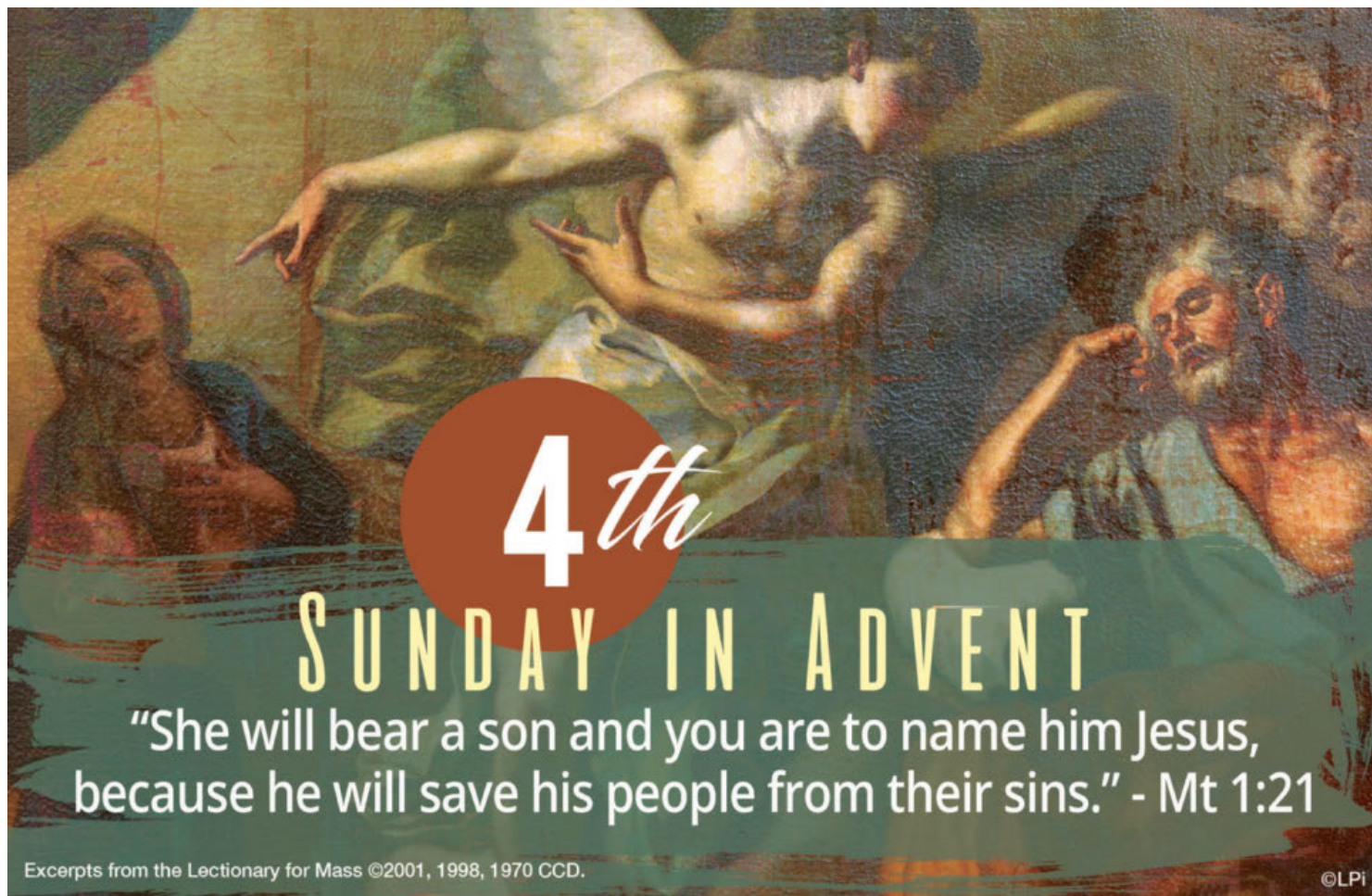




ST. JEROME

CATHOLIC CHURCH | DECEMBER 18, 2022



SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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Parish office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Weekend Masses

Saturday - 5:00pm (Rosary 4:25pm)
Sunday - 8:30 am, 11:00 am (Livestream), 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 pm, Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 5:30 pm, Friday - 12:15 pm
First Saturday - 7:00 am

Reconciliation

Wednesday - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday - 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Adoration

Wednesday - 5:00 pm-7:00 - Sanctuary

SPIRITUAL LIFE

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, READINGS AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

5:00 pm Lance Willenborg

Sunday, December 18

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

8:30 am † Mary Clark

11:00 am For the People

5:00 pm † Gail Duffin

Monday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

5:30 pm † Ian Dawson

Wednesday, December 21

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

8:30 am † Len Gano

Thursday, December 22

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

5:30 pm † Alice Gallagher

Friday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

12:15 pm † Bob O'Beirne

Saturday, December 24

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79, 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/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

4:00 pm For the People

7:00 pm † Mary Chapman

Sunday, December 25

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00 am † Sister Mary Elaine Breen

9:00 am Theresa Bilski Carter

2:00 pm For the People

IN OUR PRAYERS

Mary Acton, Eileen Bentsen, Elizabeth Berger, Debbie Braswell, Helena Bravo, Frank Burns, Deacon Rae Carter, Paulette Caldwell, Rob Chapman, Michael & Lori Di Donato, Donna Fitzpatrick, Connie French, Jacky Fortenberry, Faith Fortenberry, Denne Freeman, Mark Henry, Mike & Ann Marie Hillman, Janet Jenkins, Deacon Ray Jones, Carl Kuhnle, Maggie Kruger, Ray Lyons, Linda McDorman, Marilyn Michalka, Michael Moore, Kaisley Noelle Moss, Melissa Reicher, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Kallie Roy, Kathy S., Betsy Schwager, Elly Smallwood

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Saints and Popes have frequently encouraged Catholics to grow in holiness through regular spiritual direction. Spiritual Directors in our parish have undergone years of special training, are approved by the Diocese of Austin, and are available to meet with you. Our parish spiritual directors are Deacon Rae Carter, Joan Gawrych, JoAnn Greenwood, Rhagan Hyypio Nuñez, Marcia Morrissey, Bill Moyer, Rose Moyer, and Mike Smith. Contact them individually or send an email to: spiritualdirection@stjeromewaco.org.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

If you want to join a group, please call the Parish office at (254) 666-7722.

ADULT FAITH

Scripture Study

Fall Scripture Study is held every Wednesday, in A&J Hall, from 7 - 8:30 pm. Classes are also available via Zoom. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Greg George at retchap13@gmail.com or phone 254-424-3061

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Are you an adult needing a Sacrament(s)?
Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
Faith? Join our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
Contact: Bill Moyer 254-722-8523

That Man Is You

THE LIGHT OF MEN-Join us every Thursday in Jordan Hall. Doors open at 5:50 am and end at 7:30. The meeting starts with something to eat. More information at <https://stjeromewaco.org/that-man-is-you> or Contact Bill Leek at 254-716-3416

*The Sanctuary Candle is
burning for Harry Treese*

PRAYER REQUESTS

God Bless Pope Francis;
 God Bless Bishop Joe Vasquez;
 God Bless our Pastor, Fr. James, our Deacons, and staff;
 Prayers for my family's health & my health;
 Special intentions, daughters pregnancy, our finances, husbands health, daughters safety, my job;
 Successful surgery for Amy;
 Safety for me & my daughter on our vacation;
 Peace, healing & comfort for my elderly parents;
 Peace & safety for my son who is deployed to Africa while his wife is expecting their first child;
 Peace & guidance for my children;
 Healing for my family & for my marriage;
 Pray for Ukraine;
 My family & successful family business;
 Continued healing prayers for Mike Sieradski
 Rest in peace Pat Johnson.

COLLECTIONS

	12/4/22	Month to Date	Fiscal Year
Budgeted Goal	18,365	18,365	422,404
Actual Collection	27,541	27,541	471,794
Surplus / (Deficit)	(9,182)	(9,182)	49,390

Mother Teresa Center Debt Reduction: \$178,871 as of November 15, 2022.

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

<https://www.osvhub.com/stjeromewaco/giving/funds>

Thank you for your generous support of Saint Jerome Catholic Church. Your contributions are vital for our shared mission as a parish. May God bless you, Fr. James

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18, 2022

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

9:45 am Breakfast Café, Brooks Hall
 7:50 am Knights of Columbus Rosary for Life
 12:30 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Brooks Hall
 6:15 pm Life Night

Monday, December 19, 2022

8:00 am Classical Conversations, Brooks Hall
 5:30 pm Cub Scouts, A & J Hall
 6:30 pm Special Needs Ministry, Bride's Room
 7:00 pm BSA Girls, Raphael Hall
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Brooks Hall

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:30 am Meals on Wheels, MTC
 12:30 pm PLT Meeting, Bride's Room
 6:30 pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:30 am Meals on Wheels, MTC Kitchen
 8:30 am PDO, Brooks Hall
 5:00pm Adoration, Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:15 pm RCIA, Raphael Hall

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:30 am Meals on Wheels, MTC Kitchen
 6:15 pm Society of St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
 6:15 pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:00 am PDO, Brooks Hall
 8:30 am Meals on Wheels, MTC Kitchen

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Family & Prolife/Maternity Homes Collection

2:30 pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary
 3:30 pm Children's Nativity Pageant, Sanctuary
 4:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass, Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Family & Prolife/Maternity Homes

12:00 am Christmas Day Mass, Sanctuary
 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass, Sanctuary
 2:00 pm Christmas Day Mass, Grotto
 (Weather Permitting)
 No Life Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
3:30 pm Nativity Pageant
4:00 pm (Children's Mass), 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day
Midnight, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm in the Grotto (Weather permitting)

Save The Date - Epiphany Luncheon

January 8, 2023
After the 11:00 am Mass

Thank you From Mission Waco

It's often more difficult for low-income families during the holidays. More food to buy, more family to feed, Christmas presents to purchase, etc. A thanksgiving meal for a family like this means the world and makes a huge difference. Not only does it alleviate an expense but allows those dollars to be spent on other things. Ultimately, it communicates we are here for one another and communicates the compassion of a loving heavenly Father. These meals serve families who are greatly in need, and we continue to be amazed at how the family at St. Jerome steps up every year to care for those in our community. I hope all churches and Christians become inspired to live as generously as those at St. Jerome."

Mission Waco served 150 families this year through our parishioners' support.

St. Jerome Lending Library

St. Jerome's has a lending library! It's located in Jordan Hall, on the bookshelves flanking the doors outside to the courtyard. On the 4 bookshelves to the left of the doors are books arranged by category. On the 2 bookshelves to the right are duplicate copies, CD's, DVD's, Bibles and catechisms. If your family does not have a Bible or Catechism of the Catholic Church, please take one from the shelves. If borrowing an item, please keep it as long as you need, then return to the box marked "Returns." If donating books, please also place in that box. This library is here for you to use. Next time you are in Jordan Hall, take a few minutes to see what's available.

Shrines of Mexico

Led by Deacon Robin Waters, starting Sunday, March 5th, 2023. This Catholic Faith journey will take you to the heart of Mexico's vibrant faith and culture. For more information, contact: Glenda Ruiz (281) 216-1859 for more information.

Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed!

There is a great demand in Hewitt for hot meal delivery to the elderly. Please consider your time to this beloved ministry. If you are interested, please contact David Gonzales (254) 744-7816.

Catholic Services Appeal

Please consider a gift to the CSA. Open your hearts to embody the love of Christ.

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Priests currently serving
Retired priests
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Ministerial formation and initiatives for life, peace and justice.

Worship List

On behalf of the Worship Office, please consider the purchase or contribution of one of the following items:

Chasubles	Incense
Dalmatic	Liturgical Items and Other Items
Altar Linens	Bibles

Important EIM Compliance Update

The Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) is excited to be transitioning to VIRTUS for our database and training programs. To facilitate an accurate conversion, the database is closed for updates and there are no EIM Workshops or online EIM training available at this time. Information about registration for new volunteers, as well as EIM training, will be available in early January. **Please call the parish office if you have any questions.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Jerome Conference has been established and is now accepting any neighbors in need. The assistance phone number is 254-214-7493. If you have any questions or are considering joining this ministry, please contact Bobby Jetelina or Joe Falsone (ssvdp@stjeromewaco.org).

Thanks to your generosity our supplies are full. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

ST. JEROME STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Fr. James Ekeocha Pastor

Parish Staff

Deacons Rae Carter, Greg George, Ray Jones
Carl London, Operations Manager
Mary Coleman, Administrative Manager
Rita Figueroa, Administrative Assistant
Louie Leanos, Communications
Mark Falsone, Bookkeeper
Liz Rogers, Music Director
Angela Daly, Little Lions Ministries
Whitney Godfrey, Youth Ministry
Betsey Wechter, Elementary Faith Formation
Kathy Liro, Worship Coordinator
Eppie Ellis, Facilities Assistant

Parish Leadership Team

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PARISH CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Marriage: Contact Father James at least six months in advance.
Wedding Coordinator: Ivette Torres: stjeromewedding@gmail.com
Anointing of the Sick: First Friday of the Month after the 12:15 pm Mass
Rosary: Every Saturday at 4:25, the Third Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am,
First Friday of the Month at 11:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Second Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation: adultfaith@stjeromewaco.org
St. Jerome Kids: Betsy Wechter, 254-666-6222, stjkids@stjeromewaco.org
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Scripture Study: Deacon Greg George, 254-424-3061, retchap13@gmail.com
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Feed My Flock Ministry: Joe Falsone, 254-848-8241, Mike Kelly, 254-644-2272
Respect Life: Barbara Williams, 254-405-0365
Funeral Planning: bereavement@stjeromewaco.org

Worship Ministries

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