



St. Jerome's Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday, - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch daily, 12-1 p.m.)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Between the Mass times, not during Mass)

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Saturday: 9:10 a.m.

Friday: 7 p.m. (Holy Hour at 6 p.m.)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 6:10 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. James Cherickal

Associate Pastor: Fr. Prem Addagatla, M.Ss.Cc.

In Residence: Fr. Phong Nguyen

Deacon: Mr. Norberto Aquino

Office Manager: Rocelyn Esposito

Youth Minister: Perla Sayah

Volunteer Sacramental Coord.: Donna Shotwell

Parish Elementary Schools

Our Lady of Peace, 15 Fincham Dr. 905-452-7010

Pauline Vanier, 56 Oaklea Blvd. 905-455-1001

St. Alphonsa, 60 Olivia Marie Rd. 905-456-1403

St. Brigid, 81 Torrance Woods 905-454-0316

St. Jacinta Marto, 40 Fallowfield Rd. 905-366-5732

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, 75 Jordenson Dr. 905-497-6888

St. Joseph, 8 Parkway Ave. 905-451-8501

St. Monica, 60 Sterritt Dr. 905-454-6346

Parish Secondary Schools

St. Augustine, 27 Drinkwater Rd. 905-450-9993

St. Roch, 200 Valleyway Dr. 905-456-8543

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place on Sundays, twice a month. Parents must participate in a preparation class before setting a date for their child's baptism. A baptismal registration form is available at the parish office on Sunday. Parents must be registered parishioners.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact one of the priests at least one year in advance. A date for the wedding will be set at the couple's first interview with the priest. A marriage course is required. For more information call the parish office.

FUNERALS

Please contact the church before making plans with the Funeral home.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourselves to the priests after Mass and fill out our parish registration form and pick up a box of offertory envelopes. We are a vibrant community of faith and we hope you will feel a part of our parish family.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing from last week's message, I invite you to reflect on the theme of this note as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord this weekend. Jesus's baptism marked the time of



His entry into His Mission. This year 2025 is going to be a significant year in the life of the Church and our parish. Joining Pope Francis in this Jubilee year we journey together as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This is also going to be a year of discernment regarding our renewed mission. In this process, we need to assess our strengths and weaknesses, our pastoral goals and aspirations, our priorities and possibilities.

Our parish serves eight elementary schools and two high schools. How can we better share Christ's message with the families of these schools? How can we listen to their concerns, especially those families and young people who may feel disconnected from the church? Many in our community are grieving the loss of loved ones and may not know how to cope. Should we consider offering bereavement ministry?

The cultural diversity of our community is so rich and beautiful; but how can we channel this strength for the work of evangelization? What can we do to help integrate the newly immigrating families and individuals to have a sense of welcome in our parish? What support can we offer to them in these initial struggling years while looking for job, Canadian experience, or emergency landing support? How can we bring *Hope as pilgrims of faith* as we journey together to Christ?

Along with these exciting opportunities, we are also facing some challenges that requires immediate attention. Our youth ministry and sacramental preparation programs are making great progress, but we need more meeting space to accommodate their expanding needs, as well as the needs of other groups and organizations. These are just a few of the important questions we must consider as we move forward. Attached are pictures showing damage to the roof and leaks that have been ongoing. Two roofing companies have attempted repairs, but our building committee has confirmed that the roof has reached the end of its lifespan and cannot be fixed with temporary solutions. The building committee has hired an architectural firm to assess our building, and their report is expected in February. Once available, the committee will review the report and present it to the parish for discernment. This will be an important time for us to decide where we are and where we want to be.

As we move through this process, it is crucial that we hear from you, the people of God. Your prayerful inputs

are essential for the future of our parish. As I often remind you, "Priests come, serve, and leave, but you are the ones who will remain – This is your parish." As you know, I am not an expert in these matters. Your advance knowledge and expertise will be beneficial and crucial to develop sustainable plans for our parish. I hope many of you will step forward as engaged parishioners to pray, plan, and discern both the pastoral and temporal needs of the parish, setting a vision for its future.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to share my thoughts on similar themes. In the meantime, I welcome any suggestions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me—I genuinely appreciate your input.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Cherickal
Pastor





M A S S
intentions

January 13th – 18th

Monday, 9:10 a.m.

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

Thanksgiving – Felisa Caburian

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.

Thursday, 9:10 a.m.

† Dorne Wilson

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

Friday, 7 p.m.

† Michael Miklausic

† Charles Uy

Saturday, 9:10 a.m.

† Anthony Colangelo

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



On **Sunday, February 2nd**, at **all the Sunday Masses** we will be celebrating the *Feast Day of the Presentation of The Lord*. Families can purchase the candle in the gathering space the weekends of January 11th/12th and 18th/19th, the cost of each candle is **\$5** (2 candles/box).

Parishioner will need to bring their candles to Mass on **Sunday, February 2nd** and the candles will be blessed and lite during the Profession of Fatih.

BLESSING OF THE THROAT MASS

St. Blaise Feast Day



Please join us on **Monday, February 3rd** for the blessing of throats at the **9:10 a.m. Mass** as we celebrate the Feast day of St. Blaise.

2025 MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass Intention requests at St. Jerome's can be taken over the phone or via email. Please check with the office in advance to ensure the date you request is available. Mass intentions (maximum 2 names) are offered at the Daily Mass on:



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (9:10 a.m.): Single Mass intention only

Wednesday & Friday (9:10 a.m.): Max. 5 Mass intentions

Friday evening (7:00 p.m. Mass): Max. 10 Mass intentions

Once the date is confirmed and the Mass intention recorded, you can drop off the donation, cash or cheque in an envelope *labelled* with the date and name of the intention being offered, your name and telephone in the locked mailbox at the entrance of the church or directly to the parish office. The Archdiocese of Toronto has suggested Mass Intention donations at \$20 for each date.

JANUAYR COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday, January 15th, after the morning Mass



We will gather for coffee, baked goods and fellowship in the parish hall after the morning Mass on **January 15th**.

The coffee and refreshments will be provided by Pimentel Property Maintenance Ltd., to say "thank you" to all our parishioners.

All are welcome!



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