

# St. Jerome Catholic Church

## December 27, 2020

9820 Chapel Road, Waco, Texas 76712 • Church Office 666-7722 • Fax 666-4848 • Brooks Hall 666-6222 • CCE Office 666-6222

### 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

#### 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

**St. Jerome Columbarium:** Contact Bobby Jetelina at [bobby.jetelina@grandecom.net](mailto:bobby.jetelina@grandecom.net) for more information.

#### 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](mailto:dec@stjeromewaco.org). Submissions will appear for at least 2 weeks.

**St. Jerome LIFETEEN/Youth Group:** email [stlifeteen@stjeromewaco.org](mailto:stlifeteen@stjeromewaco.org)

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

**Connect with St. Jerome online!**

@stjeromewaco



[www.stjeromewaco.org](http://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](mailto:secretary@stjeromewaco.org) for general information.

**Pastoral Council** [pastoralcouncil@stjeromewaco.org](mailto: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    |                    |



|   |        |   |
|---|--------|---|
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:00pm                    | †      | <b>December 26, 2020</b><br>Dr. George F. Nixon Jr.                               |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:30am<br>11:00am<br>5:00pm | †<br>† | <b>December 27, 2020</b><br>George Bavelka<br>Gina Rovedo-Marra<br>For the People |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>5:30pm                     | †      | <b>December 29, 2020</b><br>Jan Rurnzen   |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>8:00am                   |        | <b>December 30, 2020</b><br>Raymond and Stephanie<br>Curtice                      |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>6:00pm                    | †      | <b>December 31, 2020</b><br>Paul Straka   |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>9:00am                      |        | <b>January 1, 2021</b><br>For the People  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00pm                     | †      | <b>January 2, 2021</b><br>Marcus Compton  |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>8:30am<br>11:00am<br>5:00pm | †<br>† | <b>January 3, 2021</b><br>Bert Graham<br>Joe Gough<br>For the People              |

*The Sanctuary Candle is burning  
this week for Bob Ryan*

**SICK IN OUR PARISH**

Pamela Barron, Eileen Bentsen, 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, Linda McDorman, Michael Moore, Kaisley Noelle Moss, Jean Pedrotti, MaryAnn Prochaska, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Jennifer Salisbury, Betsy Schwager, Elly Smallwood, Melissa Reicher

**Readings for the week of December 27, 2020**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17- 19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8/ Ga 4:4 -7/ Lk 2: 16-21  
**Saturday:** 1Jn 2:22-28/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

**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           | 48,288               | 402,400            |
| Actual Collection | 13,114           | 46,480               | 367,594            |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (2,982)          | (1,808)              | (34,806)           |

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

*May God bless you, Fr. James*

## Important Dates

December 28th-January 2nd: Parish Office **Closed** to the public.

December 30th (Wed)– Confessions and Adoration at 6pm, per usual

December 31st (Thurs) – 6pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation

January 3rd (Sun) Happy Birthday Jesus Drive-by at 4pm MTC

**Respect Life Update-** Due to Covid, the Diocesan Baby Bank Campaign was postponed from October and will be held from the feast of the Holy Family through the last weekend of March, after the Annunciation. Baby bank boxes will not be utilized but you may donate on the St Jerome online giving site or mail or drop off you donation at the Church office between December 26/27 through March 27/28. The Campaign helps foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life and your donation is much appreciated. For More information, please contact Joann Wiese at [jwiese@hotmail.com](mailto:jwiese@hotmail.com).

## 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**—The Pastoral Council discernment process will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. In preparation for discernment, please begin to pray and reflect on the parish members that you would recommend to serve on the Pastoral Council. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the discernment process. We ask you to identify and recommend candidates in good standing with the Church and have been active parishioners for at least one year that you believe would be excellent and responsible council members. You can nominate others or yourself. There will be three new PC members discerned as three current members will be rotating off. There will be nomination forms and more info to follow in the coming weeks. For any questions, you can talk with any pastoral council member or call Dalene London at 254.744.6263. Thank you!

**2021 Collection Envelopes**– there are still several boxes of Gift Envelopes for the coming year unclaimed over by the west entrance of church. Please find your name on the list which will give you your ID number. Liturgical calendars are also available. If you give online, call the Parish Office for more information.

**Please note:** The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** to the public from December 28th till January 2nd. Please plan accordingly.

**Audio/Visual Work completed**– A big THANK YOU to Azbells Electronics for all their hard work to construct a new look to our church in terms of Audio-Visual capabilities! We now have 2 15-foot long screens as well as Laser Projectors to be able to show lettering and words during Mass, Adoration and other services without the use of paper. We also are receiving an upgraded soundboard to improve the quality of sound and Music we hear in St. Jerome’s. And, we want to extend an even bigger thank you to all those who donated their knowledge, time and treasure to make this system a reality. We will use this system well!



- † God Bless Pope Francis;
- † God Bless Bishop Joe Vasquez;
- † God Bless our Pastor, Fr. James, our Deacons and staff;
- † Prayers for our country, president & leaders;
- † Prayers of gratitude for all my blessings, especially my son, Ethan;
- † Prayers for all the souls in purgatory;
- † Prayers to end abortion;
- † Prayers for the Catholic Church & leaders;
- † Prayers for all those affected by Covid-19, those afflicted, their caregivers and doctors, first responders and loved ones.
- † Special Intention, my daughters, husband’s health, parents well-being, my job, depression.
- † Healing for my daughter
- † My friend Trisha’s Husband.
- † Healing for Ruth Ann– Pat, Mae and Barbara. DAVID– healing and cancer free.
- † Mom’s battle with RA– for her pain to ease and be more bearable
- † Repose of the souls of Earl Ray Taylor and Charles Bellville.
- † Prayers of gratitude for all my blessings, especially my son Ethan.
- † Blessings for my family, safety and well being of daughters, special intentions.
- † Successful Surgery for Bill.
- † Son Nick and Alannah... good health, faith, happiness.
- † Prayers of healing for Kathy, Andrew, Richard, Uncle Eddie and All peoples dealing with Cancer.
- † E, C, and anyone suffering from Mental Illness.
- † Peace and Comfort for my elderly parents as their health declines.
- † R.I.P. Harry Treese. Healing for Lauri T., Lori S. Kidney for Dustin J. repose of the souls of Ruth & Tim P
- † Thank You for Answered Prayers!