

# 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

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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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I first arrived at St. Jerome Parish last June, one of the recurring questions I received from Fr. Prem

was, “Are you considering changing the Mass schedule, particularly by introducing an evening Mass on Sundays and weekdays?” My consistent response was, “It is too early for me to make any such decisions; let me first get to know the community.” It is possible that Fr. Prem was reflecting the concerns of some parishioners. However, as the incoming pastor, it was my responsibility to first understand the parish and discern the needs of the community before making any decisions.

It is also important to recognize that we are an immigrant community, with hundreds of newcomers arriving constantly seeking new jobs, housing, and settling in according to opportunities and financial capabilities. As a Church, our mission must be to provide access to the sacraments and offer understanding and support to these families and individuals.

As I reflect on my first six months here and observe modest growth in both church attendance and involvement in various ministries, I believe it is now time to make some positive changes regarding the requests that have been raised. It is also worth noting that many of you expressed similar suggestions in our parish need assessment survey.

I am deeply grateful to all the youth and young adults who have signed up as Lectors, as well as to the adults engaged in various ministries such as faith formation, liturgical decoration, the bereavement ministry, sacristans, and all other pre-existing ministries. Your dedication to service has been inspiring.

Currently, on Sundays, we offer only three Masses, with one hour in between each. This schedule provides enough time for a peaceful entry and exit from the parking lot. Therefore, the request for an evening Mass on Sunday seems reasonable, particularly for those who are unable to attend due to work or travel commitments. Additionally, this change will be beneficial for many in our area, as there are currently no evening Masses in neighboring parishes.

In light of this, I have discussed this matter with our regional bishop, Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri, and I am pleased to announce that he has approved our request to introduce an evening Mass on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. This Mass will begin on Sunday, May 4th, 2025. As this is an additional Mass, we will need assistance from all liturgical ministries to ensure its smooth operation. I encourage all ministry leaders to consider this a missionary outreach to those who are unable to attend the Sunday Eucharist, and

to support the efforts required to ensure the success of this new Mass time.

Regarding the suggestion for a weekday evening Mass, I am still discerning this request. Before committing to two daily Masses, it is important to assess both the community's need and the availability of human resources. We serve eight elementary schools and two high schools within the parish boundaries, where we offer Masses and confessions, in addition to caring for three nursing homes within our parish. Therefore, I need to evaluate whether we can establish a sustainable weekday Mass schedule and determine how essential this request is.

That being said, in light of the spiritual emphasis of Lent, we will offer daily evening Masses during Lent. This experience will help us in discerning whether a regular weekday evening Mass is a viable option for the future.

I hope this update helps us all to better understand our common mission and the challenges we face together. There is much planning and preparation to be done as we approach the introduction of the Sunday evening Mass in May. Please keep all those involved in this endeavor in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Cherickal  
Pastor

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 † Anthony DeMosani

**Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 † Dorne Wilson

**Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 Thanksgiving – John Ray  
 Thanksgiving – Jayceon Pinnock & Family

**Thursday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 Thanksgiving – Christine Pinnock & Family

**Friday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 Thanksgiving – Jayvion Pinnock & Family

**Friday, 7 p.m.**  
 † Michael Miklausic  
 † Charles Uy

**Saturday, 9:10 a.m.**  
 † Shervanthi Rajah



### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, the cost of each candle is \$5 (2 candles/box).

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



### BLESSING OF THE THROAT MASS

#### St. Blaise Feast Day

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



### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**February 11, 2025, 7 p.m.**

On the February 11<sup>th</sup> on the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will have a special evening Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. If you wish to attend this Mass but are not able to drive, please contact the parish office and a volunteer from the Knights of Columbus will provide transportation to the Church.



### DECORATION MINISTRY

#### Volunteers needed

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Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. James.

### 2025 JUBILEE OF YOUTH 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from **July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Please contact

[youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org) to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Events and Program Coordinator, Amanda Pereira at [avperiera@archtoronto.org](mailto:avperiera@archtoronto.org).



### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The annual Archdiocesan training for Bereavement Ministry training will be offered online on **Thursdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2025 from 7 p.m. to 8:30**



**p.m.** This training is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Capacity is limited, please register early.

**REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2025> by February 18, 2025.

**CONTACT:** Saulina Amaral, [samaral@archtoronto.org](mailto:samaral@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3400 ext. 518

### CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF JUBILEE & ELEVATION OF CARDINAL LEO

#### Regional Eucharistic Celebrations with Cardinal Leo & Auxiliary Bishops



All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto in the coming days.

There will be two groups of Masses – one Mass in each of the four regions of the archdiocese will launch the Jubilee Year and also provide an opportunity to give

thanks for the elevation of Frank Cardinal Leo to the College of Cardinals. At these Eucharistic celebrations, Cardinal Leo will preside. Other celebrations will take place at the remaining pilgrim churches in each of the four regions of the archdiocese to launch the Jubilee Year. At these Eucharistic celebrations, the Auxiliary Bishop with pastoral responsibility for the region will preside.

Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered at least one hour prior to all celebrations noted below – all Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrations in the Western Region will take place as follows:  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2025** - St. Mary's Parish, Brampton (Cardinal Leo to preside)

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025** – Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke (Bishop Camilleri to preside)



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