

St. Jerome Church

Sixteenth Sunday
Of Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016

**“We must learn to live together
as brothers, or we will perish
together as fools.”**
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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*Happy
year one
Father Bill*
COFFEE & DONUTS RECEPTION



From Fr. Bill

We have a new official translation of the Rite of the Sacrament of Matrimony in English. Along with the new translation comes clearer instructions on how the sacrament should be celebrated. It may be used as early as September 8th but must be used after December. If you don't attend weddings regularly, it is possible you may not be aware of the modifications and changes... however, I am certain some brides will recognize that some options they may have experienced are no longer available.

First, here are four phrases we probably all know but have not been a part of the Catholic Marriage Ceremony. "Who gives this bride away?" In our understanding of Marriage the bride presents herself to enter into this sacrament. It is a freely chosen act on the part of those entering the union. "If anyone who knows any reason why this couple should not be married, speak now or forever hold your peace." I have heard that so often in movies, but we Catholics do a premarital investigation to verify that the couple are free to enter into the sacramental bond of marriage. "You may now kiss the bride." If they didn't exchange a kiss at the sign of peace I would be concerned... many couples greet each other with a kiss... and many more do so after the exchange of vows or rings. For the record, there has been no "official" time for the couple to kiss... although there has been a required time to hold hands. "I now pronounce you man and wife." The couple, not the priest nor deacon, is minister of the sacrament. The couple's words and actions involve God into their union... not some guy wearing a robe.

Most people are not aware that the Royal Weddings of non-Catholics and the media's imitation of them are responsible for most people image of what a wedding should look like. Weddings like Princess Di's help create a template for a generation of young women and girls. Traditionally, Royal Marriages were arranged and often were used to seal political alliances. In some cases this might be the groom's first view of his bride... ever. The prince stands in the front of the church with his best men. The bride's maids come in procession. This represents the coming together of two kingdoms which will be aligned through this union before God's altar. The bride walks down the aisle with her father and is "given away" as a sign that the agreement between the kingdoms is now consummated.

Although marriages can bring families together, the church's sacrament of Matrimony is the union of two souls in Jesus Christ which establishes a new "domestic" church. The couple are the ministers of the sacrament. The priest is the official witness for the church. As with Sunday Masses and other solemn occasions we begin with a procession... one procession with all the ministers in that one procession. Please realize that during my twenty-nine years of priesthood this has been the most common way Catholic Weddings begin (not the Hollywood/Royal Wedding Model which has been the second most commonly chosen). The cross leads the way followed by the servers bearing candles, a reader with the book of gospels, then the priest... continuing with the groom (with or without his parents), the wedding party, and concluding with the bride (almost always with her father or with both parents).

The four modifications at the beginning of the Catholic service are: 1) both groom and bride need to be in the procession; 2) as it is one procession, the music used should be the same for the entire procession (In all honesty, this "only one song" for the procession is the biggest change.); 3) the penitential rite is omitted; 4) the Gloria is now a required part.

The next changes are during the exchange of vows and rings. After the exchange of vows we are asked to have the assemble respond with a sung acclamation. A sung "Thanks be to God" or "Alleluia" is suggested. (My imagination includes Handel's Halleluia Chorus or Etta James' "At Last"... neither of which would be acceptable unless they are a regular part of the parish community's service music.) Also, the groom and bride no longer say "Take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity" rather they say "Receive this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness."

The mass continues as usual. As before, the Nuptial Blessing follows the Lord's Prayer with the veil or cord (binding the couple) if used, to be done at this time.

The final change in the ceremony is the recessional. (This is the second biggest change.) As with Sunday Mass and Solemnities we process out FOLLOWING the cross and servers with candles. I haven't seen this before, but I believe if it is done gracefully, it will be beautiful.

Hortense Bradley Retirement Celebration

 St. Jerome Parish has been blessed to have Hortense Bradley as the Director of Faith Formation and RCIA for many years. Hortense has worked hard to bring us many innovative programs, to help folks preparing to receive the Sacraments, and spent countless hours behind the scenes to contribute to Saint Jerome programs and the Los Angeles Archdiocese. We will miss her very much, because she will be retiring. **Join us for fun and refreshments this Sunday, July 17th after the 11am Mass** as we celebrate her retirement!

Natural Family Week

Today begins the observance of "Natural Family Planning Week." During this week you are invited to pray and learn more about the Church's teaching of family life. Prayer opens our hearts to God's will and the Sacrament of Marriage and moral regulations of birth in marriage. 

The 2006 Pastoral Statement of the Bishops of the United States, entitled *Married Love and the Gift of Life*, explains the gift of Natural Family Planning and its blessings. This booklet, in question and answer format, addresses the intimate and essential link between the way in which married couples welcome each other into their lives each day and the way in which they welcome children. Please take one of these free booklets located in the church (Pink/English and Orange/Spanish) or go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/>

See additional information on St. Jerome's "Respect Life" page on our website www.stjeromewestchester.org (Church Ministries: Life, Justice and Peace.)

National Needs Combined Collection

Thank you for your generosity last weekend! Through vital evangelization programs, the Black and Indian Home Mission provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities.

If you missed this special collection and would still like to contribute, please find envelopes in the pews and church entrances.

Tuesday Morning Summer Scripture Study

 Come join us **every Tuesday** morning, **10:15am to 11:15am** in the Senior Center. Break open the Readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass.

No experience necessary. Prayers for the sick and special intentions follow after the Study.

St. Jerome Going On Pilgrimage

To celebrate the Jubilee year of Mercy and to gain the PLENARY INDULGENCE, please join fellow parishioners as we pilgrimage to the Los Angeles Cathedral of the Angels! There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral, Prayers and more information about entering the Holy Doors to gain the indulgence. **We will provide an air-conditioned bus and the cost is \$20. Space is limited, sign ups coming soon. Save the Date: Monday, August 15th – from 9am-3:30pm**

Senior Center

Mon, July 18th: 12-4pm, Rosary, Cards and Social

Wed, July 20th: 12-4pm, Cards and Social.

For more information call the Senior Center at 310 216-7354.

A Special Movie Screening

 St. John the Evangelist is hosting a special showing of: **LIBERATING A CONTINENT: JOHN PAUL II AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM, this Sunday, July 17th, at 7:00pm in St. Jerome's Hall.** This movie screening is a fundraising event! Donation of \$15 for admission is suggested. All proceeds will help St. John's youth attend World Youth Day in Poland and refreshments will be served.

"47 Tips & Techniques for Healing After Loss."

Hosted by Office of Family Life: Separated, Divorced & Widowed Ministry, on **Saturday, July 30th—9:30am to 4pm, at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels** (555 Temple St. Los Angeles, 90012.) **Cost is \$25; RSVP by Monday, July 25th.** Online registration at: <http://archla.org/healing> or call Julie Auzenne, 213- 637-7249, jmonella@la-archdiocese.org.

This is a unique experience for the Separated, Divorced and Widowed to come together for a Tour, Mass and Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to learn how to move through separation, divorce or death of a partner to acceptance and peace. We will explore self, social and spiritual aspects of the journey that no one willingly embarks upon, but that often leads us to know and love ourselves and our God in deeper ways than we've imagined.



Mission Co-Op Collection

Next weekend, July 23rd & 24th, we will have a guest speaker at all our masses to appeal for your charitable gifts needed to continue their missionary work in their diocese. Your donations and prayers will greatly be appreciated! Special Mission Co-op (yellow) envelopes are located in the pews and at the church entrance.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parents should avoid lecturing and start talking

Lecturing teenagers may feel like the right path to take, especially if they are starting to develop bad habits or make poor choices, but lecturing is usually the least effective way to get your message across. Children tend to see lectures as condescending and abstract, and this detracts from the wisdom and advice you are trying to provide.

Instead of lecturing, try to engage your child in calm, open conversation that addresses the issue while allowing you both to talk about what's going on. For more tips and a copy of the VIRTUS article "Communication Tip No.11: Why Lecturing Doesn't Work," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org For particular help call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

Listen to a 24 hour Catholic Radio Station on **AM Station 930—Immaculate Heart Radio**

Mass Intentions

Sat. 07/16—5:30pm	(M)	Juanita Munoz
Sun. 07/17—7:30am	(M)	Gail Grant &
	(SI)	Alonzo Grant
9:00am	(M)	Paul J. Gingras
11:00am	(SI)	Baby Landon Moore
5:30pm	(SI)	St. Jerome Parishioners

Week Day Masses

Mon. 07/18—8am	(M)	Gail Grant
Tues. 07/19—8am	(SI)	Sergio Robertson
Wed. 07/20—8am	(M)	Mr. & Mrs. Jules Marck
Thurs. 07/21—8am	(M)	Caridad Dasco
Fri. 07/22—8am	(T)	Dolly Juaneza
Sat. 07/25—8am	(SI)	Baby Landon Moore

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

Prayers for the Sick



Helen Allain	Julie Bash	Glen Bordenave
Cheryl Bordenave	Hubert Bordenave	Leticia Bustillo
Jeffrey Carol	Celeste Cross	Bren Fitzpatrick
Robin Robert	Bozena Syslo	Caesar Ventura
Celerina Vallejo	Donna Williams	Lance White
Deacon Gary Mucho	Baby Landon Moore	

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Gerard Majella Catholic Church, located at 4439 Inglewood Blvd. Los Angeles, 90066, invites you to join them every 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 7-8pm for reflection on St. Padre Pio's writings and veneration of first-class relics. For more information call **310 390-5034** or email Gaby Gomez at godgiverofgrace@gmail.com



Save The Date

Come again and join the St. Jerome Family Picnic!

Mass, food, games, prizes, fun and much more!

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Westchester Recreational Center

10:00am Mass followed by food and fun at our green picnic until 4:00pm. For reservations please

Email: stjeromepicnic@gmail.com

Or call 310 348-8212

Garage Sale for Charity



Catholic Daughters, Court St. Michael, will hold their annual garage sale on **Sat. Oct. 15th**, at **8117 Yorktown Ave.**, (Conner of 82nd and Yorktown)

We appreciate all donations you make. So please, look around your house, garage, and ask neighbors and friends, for gently used items that we can resell.

(85% of the funds raised will be donated to our charities, and 15% will be used for administrative purposes).

If you have questions or need pickup, call Kathy Fitzpatrick at (310) 703-2519.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers:	Randy Billups:	randybillups@gmail.com
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

Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants

THIS Sunday, July 17, 2016– 4pm

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez presiding



(3pm Pre-Procession Gathering in the Cathedral Plaza)

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels,
555 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA
90012

JOIN US in representing our St. Jerome
Community at this Mass for Immigrants.
Be a part of our parish delegation.

**Contact: Nory Jose at (310) 367-6557,
or Emily Montes at (310) 874-2139**

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.

**Please call 310-670-1678 or
visit us at www.st-jeromeschool.org**

CITY OF SAINTS

A TEEN CONFERENCE

AUGUST 5-7TH 2016

AT THE UCLA CAMPUS

MORE INFO? CONTACT KRISTINA PROVENCE
SJLACONFIRMATION@GMAIL.COM

INTERESTED IN CONFIRMATION?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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PARENT AND CANDIDATE MEETING AUGUST 21ST

YEAR ONE: 4:00PM YEAR TWO: 2:30PM

St. Jerome 2016 Holiday Craft Faire

The St. Jerome Holiday Craft Boutique will take
place on the weekend of **Nov. 12th * 13th, 2016.**

**If you would like to reserve a table as a
vendor or know of someone who would be interested
to reserve a table, please call Joyce at 310 649-5586
or Joan Hoffman at 310 670-7801!**