



# St. Jerome's Parish

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.  
(Holiday Mondays 10:00 a.m. only)

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Peace	15 Fincham Avenue, L6X 3V2	905-452-7010
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St. Joseph	8 Parkway Avenue, L6X 2G4	905-451-8501
St. Monica	60 Sterritt Drive, L6Y 5B6	905-454-6346

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

St. Augustine	27 Drinkwater Road, L6Y 4T6	905-450-9993
St. Roch	200 Valleyway Drive, L6X 0N3	905-456-8543

## BAPTISMS

Parent(s) are to be registered parishioners and participate in a preparation class. Please register for baptism, using the Baptism Package available at Sunday Mass and contact the parish office for further information.

## MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest one year in advance. A Marriage Course is required. For additional information contact the parish office.

## RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office when someone is in immediate need of this sacrament. We can also arrange for the reception of Holy Communion upon request.

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jan Kolodynski, Pastor  
Mrs. Rocelyn Esposito, Parish Secretary  
Mr. Jorge Barbosa, Property Manager

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a community of faith. Please introduce yourself/family to the priests and register as soon as possible.



**MASS INTENTIONS  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
† Pearl & Walter Wanasingha

**Friday, 7:00 p.m.**  
† Rob Dworaczek  
† All Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**  
† Vincenzo Bavaro

**2018 SUNDAY MISSALS  
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The 2018 *Living with Christ* Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at the parish office. Cost \$5.



**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW  
YEAR'S MASS CELEBRATIONS**



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Altar Servers, please sign-up in the Sacristy for these special Mass celebrations.

*Thank you for your time, dedication & talent!*

**2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The 2018 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the gathering space. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Please ensure that you pick up the correct envelope number and confirm your name and address information is correct.



Please let the parish office know if there are any changes. **The address on the offertory box will be used to mail out your 2017 tax donation receipt.**

We encourage new parishioners and those who are currently not using parish offertory envelopes to pick up an *unassigned* box and register the envelope number with the parish office.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, THE ENVELOPE NUMBER MAY HAVE BEEN RE-ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER PARISHIONER.**

*Thank you to all our volunteers who arranged and prepared all the offertory envelopes!*

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup>.



The office will re-open on **Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**. Daily Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will be closed again on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

Daily Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

The office will be open on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**

**CHARITY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE  
December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

On the last Sunday of every month, we ask for donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations to purchase food vouchers. This is a much needed service to assist families in need within our parish boundary and community. All food donations are given to St. Louise Outreach.



*Thank you for your support of this important work!*



The most profound instructions for a life filled with God are so simple! Saint Paul says to rejoice always, be grateful always, and pray always. Avoid what is wrong.

Yet we skip over these simple teachings. We choose to focus on our miseries instead of God's goodness and love. We'd rather gripe than rejoice. We may even think it is naïve to be glad about life and to enjoy our days! We'd rather be annoyed with the weather than welcome the dawn with delighted interest in the new day.

Each day is God's gift, is it not? We *can* choose gratitude. Gratitude always brings rejoicing with it. It has been said that when we know gratitude, we live in ecstasy. If we have complained for many years, we can begin to change that. Now, sitting in this church pew, we can find things we appreciate and express our thanks to God for each other.

What better kind of unceasing prayer that constant thanksgiving to God? Quickly these three practices can become one: joy and gratitude go together, and they naturally express themselves in prayer. We need only a heart so filled with joyful thanksgiving that we are aware of God all the time. Then the fourth suggestion is no challenge at all. *Of course* we will avoid evil if our thought and feelings are full of God's presence. Simple indeed! Do we want live like this? If so, begin now.

*~Marilyn Gustin*



## THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

### MANGER, NATIVITY SCENE or CRÉCHE

*What is it?* A depiction of the scene of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

*Did you know?* St. Francis of Assisi made the Christmas crib popular and turned it into familiar part of part of Christian homes around the world. He presented a Bethlehem scene with live animals on Christmas Eve in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. “I wish to recall to memory the little child in Bethlehem. I want to set before our bodily eyes the hardship of his infant needs, how he lay in the manger, how with an ox and ass standing y, he lay up on the hay.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi

The preparation of the Nativity scene at home is a wonderful opportunity for family prayer.

1. Include a reading from St. Luke’s account of the birth of Christ.

I. Our Saviour is coming, Luke 1:28-33

II. Bethlehem, Luke 2:1-5

III. Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:6-7

IV. The Shepherds & Angels, Luke 2:8-20

2. Sing an Advent hymn or a Christmas carol

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Joyful and triumphant,*

*O come ye, O come ye*

*to Bethlehem*

*Come and behold Him,*

*Born the King od Angels*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*Christ the Lord!*

3. Say prayers of petition and praise

*Let us praise our Lord*

*Jesus Christ, the Saviour*

*of the world, who was born*

*for our salvation.*

*Glory to God in the highest!*



<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 12 Midnight
<b>Christmas Day</b> Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> (Office closed)	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
<b>Boxing Day</b> Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup> (Office closed)	10:00 a.m.
<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Saturday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> (Holy Day of Obligation) Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> (Holy Day of Obligation) January 1, 2018 (Office closed)	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
<b>Daily Mass</b> January 2, 2018 (Office closed)	10:00 a.m.





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