

# St. Jerome Church

## Third Sunday In Lent

### February 28, 2016

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.

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



St. Jerome students praying the Rosary.

#### 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 and Helene Wauthy  
JustFaith, Engaging Spirituality, Social Justice/CLUE  
310-312-1358

Business Manager: Juanita Rivera-Wiemken x 303  
For calendar request email: [juanitarw@gmail.com](mailto:juanitarw@gmail.com)

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 - Call the rectory 6 months in advance to set the date.

#### EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Religious Education: Cristina Castillo 310-645-8318

Formation/Education, 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](mailto:StJeromeYAM@gmail.com)

Youth Ministry (teens) & Confirmation:  
Kristina Province 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

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

#### LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRIES

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310– 283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: Adrienne Toth 310-337-9048

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Our mission is to **SHARE** God's message with all people, to **OFFER** support to those in need, to **PROMOTE** Christian values and commitment to the family, to **FOSTER** a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to **DEEPEN** spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

## From Fr. Bill

I don't recall exactly how old I was... perhaps five, six or seven. I do know that the "age of reason" had kicked in as I was now demonstrating skills that would have made any attorney proud. My favorite cookies were in the jar, but I had been taught I needed permission to open the jar and eat them. My "oldest" sister (over 2 years younger than I) was nearby. I went over and asked, "Mary, would you like to have cookies with me?"

Mary seemed surprised at the question, but her widening eyes and growing smile answered more quickly than her words, "Yes, please."

Later, when the empty jar was discovered, although crumbs and chocolate smears implicated my younger sisters... for some reason my mother considered me the prime suspect. I folded quickly during the interrogation as mother reminded me that my sisters could not yet reach the top of the refrigerator (where the jar was safely kept).

"You know you need permission to get into the cookies jar!"

"But, mom, I had permission."

My mother's eyebrows contorted as her head tilted and her voice questioned, "Whose permission?"

Like Adam in the garden, I gave my sisters up and testified, "Mary said I could."

My mother's response is now a blur. I was in my bedroom to contemplate my sins and awaited the return of my father.

"You know your sister doesn't have authority..."

"But, dad, you told me I just needed permission..."

I shouldn't have interrupted my father and I still hoped my creative interpretation of the law might get me off free, once... Yet giving my rationalization out loud I realized how lame it sounded and how foolish I was to believe it might be accepted. It wasn't.

I now know accepting responsibility and volunteering to accept the consequences would have led to the easier sentence. Breaking the rule was bad. Being the oldest and setting up the innocent to be blamed was worse.

"Father Bill, I don't see the need for confession."

Some then speak of praying on the beach, pouring out their hearts to a dear friend or depending on God's mercy and being washed clean... without needing to humble themselves and confess their sins to the ones that Jesus gave the authority: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:23)

I wonder if those praying on the beach, or sharing with a friend (who doesn't have the power given by Jesus given by Jesus to the apostles and their successors) understand that it is like me going to my sister, Mary? It may silence my conscience and help me to feel justified... but it is self-justification not being justified in the Lord by owning my sins and confessing them to His ordained shepherds who represent the community, His church, and speak in His Name.

Mercy is available. Forgiveness is offered. His arms are outstretched waiting.

Next weekend the Church is offering the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 24 hours at our Pilgrimage Churches. Saint John Chrysostom and St. Joan of Arc will have confessions beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> until the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Priests will be available in church for this sacrament.

For Lent St. Jerome's continues to offer Confessions on Friday mornings from 9am to 10am, on Friday evenings during the 7pm Stations of the Cross, and Saturday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm.

Speaking of Stations of the Cross, I want to thank the groups who have provided this powerful prayer opportunity. I think the number of people attending hasn't been bad, but Fr. Valentine is deeply disappointed. He has remarked that one of the best ways to pray during Lent is to recall and retrace our Lord's Passion and Death. I can't argue with that. Fr. Valentine also wonders why people aren't making at least one extra hour during Lent to be with the Lord. I can't disagree with that either. It is also a good time to go to Confession... and I hope you don't argue about that. He carried the cross for us, join with us to walk with Him on the Friday's of Lent.

## 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. 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.



**Each Wednesday during 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** which begins at 7pm.



## FUN Lenten Soup Night Social!

Please join us **every Wednesday night** during Lent for FUN in our parish hall from **5-7pm!** . 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!



## 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.**

## Operation Rice Bowl



## HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. For more information visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection help provide food to the hungry, Welcome and support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise. Envelopes are located on the tables near the church doors.

## Senior Center

**Monday, February 29th:** 12-4pm Rosary, Cards & Social  
**Wednesday, March 1st:** 12-4pm, Birthday Celebration!  
**Membership Month:** \$7 annually. For more information please call the Center at 310 216-7354

## Congratulations!



We offer our congratulations to  
**Cordelia Ann Wetmore**

who will be baptized into the Christian Community this weekend. May God bless you!

## CATHOLICISM 101



## Mercy and Forgiveness Reflection

Join us **this Thursday, March 3** for a special 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.

## First Friday Adoration



On **Friday, January 5th**, immediately following the **8:00am Mass**, parishioners are invited to spend some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until the **Benediction at 10:00am**.



## National Catholic Sisters Week

National Catholic Sisters Week is an annual celebration that takes place from **March 8-14**. Created to honor women religious, it is a series of events that instruct, enlighten and bring greater focus to the lives of Sisters.

Our goal is to reach out to young women so they may learn about women religious and perhaps choose to follow their example.

Please join us for **Open House** at Carondelet Center, 11999 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, 90049 on **Sunday, March 13th**. The event will consist of **Mass at 10:00am**, followed by refreshments with the Sisters. Please **RSVP at 310 889-2100**.

**All Religious Women and Associates: please contact Sister Judy Wright at [jawright@csjla.org](mailto:jawright@csjla.org) or 310 889-2110** for invitations and more information.

## Human Trafficking in Los Angeles

Pope Francis has called the Catholic Community to engage in the fight against Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the 2nd largest and fastest growing illegal enterprise in Southern California. Its growing faster than drug trafficking and will become the largest illegal enterprise in a few short years with our children being the main target for sex trafficking. **St. John Chrysostom** will be hosting Susan Patterson, author of the book, "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking, Over 50 ways to Join the Fight" to speak on **March 17th at 7PM** on how we can protect our children and what we can do to fight Trafficking. On **March 16th, 7pm**, Ana Gomez, a master catechist for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Human Trafficking speaker will give the presentation in Spanish also at St. John's. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Mass Intentions

Sat. 02/27—5:30pm (M)	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cadet
Sun. 02/28—7:30am (SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
9:00am (M)	Francesco Catanzariti
11:00am (M)	Cassian Chukwura, Emmanuella Ibrahim & Ohizua Ohiona
5:30pm (M)	Emelder Saulet
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	
Mon. 02/29—8am (M)	Antonin Scalia
Tues. 03/01—8am (M)	Marshall Cochrane
Wed. 03/02—8am (SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
Thurs. 03/03—8am (SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners
Fri. 03/04—8am (M)	Paul Williams
Sat. 03/05—8am (M)	Maura O'Brien
Memorial (M) Special Intention (SI) Thanksgiving (T)	



## Deceased



Our condolences to the family and friends of  
**Msgr. John F. O'Byrne, Deacon Martin Clement,  
Paula Brown and Will Mendoza**  
May they rest in peace.



## Rosary Invitation

You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary after each 8am morning Mass, and Sunday evening 5:30pm Mass.

## Prayers for the Sick



Bill Bolton (Fr. Bill's father)	Glen Bordenave	
Chris Brown	Angelica Barba	Alfonso Castillo
Bridget Cloonan	Alyssa Downer	Gertrude Elliott
Deanna Evans	Emilia Gentile	Gayle Grant
Martin Garber	Jeneice Houze	Frances Lalan
Brenda Lopez	Dorothy McEvers	Ozie B. Newman
Scott Walden		

## Questions of the Week

**For Adults:** What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

**Children:** God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?



## Readings For Next Weekend



Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## 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](mailto: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 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 or online at [www.st-jeromeschool.org](http://www.st-jeromeschool.org)**

### The Catholic Daughter's Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet **Saturday, March 5th at 9:15 am** at Visitation Parish Center. Mass precedes the meeting at Visitation Church at 8:00 am. All Catholic women are invited and encouraged to attend.

### The Catholic Daughter's Busy Hands Crafters

Join us **on Tuesday, March 8th at 1pm** in the St. Jerome Senior Center. We need your creative talents to help us in our fund raising activities!



### Knights Of Columbus Invitation



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! 90045, ph 310 821-2324.

Next weekend, **March 5th & March 6th**, local Knights of Columbus members will be at St. Jerome to invite men who are considering to join this wonderful organization!

They will also be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the Rancho San Antonio Agency, (non profit) that serves court appointed young boys. These funds assist in the mission of helping these young boys become men.

**Thank you for your help!**

### Annual Blood Drive



We will be having our Annual St. John's Health Center Blood Drive on Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 8:30am to 12:30pm, in the parish hall. Blood is always urgently needed and donating is a great way to save lives.

To sign up contact Saint John's Health Center at **310 829-8886** or email **[Sherry.Arroyo@providence.org](mailto:Sherry.Arroyo@providence.org)**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY



The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the School parking lot on **Sunday, March 13, 2016**, from **8am to 1:30pm**, to receive your donations. A free pickup at your home for larger items is available by calling **323 224-6280!**

### Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers:	Randy Billups:	<a href="mailto:randybillups@gmail.com">randybillups@gmail.com</a>
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
Lectors:	Cathy Fitzpatrick	310-337-6929
Music:	Jim Drollinger	310-617-2465
Ushers:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474