage beneficiary. For complete details, contact Chris McBride at the Parish Office.

For the proper method for naming St. Jerome in your will, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:

"I give devise, and bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.) to Gregory Parkes, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office, a Corporation Sole, for the use of St. Jerome Catholic Church, 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo, FL 33774."



# Faith Formation & Vacation Bible School Registration

for 2024-2025



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Formation for children including Sacramental Preparation will open April 27th. Families can also register for Vacation Bible School by emailing faithformation@stjeromeonline.org. Please email Stephanie Martin at the above address with any questions or call the Parish Office at 727-595-4610.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



#### Calendar

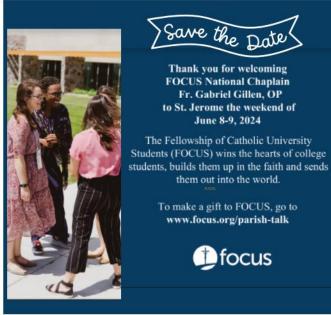
- May 12th- No Life Teen Happy Mothers Day!!
- May 19th
  - Life Teen Senior Night/8th Graders are invited too!
  - This is the last night of our spring season.





Taylor Gunn, Youth Minister - youthministry@stjeromeonline.org







### **Lifeline Ministries**

Last week Lifeline served 99 families comprised of 320 people. Parishioners donated 173 bags of food so far this month. 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 & jams Granola 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 rough seas alone. Contact us at (321) 403-3356 or email at <u>healthministrysj@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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





#### Millions of Monicas

Do you have a loved one who has left the Church? We invite you to consider joining our new intercessory ministry. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as we gather in prayer and support for our loved one's. Join us on Thursdays in the Chapel at 6:30PM. Questions? Debbie J. sbmwkmom@gmail.com or Kathy: kathyflsue@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.

## **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

### **Adult Confirmation**

Are you an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Catholics (ages 15 years and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation program.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation the individual's baptism is reinforced and sealed. This sacrament, like Baptism, is only celebrated once. It is closely linked with Baptism in that there is an anointing with oil (Chrism), laying on of hands, and a special activity of the Holy Spirit. When celebrated apart from Baptism and First Communion, the bishop or a priest designated by him is the minister of Confirmation.

The preparation program comprises of six sessions.

For further information please contact Sister Lucia at 727-595-4610 or srlucia@stjeromeonline.org.



St. Jerome Prayer Line

St. Jérome'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 or text (727) 314-1166 or email stjeromeprayforus@gmail.com. Your request stays active for 7 days but you can call in to repeat as often as needed.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 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 & www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

#### CLERGY

Fr. John Blum, Pastor Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar Deacon Fred Kunder

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## YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. **JEROME'S**

Please join us the last Sunday of every month for 5pm Mass and fellowship to follow. Contact us for further information on Bible studies, service events, and more! Contacts lexandra M @ 727.637.6200 Charles M @ 904.673.2912

#### ASSISTING PRIESTS

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