

St. Jerome's Parish

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. *(closed for lunch, 12 - 1 p.m.)* Sunday: 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(Between the Mass times, not during Mass)

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. Wednesday & Friday: 7 p.m.

Confession

Monday to Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Wednesday & Friday: 6:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. No confession on weekends and major feast days.

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. Would you like to join any ministry? Please contact the ministry you are interested in.

Sacrament of Baptism

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, for a minimum of six months, using offertory envelopes.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact one of the priests at least one year in advance. One must be a registered parishioner, using offertory envelopes. 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.

Funeral

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

RCIA

The RCIA program, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process designed for adults who wish to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). It is a 9-month program – beginning in September and culminating at the Easter Vigil – designed to teach interested candidates what Catholics believe, how Catholics practice their faith, and what it means to be Catholic.

Candidates meet weekly for lectures and journey along other candidates, mature Catholics who act as mentors, and the program teachers. Interested candidates, please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministries

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Hospitality/Ushers
Lectors stjeromeslectors@gmail.com

Sacristans

Parish Ministries

Children's Liturgy Decoration Ministry sj.decorationsministry8530@gmail.com Martha's Ministry sjmarthaministry@gmail.com Ministers of Care sjc.pcnursinghomes@gmail.com Mothers & Toddlers **TBD** RCIAsjp8530@gmail.com **RCIA** Rosary Apostolates **TBD** St. Jerome's Cave **TBD** St. Jerome's Guild TBD Youth Ministry st.jerome.youthministry@archtoronto.org

Catholic Organizations

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Knights of Columbus 7394@ontariokofc.ca
Legion of Mary TBD
Rosary Apostolates therosaryapostolate8530@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul ssvpstjerome@gmail.com

Parish Committees

Building Advisory Committee
Decoration Committee
Finance Committee
Parish Picnic Committee
Volunteer Screening Committee

Parish Elementary Schools

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

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

 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

Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline: 365-987-4162

(Must reside within the parish boundaries)

Mass Intentions September 7th – 13th

Sunday, 8 a.m. † Claro Inton

Sunday, 12 p.m. Tks. – Philomena Gill

Sunday, 6 p.m. † Juanita Lagason

Monday, 9 a.m. Tks. – To Our Blessed Mother for Prayers Answered

Tuesday, 9 a.m. † Lydia Suarez

Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Sp. Int. – Family & Friends
Celebrating Birthdays in
September

Thursday, 9 a.m. † Ivan Miranda

Friday, 9 a.m. Sp. Int.- John

Friday, 7 p.m.
† Igor Thomas Cacic
† Msgr. Terrance
D'Souza

Saturday, 9 a.m. Sp. Int. – Ryan & Venus Fernandes & Family

Saturday, 5 p.m.
† Vincent Gomez

Please Pray for our Sick:
Phil Bawden, John Bozek,
Valentine Gonsalves,
Theresa & Rubeena Khan,
Pushpa Macwan, Juliette
& Eddie Martins, Jayce
Persaud, Letcica Reyes,
Zarina Rose, and
Margaret Shebib

Parish Life



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ouring the papacy of Pope Francis, he has often spoken about the beauty of a Church that is "walking together." Through his words and example, he invites us to be a Christ-centered and missionary Church. St. Paul, in his Letter to the

Ephesians (4:11–12), gives us this vision when he says: "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip God's people for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ."

To become such a living, vibrant faith community, we are called to be intentional Catholics—disciples who live our faith with purpose. At St. Jerome's, I am deeply grateful for the many men and women who already live this calling so beautifully. Your involvement in parish ministries and organizations makes our parish family a place where people feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

At the same time, our ministry leaders remind me often that they need more helping hands. The words of Jesus come to mind: "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve" (Mt 20:28). When we take these words to heart, we discover the joy that comes from serving others with the gifts God has given us.

So today, I extend a warm invitation to everyone—children, and youth, adults, and seniors—who may not yet be involved in a ministry. Please consider stepping forward. Our **Ministry Harvest**, on the weekend of **September 27**th & 28th, will be a wonderful chance to explore where you might share your time and talents. Walk around, visit the booths, talk with our ministry leaders, and take a moment to discern where the Lord may be calling you.

Remember, dear friends: There is joy in giving, and we give where we belong. Together, let us keep walking with Christ and building up our parish family in love.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Cherickal

ST JEROME'S FEAST DAY September 30th at 7 p.m.

All are invited to attend the St. Jerome's Feast Day Mass on Tuesday, September 30th at 7 p.m. We invite all parishioners to come dressed in your traditional/culture dress to display the beauty and joy of our great cultural mosaic. Prayers will be said in multinational languages as well. A reception will follow in the hall after the Mass. Please bring your cultural food/dish or baked good to share at the reception.

SHARELIFE: FROM THE HEART OF THE CHURCH – FOOD SECURITY GRANTS TO FIGHT HUNGER

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,00 in Food Security Grants for 2025—building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024.

Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. We have currently raised \$32,395.30 towards our suggested goal of \$67,000 Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!

CARDINAL LEO ENCOURAGES YOU TO REACH OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR IN NEED

"We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggles just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live in it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold." Please give generously and whole heartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

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MINISTRY HARVEST

Weekend of September 27th & 28th

St. Jerome's is inviting all our parishioners to our first Ministry Harvest weekend on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th, after all the Masses in the parish hall.

A strong faith community builds the Church's foundation. It requires our brothers and sisters in faith to give of their time and talent. Ministry Leaders will be available to answer your questions on how to volunteer for the following:



- Altar Servers
- Baptism Preparation
- Bereavement
- Children's Liturgy
- Decoration Ministry
- Funeral Mass Assistance
- Hospitality/Ushers
- Lectors
- Martha's Ministry
- Ministers of Care
- Mothers & Toddlers
- RCIA
- Sacristans
- St. Jerome's Cave
- St. Jerome's Guild
- Youth Ministry

Catholic Organizations

- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Legion of Mary
- Rosary Apostolates
- St. Vincent de Paul



2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Parents who have a child in grade 2 will receive a letter from St. Jerome's Parish through the parish schools. The letter outlines the necessary process for your child's preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion. Online registration and program fee is **now open** on the parish website. All parents must attend the Parent Information Session in October. More information will be provided.

Online Registration closes on Wednesday September 17th, 2025



2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Parents who have a child in grade 7 will receive a letter from St. Jerome's Parish through the parish schools. The letter outlines the necessary process for your child's preparation for Confirmation.

Online registration and program fee will open on Thursday September 18th, 2025 on the parish website.

All <u>parents and confirmation students</u> must attend the Parent Information Session in October. More information will be provided.

Online Registration closes on Wednesday October 1st, 2025

BAPTISMAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Jerome's Parish is establishing a new Baptismal Ministry to assist in welcoming our newest members to our Catholic community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with a short preparation session for parents and to support activities at the Baptisms. Baptismal Ministry team members can expect to participate once every 2-3 months. For more information on joining this beautiful ministry, please contact the parish office.



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOTHER

Monday, September 8th at 7 p.m.

Let us rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Blessed Mother, Mary! We will have a solemn Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother on **Monday**, **September 8**th at **7.00 p.m**. Rev. Fr. Favian Almao will be the main celebrant and homilist.

The Church honors this special day with joy, recognizing Mary's immaculate nature and her role as the mother of God and our heavenly mother. Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25th), the Nativity of His Forerunner, John the Baptist (June

24th), and the Nativity of His Mother on September 8th.

All are welcome



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