



St. Jerome, (347-419)
Doctor and Father of the Church
Memorial—September 30

St. Jerome Catholic Church

Scripture Verse

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard? When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" - Mt 20:1, 8

Vision Statement

To love the Lord with all our hearts, minds and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

September 24, 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

First Saturday 7:00 am (Grotto)
Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am
Sunday 5:00 pm

Weekday Services— Ave Maria Chapel

Tues.— Mass 5:30pm
Wed.— Mass 7:00am & 5:30pm
Thurs.— Mass 5:30pm
Friday — Mass 7:00am & 12:15pm

Holidays

See Bulletin or Website

Sacraments and Prayer

Baptism

Preparation classes held the third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30pm in Jordan Hall.

Reconciliation

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 5:00-5:30pm and Sunday 7:45-8:15am, 10:15-10:45am, 4:15-4:45pm.

Marriage

Contact Fr. Selvaraj at least 6 months in advance.

Rosary

Saturday at 5:25pm before 6:00pm Mass.
Third Sunday at 7:50am before 8:30am Mass.
Third Sunday at 10:20am before 11:00am Mass.
First Fridays at 11:30am in the Ave Maria Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday, see page 3.

Fridays from 7:30am—Noon

Parish Contacts

Parish Staff

Rev. Rakshaganathan Selvaraj, *Pastor*
Rae Carter, Greg George, Ray Jones, *Deacons*
Karen Fell, *Business Manager*
Christine Moore, *Director of Religious Education*
Daryl Nagel, *Senior Youth Minister*
Luci Lamers, *Junior Youth Minister*
Brenda Macy, *Secretary*
Louis Leanos, *Stewardship Director*
Liz Rogers, *Music Director*
Alan Nolan, *Maintenance Manager*
Patrick Rodriguez, *Maintenance Assistant*
Bill Parrish, *Finance Committee*
Don O'Toole, *Van Use Coordinator*

Preschool Staff

Bobby Jetelina, *Director*
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Ed Jasek

Parish Office Hours: 8:30 am-5:00 pm, Mon.-Fri.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:30 pm on Friday



Saturday,	September 23, 2017
6:00pm	Greater Respect for All Human Life
Sunday,	September 24, 2017
8:30am	† Kenny Lenart
11:00am	† Helen George
5:00pm	FTP
Tuesday,	September 26, 2017
5:30pm	† Elaine Whitehill
Wednesday,	September 27, 2017
7:00am	† Lillian & Raeford Carter, Sr.
5:30pm	† Jeremy Fuller
Thursday,	September 28, 2017
5:30pm	† Helen George
Friday,	September 29, 2017
7:00am	Derek James Collisson
12:15pm	† Benedict Carter
Saturday,	September 30, 2017
6:00pm	† Francis & Norma Hardy
Sunday,	October 1, 2017
8:30am	FTP
11:00am	† Jesus Torres
5:00pm	† Jean Oliver

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in loving memory of Louis Mynarcik, Sr.

Our Gifts to God

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

September 11—September 17	
Envelopes (124).....	\$6,677.00
Checks.....	\$1,902.00
Cash.....	\$1,038.85
Children's Collection.....	\$42.87
Online Collections (46).....	\$3,310.08
Total.....	\$12,970.80

Thank you for your generous support of St. Jerome's and may God bless you. *Fr. Raj*

Fall Festival
Noon to 4:00pm
Sunday, September 24
Come join the fun!

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or
2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Week at a glance:

Sun., September 24
12:00pm, Fall Festival, Brooks/Jordan Hall/MTC

Mon., September 25
 6:00pm, Scouts
 6:00pm, Open Gym
 6:00pm, 456 Pack Meeting, Jordan Hall
 6:30pm, Voice Lessons, Sanctuary
 7:00pm, Pastoral Council, 3AA

Tues., September 26
 8:30am, Surviving Loss, 1AA
 9:45am, Bible Study, 3AA
 5:45pm, Christian Based Yoga, Anne & Joachim
 6:15pm, Bible Study, Jordan Hall
 6:30pm, Voice Lessons, Sanctuary
 6:45pm, Choice Wine, Brooks Hall

Wed., September 27
 6:30pm, CCE, Brooks H., Annex, Jordan H.
 6:30pm, Confirmation Class, John Bosco, MTC
 6:30pm, R.C.I.A, Raphael Hall, MTC

Thurs., September 28
 6:00am, TMIY, Brooks Hall
 6:00pm, Waco Catholic Moms, Jordan Hall
 6:30pm, Surviving Loss, 2AA
 7:00pm, Adult Open Gym, MTC

Friday, September 29

Sat., September 30
 8:00am, TMIY, Jordan Hall

Sun., October 1
 9:45am, CCE, Brooks Hall, Annex
 9:45am, Adult Sunday School, Raphael Hall
 3:00pm, Band Practice, Sanctuary
 6:15pm, SYG, JYG, MTC

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Worship Life and Faith Formation Ministries

Bishop Vasquez's Reflection Question

Gospel Meditation: The scale of God's generosity and mercy is impossible for us to comprehend accurately. Have we reflected on all that God has done for us? How great is God's mercy? Are we content with our blessings or do we strive for more? How generously do we use our goods in service of others? God calls us to strive to be the servant of all.

Liturgy of the Hours

Liturgy of the Hours are prayed each morning in the Ave Maria Chapel, before Mass or at 7:00am. Please join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration—Next devotion begins October 5th at 6:00 pm in the Ave Maria Chapel and ends Friday October 6th at 12:00 Noon.

Weekly Friday Morning Adoration—Every Friday morning from 7:30 am to 12:00 Noon in Ave maria Chapel. Starts Friday September 8th and runs through Friday December 1st. Resumes again in January.

Pray the Rosary in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Appearance of Our Lady of Fatima

Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children at Fatima from May 13 to October 13, 1917 asking them to pray the rosary for world peace. Please consider a daily rosary for the intention of world peace and the salvation of souls. You can pray privately or join us at the Grotto outside the Ave Maria Chapel after the Wednesday 5:30pm Mass each week ending on December 8th at the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. To commemorate the last appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, we will pray the rosary on **Friday, October 13** immediately after the 12:15 mass at the Grotto. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Our rosaries are needed now for world peace as much as they were in 1917. Sacred Heart is having their Fatima Rosary on October 14th at 11:30am, all are invited.

R.C.I.A.

Catholic Church—Every Christian believes that Jesus Christ established and sustains a community of faith, hope and love for all believers. This community we call His Church. The Church that Christ founded is the Catholic Church which has a formal earthly structure established by Christ and which continues under His authority and protection. The Catholic Church is the only church that can claim to have been founded by Christ personally. Every other church traces its lineage back to a mere human person such as Martin Luther or John Wesley. The Catholic Church can trace its lineage back to Jesus Christ who appointed St. Peter as the first pope. This line of popes has continued unbroken for almost 2,000 years. God rules, instructs and sanctifies His people through His Church. Under her teaching office, the Catholic Church preserves the Word of God. She is the custodian, keeper, dispenser and interpreter of the teachings of Christ and she accomplishes this under the protection of the Holy Spirit. **Class Topic 9/27: History of the Church**

Baptism Class

Jordan Hall, 6:30pm. Classes are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This class is required for parents who wish to have their child baptized. The next class will be on **September 21, 2017.**

Scripture Study and Continuing Adult Education

Morning group meets in the Annex from 9:45 to 11:30 am. Evening group meets in Jordan Hall from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Materials will be available at class. For more information contact: Joan Potter, Morning Class at 254-420-1868 or Deacon Greg George, Evening Class at 254-424-3061. All are invited.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am while CCE classes are meeting. This is an opportunity for busy families to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Current facilitators include Deacon Rae Carter, Deacon Greg George and SYG Minister Daryl Nagel. We are looking for others to help facilitate a video series and discussion. Please contact one of us if you would like to help with the class. Coffee and donuts will be served. Classes will be held in Raphael Hall beginning Sept. 17th. Please consider joining us when you can. We will not meet the week of the MOSTJ pancake breakfast each month.

That Man Is You

(TMIY) is a men's spirituality program started by Paradisus Dei. This program consists of watching a video followed by small group discussion.—**Thursday Morning** -- Starts Sept. 14th in Brooks Hall, 6:00 am to 7:30 am. Breakfast is provided. Watch a 12-part video series from Bishop Robert Barron's *Pivotal Players* program.—**Saturday Morning** -- Starts Sept. 16th in Jordan Hall. 8:00 am to 9:15 am. Watch the St. Paul Theological Institute's *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* video series. For more information or to register call Bill Leek 254-716-3416.

Parish Life and Community Outreach Ministries

Pictorial Directory

You are invited to be a part of our new photo directory. Our last directory was printed in 2010. **Photography Dates: Oct. 12 – 16, Oct. 19 – 23, and October 30-31 in the MTC** (both Anne & Joachim and Raphael Halls). To schedule your appointment, visit our website and click on the sign up link on our home page or sign up after all Masses in the foyer. Call the church office for assistance.

Knights of Columbus Council 13005

A big thank you to all who participated in the Fall Blood Drive! **To join the Knights**, please contact Pat Flavin at 254-235-1893. Please see St. Jerome's website for a complete KC Calendar of Events.

Men of St. Jerome (MOSTJ)

Our Pancake Breakfast includes two kinds of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fruit, chocolate milk, orange juice and coffee. Our next pancake breakfast is on Sunday, October 8th in Jordan Hall at 9:30 am. We're always looking for men to help. Call Bill Leek at [254-716-3416](tel:254-716-3416) for information.

St. Jerome Women's Society

Our next meeting is October 16th.

Visiting the Homebound/Terminally Ill Ministry

This ministry brings the Eucharist to parish members who are homebound/terminally ill and would like to receive the Eucharist. Please call the office to arrange a visit.

Pro-Life

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, Sept. 27 to Nov. 5, contact Jo Ann Wiese at 254-772-8663 for more information. We will host the baby bank campaign for the month of October, Respect Life Month, to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Baby banks will be at all entrances next weekend for you to pick up and fill during the month. To join our ministry, please contact Maureen Adams at 903-229-7283 or email: maureen.adams50@yahoo.com.

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry

All clergy, religious, seminarians and employees, and all volunteers serving in ministry to minors or the vulnerable, will need to attend an EIM Workshop.

Surviving Loss

Surviving Loss will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the Annex, room 1AA, from 8:30-9:30am and will meet each 2nd and 4th Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30pm in the Annex. If you have any questions, please email to surviving-loss@stjeromewaco.org.

Columbarium

For information on our Columbarium, go to: <https://www.stjeromewaco.org/columbarium>. To purchase a niche, please call Bobby Jetelina at (254) 776-2312 or Mary Cunningham-Hilliard at (254) 722-7896.

Waco Catholic Moms Group

We meet in Jordan Hall every other Thursday from 7-9 pm. Our group also hosts play dates, moms nights out, and much more! For more information, contact Andrea Guajardo at 281-415-6475 or wacocatholicmoms@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!

New Horizons

Our next meeting will be a Pot Luck Luncheon on Tuesday, October 3rd at 11:45am in Jordan Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share. All seniors are invited.

Pot Luck Dinners

The next dinner is on Oct. 21st after the 6:00pm Mass. Take your food to Jordan Hall prior to Mass and then join in on an evening of wonderful community. See you then.

Prayer Line

To request prayers for your intentions, please call Susan Voneida at 254-776-3339.

Join us on Facebook to receive updates, information, and to connect with other parishioners.

Parish Life Ministries and Community Events

Collection Envelopes

Each year we have over 100 boxes of envelopes not being used. We average about 146 envelope users each week out of 475. To cut down on the cost, we will be ordering 75 fewer boxes of envelopes for 2018. Parishioners who use our Online Giving consistently no longer have a need for envelopes so they have been given a new database number. This will not affect the online giving process. Those who do use envelopes with numbers of 400 or above will be issued new envelope numbers at the end of the year. If your number falls below 400, you will keep your existing number. Please call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

The Choice Wine: 7 Steps To A Superabundant Marriage

“Christ doesn’t want your marriage just to have enough....He wants your marriage to be superabundant!” This nine-session, weekly couple’s program began on September 19th. If you wish to attend, please contact Martha or Bob O’Beirne at 254-776-3048.

Yoga in a Christian Environment

An 8-week Christ-Centered Yoga series is being held on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 7:15pm in Anne and Joachim Hall. Bring a mat, a towel, & comfortable clothing. Information & registration forms are available in the vestibule and on our website. For more information, email Donna: amazinggraceyoga@aol.com.

Chapel Road Band

The Chapel Road Band needs your skills! There are openings for an electric guitar player and a drummer. Come talk to the band after the 5pm Mass on Sunday to set up an audition.

Fall ACTS Retreats

Join us for the upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat on Oct. 19-22 at Three Mountain Retreat Center in Clifton. For more information, please contact Tom Albers at [254-214-5100](tel:254-214-5100). Retreat registration forms are available at the church or online at the St. Louis website.

St. Louis Church Lecture Series

All lectures take place in the sanctuary of St. Louis Church and begin at 7:00pm. See our bulletin board for the schedule of speakers.

11 Day Italy Pilgrimage

November 8-18, 2017—Visiting Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Spiritual leader for the Pilgrimage will be Father Raj. For additional information please call: Glenda Ruiz at [\(254\)732-2404](tel:254-732-2404).

RED-C Catholic Radio

Tune in to 98.3 FM for RED-C Catholic Radio. in Central Texas; it’s a great way for you to learn more about your faith!

Formed (The Catholic Faith on Demand)

Our Parish Code to register is 8NCKHW and is free to all our parishioners. . For more information go to formed.org.

Birthdays (October 1—7)

May God bless you and give you health, wealth, and prosperity.

Oct. 1—Carol Kemp, Dwayne Paceley, Yvonne Salinas, Chelsea and Kelsey Mosley.

Oct. 2—Kevin Palu, Diann Wendl, Natalie Ring, LeCarmen Cubos, Sydni James, Adela Jung.

Oct. 3—Toni Kocian, Susie Pigg.

Oct. 4—Daysi Flores, Stephanie McAdams, Michael Mitchell, Jeffrey Gerik, William Boswell.

Oct. 5—James Morrison, Lorraine Vendetti, Vanessa Myers, Liza Ramirez, Avery Kaiser, CJ Mendoza.

Oct. 6—Susan Moher, Roselyn Henry, Donna Hoelscher, Erin Castillo, Izzy Hinojos, Samantha Herrmann.

Oct. 7—Mary Puente, Jose Palacios, Yesenia Solis Aguilar, Scott Myers, Jacob Clafferty, Mariah Torres.

Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † God Bless Pope Francis, Bishop Joe Vasquez, our Pastor, Fr. Raj, and our Deacons.
- † Our military men & women: protection, courage & safe return; & for their families.
- † President Trump & staff: guidance, wisdom, and protection; protection for the U.S.
- † Peace on Earth.
- † Repose of the soul of Kenny Lenart.
- † My son Robert that he gets back with his daughter.
- † My brothers & sisters Sherry, Bill, Orien, Sandie, & Robert. All souls of 9/11. Our service men & women.
- † My uncle that the Lord will cure him of his condition a result from his stroke.
- † Frances A. mother, peace of heart. Glen C. & faith in Jesus for no pain. Jimmy P. safe travels home to NC. David & Ethan patience, understanding.
- † Rusty & John for health & recovery.
- † Sister Mary T.'s health. Cousin Ruth fighting cancer & all our troops and the world.
- † All those dealing with cancer; continued good health & good spirits for my Mother; that my friends' prayers are answered; thank you for my job; that my sisters' challenges are eased; my nephew & his kids; St. John Paul II, keep me in your care; St. Jude, pray for me and for world peace.
- † Good health & happiness for my family. A good working environment.
- † Mary's speedy recovery.
- † Son, N., happiness, good health, protection, guidance; daily thanksgiving.
- † All things to work in Rick's favor in getting back to TX. my sister & family in loss of her daughter.
- † Healing for Flo. Healing for Gavin.
- † Baby Asher A. to be healed and recovered from his disease. All our family.
- † Employment for Mark.
- † Rain. Finances.
- † Our friends who need the strength to do good with their jobs and health.
- † My cousin Elizabeth—take away her anxiety & panic attacks. Heal her body so she can walk again. Her family—continued strength, courage & faith. My family—keep them all safe & protected from hurt, & bring them health & peace.
- † Rene, Stephanie, Eva, Virginia, Maria.
- † My family, especially Mom.
- † My elderly parents coping with health problems.
- † Peace & happiness for my family.
- † God's guidance for my children. Thanksgiving for blessings received.
- † Mom on her birthday, bless her soul.
- † Rest in peace, Charles A.
- † Baby for Jason & Tani.
- † Special intentions.
- † Vickie health to be restored.
- † My son David, grandson Branson, brothers Jeff & John.
- † Successful family owned business.
- † Daughter's relationships.
- † Abby & Brandon that they are always loved. Jr. to find a job. Safe trip to Italy.
- † All those affected by hurricanes. Friends to make moral choices in life.
- † Health for my great-grandson and my grandson. Healing for Rosalinda.
- † Business to get better
- † Repose of the soul of Harry Treese.
- † Children & grandchildren back to church.
- † Healing for Lauri T., Kenny S., & Mellisa T.
- † Bring my husband closer to the Lord and heal my son with his problems.
- † My grandfather and my family.
- † Bless my sons Erik and Eryn.
- † Bless my nephew Christian away in college.
- † Bless all my family and friends. Bless the world with peace & good health.
- † Thank you, Lord, for healing my cancer.
- † Thank you for selling my house in Killeen.
- † Healing in eye.
- † Brother-in-law fighting cancer.
- † All my grandchildren.
- † Healing of my cancer & my husband, thank you, Lord.
- † Repose of the soul of Eve Nicolette.
- † Momma's foot is better.

Sick in Our Parish

Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially:

*Mary Clark, Scotty Crow, Ignacio Estrada,
Ursula Gunn, Joan Jasek, Deacon Ray Jones,
Theresa Julian, James Kreder, Carl Kuhnle,
MaryAnn Prochaska, Mary Ann Rodriguez,
Betsy Schwager, Richard Skurla,
Tom and Elly Smallwood, Betty Strom,
Wesley R. Strom, Francis (Ski) Trzcinski,
and Paula Williams.*

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle.

Faith Formation for Youth

CCE News

8 and 11 Oct – Call to Protect grades K through 5th

15 Oct, Sun – 3rd Sunday, Children’s Mass

4 Nov, Sat – Echoes of Faith – Level 1, Methodology, Intro to Learners

Trivia Corner--How is the Blessed Trinity represented in the Transfiguration?

God the Father is the voice, God the son was Jesus, God the Holy Spirit was the cloud. (Matthew 17: 5)

Contact info: Christine Moore, DRE, 254-666-6222, religious-education@stjeromewaco.org



Senior Youth Group

Sunday, Sept. 24: Fall Festival, 12:00-4:00pm. No LTD

Wednesday, Sept. 27: Confirmation Class, 6:30-8:15pm. MTC

Saturday, Sept. 30: Movie Night: 7:30-10:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4: Confirmation Class, 6:30-8:15pm. MTC

Sunday, Oct. 8: LTD, 6:15-8:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Confirmation Class, 6:30-8:15pm. MTC

Saturday, Oct. 14: Corn Maze-Stephenville, 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 15: LTD, 6:15-8:30pm

Save the Date: Sat.-Sunday, Nov. 4-5: Fall Retreat. Sign-up now. Cost: \$80.00

Catch up with us on our Instagram site. Follow us at “Stjermesyg”.

Contact info: Daryl Nagel, Youth Minister 666-7722, office 254-715-8610, cell, E-mail: syg@stjeromewaco.org



Junior Youth Group

Fri., Sep 22: Bible Study and Open Gym, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Sun., Sep 24: EDGE Night, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sat., Sep 30 to Sun., Oct 1: Overnight Retreat for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

For more information, visit the following website: stjeromewaco.org/junior-youth-group

Contact Luci Lamers, Junior Youth Minister at 817-914-2810 or email: jygstj@stjeromewaco.org

for more information.



Sacrament Preparation

First Communion or Confirmation: Two years of preparation required. **Contact:** Christine Moore (First Communion) at 666-6222 or Daryl Nagel (Confirmation) at 666-7722.

Altar Server News

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled mass. Dress & meet in the vestry 5 minutes before mass to receive a blessing from Fr. Raj. If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement.

Contact info: Marian Khoury or Kristina Neal at khoury05@gmail.com or kristinaneal@twc.com



St Jerome Scouts, Troop 456

Boy Scouts—for information on how to join go to stjeromewaco.org/boy-scouts.

Cub Scouts—email hewittpack456@gmail.com.

St. Jerome’s Little Flowers Girls Club

We meet one Saturday morning a month. Club meetings begin in September. Contact Renee Clayton at: renee.clayton82@gmail.com, (509) 263-4501.

Little Lions Learning Center News

The school has had a successful beginning of the year and our enrollment is currently full.

Remember –any donations of gently used toys for ages 3 – 5 are appreciated through-out the year.

Contact info: Bobby Jetelina, LLLC Director, 254-666-6222, Directorlllc@stjeromewaco.org



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