

St. Jerome Church

First Sunday In Lent

February 14, 2016



**“YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD,
YOUR GOD, AND HIM ALONE
SHALL YOU SERVE.”**

**5550 Thornburn Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90045-2141
310-348-8212**



Ivan Houston receiving the Drum Major Award

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass - 5:30pm

Sunday Masses - 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions—Friday 9-10am; Saturday 4pm-5pm

Holy Hour - Wednesday 6:30pm with Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily and Sunday evening 5:30 Mass

First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am– noon; 1:00pm-4:30pm

Friday: 10:00am-1:30pm

RECTORY STAFF (310-348-8212)

Our Priest: Fr. Bill Bolton x 304
Fr. Valentine Ibe

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy Wauthy

Business Manager: Juanita Rivera-Wiemken x 303

For calendar request email: juanitarw@gmail.com

Formation/Education: Hortense Bradley x 305

Youth Ministry: Kristina Provence x 313

Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roxanne Shaw x 301

SCHEDULING SERVICES (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

Funerals: contact the rectory to set date and time

Anniversaries, Quinceañera, Memorials: call the rectory

Weddings - Must call the rectory 6 months in advance to begin

Sacramental preparation and to set the date.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Religious Education: Cristina Castillo 310-645-8318

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA):
Hortense Bradley 310-348-8212 x305

St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr): 310-670-1678
Principal: Mrs. Priscilla Doorbar

SCRC Prayer Mtg (7pm Fri): Mr & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Senior Center: Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Young Adult Ministry (18-39 yrs): StJeromeYAM@gmail.com

Youth Ministry (teens) & Confirmation:
Kristina Provence 310-348-8212 x 313

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:
Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Benny Munoz 310-641-6339

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Fitzpatrick 310-703-2519

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

JustFaith: Deacon Guy Wauthy 310-312-1358

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Merv Hughes 310-908-9204

LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRIES

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):
Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noretta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: Adrienne Toth 310-337-9048

Soup Kitchen (3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan

Parish Mission Statement: We will be responsible to each other and God by being open, welcoming, and compassionate to each other as God loves us, and doing everything we can to become a united Community.

From Fr. Bill

“Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness... We all have the drum major instinct.”

– M.L. King, Jr.

Our usher, Ivan, got an award last month? An award for people who perform extraordinary everyday acts of service with reliability and selfless commitment? Those qualities seemed to fit Ivan. I would have described Ivan as a faithful, caring gentleman who is dedicated to God and Church, his family and our community. I was surprised to find out that this humble man was included in Ebony Magazine's "100 Most Influential Black Americans" for 14 consecutive years. Additionally, I found out that he was a decorated veteran and a member of that war's only black infantry division to fight in Europe (Buffalo Soldiers). This only came to light for me when Mr. Ivan Houston received the 2016 Drum Major Award from the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization. Ivan has served the community through the Black Agenda, the NAACP, the Urban League and the YMCA. He continues to serve each Sunday as one of our ushers. I am proud to know him and feel we are blessed by men who chose to make the world a better place for their having been here.

I pray the drum major instinct M.L. King, Jr. claimed to exist, may continue to be seen and heard in Ivan and others. Please keep in mind that holiness is in right action, and courage on behalf of those who cannot defend themselves... that is standing with and for the “little ones” our Lord's disciples are called to serve.

This Wednesday (and each Wednesday of Lent) at 5pm we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Join us for this prayer as we call upon God's Mercy in this Year of Mercy. It should take between 10 to 15 minutes and afterwards do come to the hall for our Lenten Soup Night. You can finish off the evening with some time before the Blessed Sacrament (exposed at 6:30pm) and perhaps join in the Our Lady of Perpetual Novena (Begins at 7pm).

February being Black History Month I can't help mentioning that the greater Los Angeles area has more churches named for Saints from Africa than any diocese I know of (including saints from the Roman Canon). Here are few Catholic Saints of Africa from A-Z (Bold means a nearby church is named for them.):

St. Augustine*, **St. Basil***, **St. Bernard***, **St. Catherine of Alexandria***, Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions, **St. Clement of Alexandria***, **St. Cornelius***, **St. Cyprian***, **St. Cyril of Alexandria***, **St. Didamus***, **St. Elizabeth***, **St. Euphrasia***, St. Fabian, **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity***, St. Felix, St. Germanus, St. Hippolytus, St. Irene, **St. Isidore***, St. Julia, St. Karion, St. Laurence, St. Leo, St. Lucius, St. Marcus, St. Margarita, St. Martin de Porres, **St. Monica***, St. Orestes, **St. Pancratius***, St. Patricia, St. Philemon, **St. Polycarp***, St. Quinta, St. Regina, St. Sophia, **St. Stephen***, St. Theodora, **St. Timothy***, St. Ursus, St. Valentine, **St. Victor***, St. Victoria, **St. Vincent***, St. Wetukis, St. Xystus, St. Yona and St. Zara Maria.

Most of the saints listed are martyrs but when you march to the beat of a different drummer, you know that those who follow the tempo of this world will find reason to silence and suppress you. In this Year of Mercy pray in a special way for those who don't yet realize they need God's love, mercy and forgiveness: Jesus.

Finally, on Valentine's Day make time to say, “I love you.” It is not enough to love someone; they need to know that they are loved. Look into the eyes of the most beautiful gift you have been offered. Touch the hands of the one who gives their life to you. Be grateful because your spouse is God's Valentine gift to you. Cherish the gift of your marriage. Ask God to bless you with the grace of your sacrament and as long as you are giving your heart to another, recall Jesus who gives His Sacred Heart for us. Will you be His Valentine? Have a Happy Valentine's Day!



Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This Sunday at the 11am Mass, the Rite of Sending will be celebrated as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We celebrate sending to the Cathedral to go before Archbishop José Gomez:

Jade Butler, Jada Davenport, Nevoy Binns, Biruke

Dix, and Mya Woods. They are entering their final preparation for full initiation into the Catholic Church.

See today's bulletin insert and for more information go to www.stjeromewestchester.org

World Marriage Day



Today is World Marriage Day. We honor all husbands and wives as head of the family, saluting the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life!



St. Valentine

History tells us only that several Christians by the name of Valentine were martyred for their faith. One, very probably a priest, was martyred on February 14th, 270, during a persecution promoted by Emperor Claudius II. A basilica was dedicated in his honor in 350 in Rome. His annual feast day on February 14th soon became associated with a tradition of boys and girls exchanging a promise of love. This was done in different ways over the centuries and evolved into our present tradition of exchanging Valentines on February 14th, along with gifts and other special signs of love and affection.

Litany Of Saints

During the Sundays of Lent, each Mass will begin with a Litany of the Saints to call upon them to pray for us. In honor of **Black History Month**, we will do a special litany of saints of African descent on February 21st. Some of them are well known such as St. Augustine, and St. Monica; some are less known, such as St. Felicity and St. Perpetua. It is good for us to appreciate the diversity of the thousands of saints we honor as Catholics.



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Blessed Sacrament (exposed at 6:30pm) and perhaps join in the Our Lady of Perpetual Novena which begins at 7pm.



FUN Lenten Soup Night Social!

Please join us every Wednesday night during Lent for FUN in our parish hall from **5:00-7:00pm!** Our first Lenten Soup Social will be on **Wed., Feb. 17th**. Money donations are needed to meet expenses and to raise funds for the Food Pantry, LAX!

Catholic Daughters will also hold their White Elephant Sales during these dinners. All monies raised from these sales will go to CDA charities!

Consider what you'll receive by attending: delicious hot soups to eat; raising money for charities; seeing old friends and making new ones!

Senior Center

Monday, February 15th: Closed for the Holiday!

Wednesday, February 17th: 12-4pm, cards & social.

Membership Month: \$7 annually. For more information please call the Center at 310 216-



Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to **Sienna Rose Clermont and Kierra Rose Clermont** who will be baptized into the Christian Community this weekend. May God bless you!

CATHOLICISM 101

Mercy and Forgiveness Reflection

Mark your calendars! Thursday, March 3
Lenten reflection on Mercy and Forgiveness
Doors open at 6:30pm at St. Jerome's Hall
Special Guest Speaker: Sr. Carol Quinlivan, C.S.J.

Operation Rice Bowl



HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives at home and around the world? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more information.



Stations Of The Cross and Confessions

The Stations occur every Friday During Lent at **7:00pm** in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be available during the Stations.

In observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 15th, the Rectory will be closed. Mass will be at 9:00am



Jubilee Year of Mercy

This year we are challenged to share the mercy we have received from God by focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. To help us not only to listen, but to act, opportunities will be presented for us to be instruments of God's mercy.

One of the works of mercy is visiting the imprisoned. **"Get on the Bus"** is a program to help children visit their imprisoned parents. Organizers are hoping to bring over 1000 children to visit their parents. If you would like more direct involvement in this program call (818) 980-7714.

Cornerstone Retreats

Cornerstone Retreats are a spiritual movement that provides the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen your faith. Our Mother of Good Council Parish at 2060 N. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles 90027 will be hosting a Men's Retreat March 11-12, 2016. please contact Steve Mills at 818 795-5584 renaissanceman822@sbcglobal.net or Jeff Bonino-Britsch at 323 997-2328 jeffbb@berbumdei.us A separate Women's retreat will be on April 15-16, 2016.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 02/13—5:30pm	(SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
Sun. 02/14—7:30am	(M)	Harold Simpson III
	9:00am	Charles Charmello
	11:00am	Bernadette Fernandes
	5:30pm	Olga Marion Kemp

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. 02/15—9am	(SI)	Those in Military Service and their families
Tues. 02/16—8am	(SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
Wed. 02/17—8am	(T)	Nancy Wagas
Thurs. 02/18—8am	(M)	Maura O'Brien
Fri. 02/19—8am	(SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
Sat. 02/20—8am	(M)	Rita Hoffman

Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)

Deceased

Our condolences to the family and friends of

**Queenie Neri, Diane Jonkey,
Don Stackhouse, and Justin Mouton.**

May they rest in peace.

Prayers For The Sick

Bill Bolton (Fr. Bill's father)	Glen Bordenave	
Chris Brown	Angelica Barba	Alfonso Castillo
Bridget Cloonan	Alyssa Downer	Gertrude Elliott
Dorothy Evans	Bren Fitzpatrick	Emilia Gentile-
Gayle Grant	Martin Garber	Brenda Lopez-
Dorothy McEvers	Scott Walden	

Readings For Next Weekend

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Financial Statements

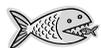
Financial statements were mailed out to parishioners whose donations for 2015, totaled \$250.00 or more. If you did not receive this letter, or have any questions regarding the statement, please contact our Business Manager, Juanita Rivera-Wiemken at 310 348-8212 or email: juanitarw@gmail.com

Help us to help you! Please use the envelopes you receive from the printing company every other month. If you use the generic envelopes located in the church, please fill it out clearly with your name, envelope number, address, phone number and date. We want to make sure we are crediting your donations correctly. Thank you for your generous support!

St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

St. Jerome Church Soup Kitchen serves hot meals to the needy in our parish community once a month. Our next meal will be served **on the third Saturday this month, February 20th, from 10:30am to 12 noon.**

Thank you for your support!



Knights Of Columbus Fish Fry

You're invited to our Fish Fry Dinner every Friday night during lent. Adults \$11 children \$8. Dinner served between 5:30-7:30pm. Takeout is available. The Hall is at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd., Playa del Rey!



Glory Revealed

“God moved in me this weekend by allowing me to feel his presence. During adoration I was able to have one on one time so deeply it felt that no one or sound was in the room but us two. God also moved by opening my eyes and allowing me to see him in all his creation, nature and the wonderful people there.” – Sara

“I feel that God is going to steer me to the right path to the path of success and I feel that I have a stronger relationship with him as well.” - Issac

“I really enjoyed this weekend it really opened my eyes to how I can become closer to God. It's help me let go of some things that I wasn't able to before such as the death of my friend Leo. I never thought I would be able to finally realize he's in a better place even though it's not here with me.” – Nicole

“God was shown to me in many different ways. He was shown through the people present. I was able to reconnect with my old friends, and create new friendships with different types of people. Next, he was shown during the programs. I felt his presence during the testimonies and different types of prayer. Finally, he was shown to me through nature. I enjoyed every type of scenery including the stars and hiking.” - JP

Thank you for all your prayers!

St. Jerome School News

St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K and Grades K thru Grade 8.

Applications may be downloaded from our website or you may visit the school office to pick one up. Tours are available by appointment by calling **310-670-1678**
www.st-jeromeschool.org



The Hawaii Raffle Winners are:

Grand Prize (Hawaii Trip): Ed Hewitt

2nd Prize (\$1,000): Guadalupe Luis

3rd Prize (\$500): Jeaneen Taylor

Thank you to all those who supported the 2016 Hawaii Raffle and Mardi Gras fundraisers!

St. Jerome School is Hosting

Spaghetti Bingo on Saturday,

February 27th 2016, 5pm to 10pm,

in the Parish Hall. Dinner cost is only \$10.00!

