

St. Jerome Catholic Church

December 20, 2020

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Celebrations

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses— Main Sanctuary

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am (both Livestreamed)
Sunday 5:00 pm

Weekday Services— Main Sanctuary (all are Livestreamed)

Tues.— Mass 5:30pm
Wed.— Mass 8:30am
Thurs.— Mass 5:30pm
Friday — Mass 12:15pm

Holiday Masses— See Bulletin or Website

Sacraments and Prayer

Baptism Preparation classes—Please call the office

Reconciliation Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm during Adoration
Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Marriage Contact Father James at least six months in advance.

Rosary— Third Sunday of the Month, 7:50am before 8:30am Mass.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy — Second Sunday of the month
8:00am & 10:30am before morning Masses

Parish Staff

Rae Carter, Greg George, Ray Jones, Don Moore, *Deacons*
Bernice Helpert, *Coordinator of Worship*
Christine Moore, *Director of Religious Education*
Whitney Godfrey, *Director of Youth Ministry*
John Lysaght, *Director of Evangelization & Communications*
Liz Rogers, *Music Director*
Carl London, *Operations Manager*
Dalene London, *Pastoral Council Chair*
Richard Grandy, *Finance Committee Chair*

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Friday. Submissions can be sent to dec@stjeromewaco.org. Submissions will appear for 2 weeks.

St. Jerome LIFETEEN/Youth Group: email stlifeteen@stjeromewaco.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 830am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4pm

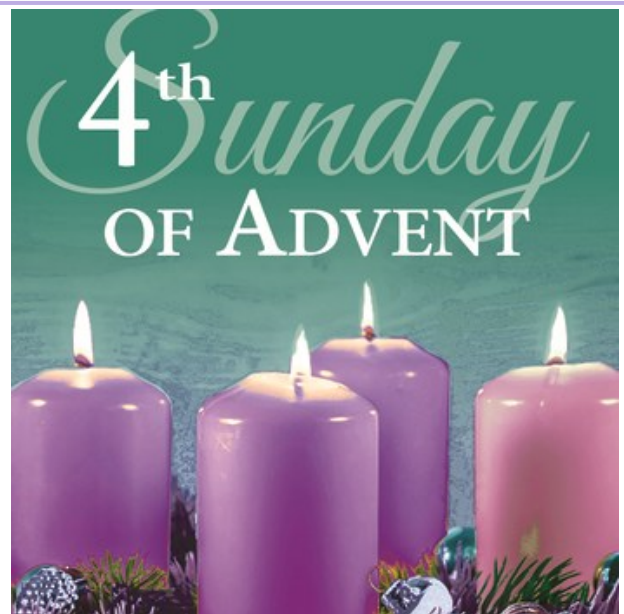
Connect with St. Jerome online!



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www.stjeromewaco.org



Our Vision

To experience Christ's love and saving presence in our local community.

Parish Office Staff

Rev. James Ekeocha, *Pastor*
Mark Falsone, *Bookkeeper*
Louie Leanos, *Secretary*, email at secretary@stjeromewaco.org for general information.

Pastoral Council pastoralcouncil@stjeromewaco.org

Tim Asyn	Pedro Reyes
Holly Bennett	Amy Rhoades
Julie Erzen	Ed Rogers
Kyle Lewie	Richard Sanchez
Dalene London	

Parish Leadership Team

Raymond Curtice	Deacon Greg George
Angela Daly	Emily Hunter
Mark Falsone	Linda Smith
John Lysaght	



Saturday, 5:00pm	†	December 19, 2020 Leon Andrus
Sunday, 8:30am		December 20, 2020 For the People
11:00am	†	Harry Treese
5:00pm	†	Betty Strom
Tuesday, 5:30pm	†	December 22, 2020 Sam Hurst
Wednesday, 8:00am	†	December 23, 2020 Bob O'Beirne
Thursday, 4:00pm	†	December 24, 2020 Joan Jasek
7:00pm	†	Carol Friedman
Midnight		Sr. Mary Breen
Friday, 9:00am	†	December 25, 2020 Vincent Hapeman
Noon		For the People
Saturday 5:00pm	†	December 26, 2020 Dr. George F. Nixon Jr.
Sunday, 8:30am	†	December 27, 2020 George Bavelka
11:00am	†	Gina Rovedo-Marra
5:00pm		No Mass

SICK IN OUR PARISH

Pamela Barron, Eileen Benson, Bob & Mary Behrens, Debbie Braswell, Rob Chapman, Michael & Lori DiDonato, Julie Erzen, Jacky Fortenberry, Faith Fortenberry, Denne Freeman, Alice Gallagher, Mike & Ann Marie Hillman, Deacon Ray Jones, James Kreder, Carl & Billie Kathryn Kuhnle, Maggie Kruger, Ray Lyons, Dan McCloud, Linda McDorman, Michael Moore, Kaisley Noelle Moss, Jean Pedrotti, MaryAnn Prochaska, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Jennifer Salisbury, Betsy Schwager, Elly Smallwood, Karen Stansberry, Melissa Reicher

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 1

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

OFFERTORY & GIFT COLLECTION

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Budgeted Goal	16,096	32,192	386,304
Actual Collection	15,571	33,366	354,481
Surplus/(Deficit)	(525)	1,174	(31,823)

Thank you for your generous support of St. Jerome Catholic Church

May God bless you, Fr. James

Important Dates

December 20 (Sun) —Evening of Reflection with Deacon Ralph Poyo at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

December 19/20 — Second Collection — Christmas Flowers

December 24th (Thurs.)— Children's Christmas Play at 3:30pm

December 25th (Fri.)— Outdoor Shepard's Mass at the Grotto at Noon, Weather Permitting. More info on facebook and website.

Women's Society Cookbooks

Need a last minute Christmas Gift? We have the perfect solution! The Women's Society Cookbook!, with so many delicious recipes and at the great price of \$12. Contact Glenda Ruiz (254-732-2404), Christie Talbert (361-293-1248) or email us at womens-society@stjeromewaco.org.

Pastoral Council News

"Happy Birthday Jesus" Drive-by— Drive on by St. Jerome on January 3rd, 2021 in front of the Mother Teresa Center at 4:00pm to wish Jesus a Happy Birthday with St. Jerome's own "3 wise men"! Kids are encouraged to make birthday cards for Jesus and Adults can bring an optional non-perishable food donation or baby item. All collected food will go to Central Texas Food Bank and Baby Items will go to CareNet. More info to follow on the Parish Facebook Page.

Pastoral Council Discernment— Would you or someone you know in the Parish like to join our Council? We are looking for 3 new members to join for a 3 year term! Now is the time to prayerfully consider whom you would like to nominate. Qualified candidates should be at least 18 years old, an active member of the parish for 1 year and Baptized. Details on the process will follow in the coming weeks. Look on the Parish Facebook and website for more information.

Deacon Ralph Poyo Evening of Reflection-

Come join us on December 20th at 7pm for a night of reflection and prayer right before we enter the Christmas Holidays! Deacon Ralph Poyo is an internationally known speaker, author and founder of New Evangelization Ministries, an apostolate dedicated to assisting individuals, churches and dioceses in creating means of effective evangelization. Before this, Poyo spent 23 years as a Youth Minister and Faith Formation Director. Deacon Ralph has also graciously offered to deliver all the homilies at Masses this weekend.



To stay vigilant with our commitment to the Parish in terms of hygiene in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will ask everyone to exit the Main church after the 5pm Sunday Mass, wait in either the Narthex, West entrance or Jordan Hall as we sanitize the church, then have everyone take their seats for his talk. All ages are welcomed to attend this encouraging and powerful event!

Christmas Mass Schedule-

Christmas Eve— 4pm (preceded by Children's Play at 3:30) 7pm (livestreamed on Facebook) Midnight Mass (with carols)

Christmas Day— 9am (livestreamed on Facebook) Noon Shepard's Mass (Weather Permitting)

**note: Daily Mass will be held on the 22nd and 23rd at their normal times. Adoration and Confession will be from 6-7pm on Wed. the 23rd.*

"Tree of Warmth" Drive— The Confirmation class of 2021 will be collecting blankets, winter clothes and warm clothing for local homeless and low income individuals in Waco. If you would like to contribute, please collect and bring new or gently used items (all items must be washed prior to donating). These items will be placed under the Christmas tree in church. Dark colors and adult sizes are most needed. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office. Thank You for giving!



- † God Bless Pope Francis;
- † God Bless Bishop Joe Vasquez;
- † Prayers for the Catholic Church & leaders;
- † God Bless our Pastor, Fr. James, our Deacons and staff;
- † Prayers for our country, president & leaders;
- † Prayers for all the souls in purgatory;
- † Prayers to end abortion;
- † Prayers for all those suffering from Covid-19, our Healthcare workers, doctors and Emergency First responders.
- † C., Faith
- † Thank you, St. Theresa, St. Jude & Blessed Mother for answered prayers;
- † Peace and Comfort for Dennis and Adeline, Jerry and Debbie with the passing of Mary
- † My family and Successful family business
- † R.I.P. Harry Treese. Healing for Lauri T., Lori S. Kidney for Dustin J. repose of the souls of Ruth & Tim P.
- † Repose of the Soul of Mary Clark
- † Prayers for Healing for Angela and Raymond
- † Tom R. & Wife— Recover from Covid. Vincent R., Recover from Stroke.
- † Daughter— Organization
- † Family— Spirituality
- † My Children to be Safe and Happy.
- † Special Intention, my daughters, husband's health, parents well-being, job, finances.

2021 Collection Envelopes are in— Parish Giving Envelopes have come in for the new year. They will be available this weekend in the West End of church. They are organized by ID Number and an Alphabetically list of all the names of Individuals and Families will be attached. **Please** be careful to take the correct box! If you use online giving, please contact the Office. Thank you for your Generosity!