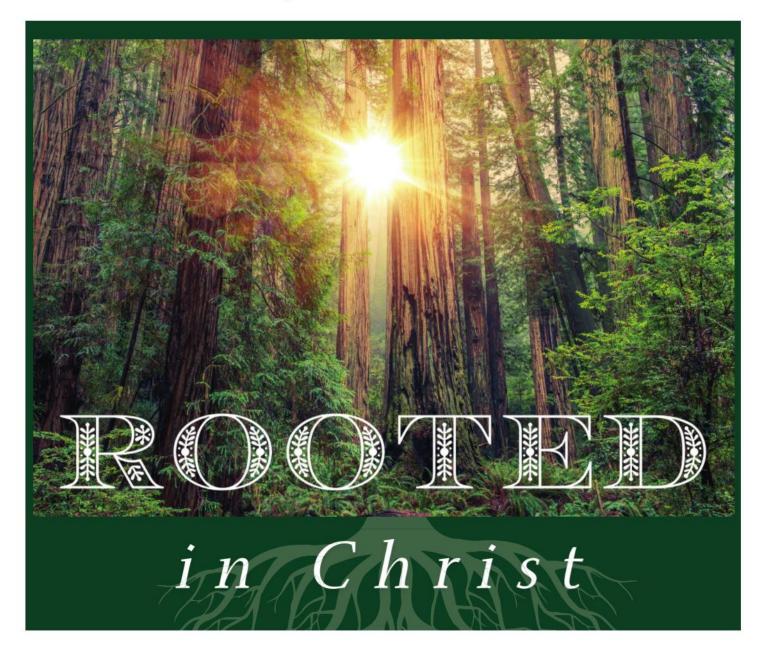
# **ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** July 14th, 2024 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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

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

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#### **On Growth**

Lately, I have been reflecting on how our lives can be illustrated through the growth of a tree. For a tree to grow and thrive it needs the optimal soil, sun, and water to obtain nutrients to grow. If a tree doesn't receive one or any of these due to poor conditions or being planted too close to another tree or a building, its growth will be stunted, or worse, it will fail because it is competing with something else. But when a tree finds the right soil and other nutrients, it grows upward and downward to balance itself and maintain its structure. If it isn't competing with anything else, it will flourish year after year and be allowed to reach its full maturity. Throughout the life of the tree it will shed leaves, branches will be pruned, and dead parts removed so that it can prosper and "show off" when it blooms!

Our lives are like a tree. When we are born there is so much hope and expectation. If we receive the optimal amount of nutrients and care, we will grow and mature. We need love from our parents and family. We need a church where we can encounter God and a supportive faith community. We need balanced meals and a good education. We need room to play and explore. These are our roots. When we know our roots are strong, we also start to thrive in our personal and professional lives, eventually finding greater success and fulfillment and starting our own families. And over time, we need to prune things in our life that are dead weight and holding us back. This ranges anywhere from bad habits to insecurities. This is hard to do, but it helps us reach our full maturity that God calls us to as His beloved disciples.

The journey of life is full of twists and turns, and like a tree, it demands growth. In this competitive world where we are fighting to spread our roots, let's just make sure we are putting ourselves in the right spaces for optimal growth and encouraging our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in doing the same.

The famous redwood or sequoia trees are known to support each other by interlocking their roots with neighboring trees to form a network of connected root systems.

In closing, I hope the next time you look at a tree, you see it in a new light, and see yourself in a new light.

In Christ, Chris McBride Parish Manager



#### July 14, 2024

# Saturday, July 13th

• 9:00 AM † All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASS INTENTIONS Let Us Pray

- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM All The People of the Parish

# Sunday, July 14th

- 7:30 AM † Fred Burns
- 9:00 AM † Georgia Parhalo Colville
- 10:45 AM † Brian Johns
- 5:00 PM All the People of the Parish

# Monday, July 15th

- 7:00 AM † Bud Burket
- 9:00 AM † Rita and Carl Guidice

# Tuesday, July 16th

- 7:00 AM † Daniel Robert Burns
- 9:00 AM † Paul Baumgartner

# Wednesday, July 17th

- 7:00 AM † Michael Geary
- 9:00 AM † Thomas Hanson

# Thursday, July 18th

- 7:00 AM † John Killian
- 9:00 AM Francesca McQuaid

# Friday, July 19th

- 7:00 AM † William Lee Craven
- 9:00 AM † Edward Hand, Jr.

# Saturday, July 20th

- 9:00 AM † Shelley Sarabia
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM <sup>†</sup> Vietnam Vets Killed In Action

# Sunday, July 21st

- 7:30 AM † Bob Maus
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller
- 10:45 AM <sup>†</sup> Family Lineage of Karen Schnurr, Living and Deceased
- 5:00 PM Felix Rivera

### O.C.I.A.: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults The Faith Journey....

Are you someone or do you know someone who..... . Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? . Has a child over the age of seven who has not been Baptized?

. Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For information, contact the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.





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'the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

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#### VIRTUE SERIES

# FAITH PRUDENCE LOVE THE VIRTUES HOPE TEMPERANCE

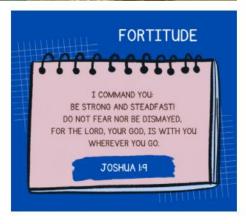


## Virtue Series on Social Media

Do you follow St. Jerome on Social Media? There is lots of great bonus content to help you grow in your faith and stay connected to your parish community. This summer we have been featuring a series on the virtues. Here's a taste of that so far!

Did you know there are seven virtues, broken into the Theological (faith, hope, and love) and the Cardinal (prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice) virtues? We have been pairing the Catechism and Scripture together to learn about them and strengthen our "virtue muscles!"

Facebook: St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church Instagram: StJeromeLargoFL







An extremely grave amendment has been placed on the November 2024 ballot that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution prohibiting regulation of abortion. The amendment would allow late-term abortions, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

The Catholic Church across the state of Florida is urging all Florida Catholics and people of good will to vote "no" on Amendment 4. Florida's general election is Nov. 5th. Early voting begins Oct 26th.

Don't Bee a Stranger Challenge!!

This week, we challenge you to introduce yourself to someone sitting nearby you who you don't know at mass. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and are called to community!

Can you give your neighbor a warm welcome?



500 Club July Winners Thank you for supporting the growth of our parish!

Our July winners are: 1st Place – Charles Bruder 2nd Place – Laura Brock 3rd Place - Richard Viel



# **REMINDER:** We are called to serve!

Our parish community cannot thrive and grow without support. Might you be able to serve in one of these areas of need?

- Coffee & Donuts Once a month
- Ushers Weekly or twice a month
- Choir Weekly starting in fall
- Office Relief Volunteer Weekly, Monthly, or as needed arises

Can you help with one of these? Contact the Parish Office today!

# Donuts & Coffee Suspended in July



Coffee and doughnuts have been put on hold in July due to a decline of volunteers able to assist. If you'd like to help make this ministry happen, please contact the Parish Office.

# New Caregiver Class at St. Jerome!

Do you provide care for a family member or friend living with Alzheimer's or dementia? St. Jerome's Health Care Ministry is teaming up with the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas to host a 6-week FREE class. If you are a caregiver of an individual aged 60 or above, this FREE Savvy Caregiver Program may be for you!

Each session uses a combination of instruction, interactive exercises, and home assignments for participants to learn concepts often utilized by nurses and social workers and apply them to their own caregiving situations.

6 Week Course: August 24 - September 28, 2024 Weekly: 9:30-11:30 on Saturdays Location: St. Jerome Parish Center Meeting Room Sign up by email: HealthministrySJ@gmail.com Questions? Terri: 727-570-9696 x160





## THE MONSIGNOR BRENDAN MULDOON ENDOWMENT

During his tenure as Pastor of St. Jerome, Msgr. instituted an endowment for the St. Jerome Early Childhood Center. Since its conception in 2015, the endowment has been a reliable source of extra revenue for "OUR" Early Childhood Center.

You are invited to help this Endowment GROW as a way of honoring Msgr. on his 60th Anniversary. A donation can be made to Monsignor's Endowment, online at our website, through a check made out to St. Jerome, or cash.

Monsignor, thanks for ALWAYS supporting our children and youth!!

# SMALL FAITH GROUPS

# Seasonal Small Faith Community Update!

Seasonal Small Faith Community Update: Christmas in July? That's right! And Advent and Lent too! July is the time to start planning for our next Advent and Lent Seasonal Small Faith Community experiences. If you participated in a Seasonal Small Faith Community this past Advent or Lent, we want to hear from you.

Please take our survey: https://www.stjeromeonline .org/small-faith-community .html OR use the QR code Thank you!



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Please help our St Jerome Toy Box Ministry raise money for a wonderful and generous 2024 holiday season!

Our ministry provides **over 2,500 toys** to Lifeline recipients, parishioners in need from St. Jerome, seven local Catholic charities, and residents of our local communities.

To help us make Christmas in July a success, please make checks out to St. Jerome Catholic Church with "Toy Box" in the memo, or donate through Online Giving.

Together, let's make a difference and spread joy! Thanks for your generosity!

If questions, contact: Lois Ann, 727-470-7582 or Tammie, 219-707-3745





# Brown Scapular Investiture and Conferral



In the year 1251, in the town of Aylesford in England, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite. She handed him a brown woolen scapular and said, "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire." In time, the Church extended this magnificent privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the Brown Scapular of the Carmelites and who perpetually wear it.

**Investiture and Conferral will be held at the 9:00 AM Mass on July 21st.** Scapulars will be available in the Gathering Space, please pick one up on the way to your seat if you want to participate.



The 2025 Mass Intention Book will open on August 7th. More instructions will follow. Save the Date!

#### FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

July 14, 2024

### 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, contact Claudia M., president: (724) 766-2615, lilmacteacher@gmail.com



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".



#### **Bethlehem Centre Season Ends**

The current Bethlehem Centre session ends on July 19, 2024, the last day of classes. We reopen the week of September 9, 2024. Thanks for a great season! 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

#### Art Class

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

## Relaxed Energy Exercise

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

#### Mahjong

- Fridays 12:00 PM
- Ed Kilroy building



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Formation for children including Sacramental Preparation is open now! Please email Stephanie Martin with any questions at faithformation@stjeromeonline.org or call the Parish Office at 727-595-4610.

Faith Formation Registration for 2024-2025

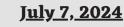
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



# **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.



- **Offertory:**
- **E-Giving**:
- **Total Offertory:**
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- \$25,921.00 \$25.00

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\$5,541.00

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\*\*\*RoofCash: \$239.00

# **RAISE THE ROOF** A solid, lasting future

# **RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE**

As of May 31st our roof fund is now at is \$1,163,846.24. We are blessed to have the Diocese be *the financial record keepers of our campaign.* We are working hard towards the goal of **<u>\$1.4 million.</u>** Thanks for pledging today so we can quickly complete this much needed project and replace the Church roof.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We have reached our May Raise the Roof Matching Goal! Every week we get closer to having the funds to replace the roof. Thank you for your generosity.



Raise the Roof: A solid, lasting future



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."

# **MINISTRIES**

# **Lifeline Ministries**

Last week Lifeline served 66 families comprised of 225 people. Parishioners donated 87 bags of food. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

- Hearty canned soup •
- Pasta/spaghetti .
- Pasta sauce •
- Peanut butter
- Cereal •
- Granola bars .
- Peanut butter crackers
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Jellies & jams

GriefShare

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Beef Stew
- Canned fruit

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



## Alpha



# More to come....1-21-25

"Finding friends, purpose and peace" For additional information and registration, www.stjeromeonline.org/alpha-ministry

# **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 ones. Join us on Thursdays in the Chapel at 6:30PM. Questions? Debbie J. <u>sbmwkmom@gmail.com</u> 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 Wednesday at 7:00PM in the Chapel!

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



# 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!

M @ 727.637.620

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# SERVING YOU



#### Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

The Sisters of St. Clare, together with St. Jerome Parish cordially invites you, your family, and friends to join with the Sisters to celebrate the life

and works of their foundress, St. Clare of Assisi.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on August 9th, 7:00PM at St. Jerome Church. A reception and refreshments will follow the Mass. All are invited!!!

For more information, call the St. Jerome Parish Office at (727) 595-4610 or the Sisters of St. Clare at (727) 410-1175.

We look forward to seeing you!



**Youth Group Rocks!** 

Life Teen and Edge have been having an amazing summer! Here's just a peek of their adventures! Please keep praying for them!

## 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

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