RECONCILIATION:
Every Saturday:
4:00pm or by appointment
INFANT BAPTISM:
Parents should call the office to schedule a Baptism
MARRIAGE:
Couples should call the office for an appointment with a priest six months prior to the wedding

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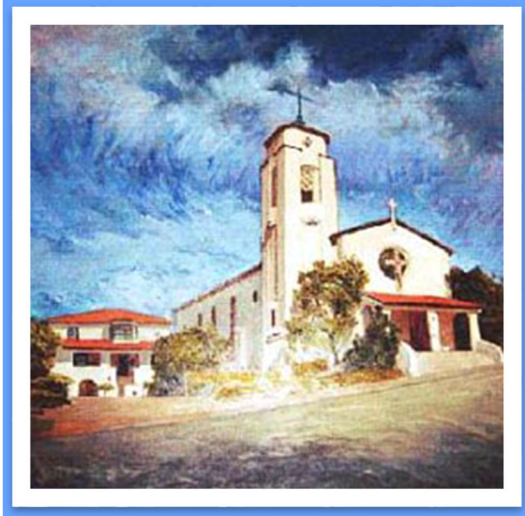
MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKDAYS—8:30AM
SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00PM
SUNDAY –7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 2016



ST. JEROME 75TH JUBILEE

You are invited to our Jubilee celebration on Sunday, September 25 beginning with 11:00am Mass and dinner at 3:00pm at the Galileo Club in Richmond. Price is 28.00 per adult. Tables of 8 may be reserved. For reservations please call the parish office or email stjeromeec75th@gmail.com. Reservations must be paid by September 14th. Please make checks payable To St. Jerome Church

St. Jerome Parish was established in 1941. Monsignor James Rohan the founding pastor (1941-1973), succeeded in building a mission style church. A school and convent were added in (1955).

Monsignor James Rohan with Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in St. Jerome School Yard.

Pastoral Team
Rev. Fernando J. Cortez, Pastor
Rev. Antonias Aryanto, In Residence
Ms. Alison Wilkie, Principal St. Jerome Catholic School
Mr. Preben Antonsen, Music Director
Ms. Theresa Fenzl, Director of Children's Catechesis
Mr. Homer Teng, Adult Faith Formation
Ms. Carol Valladao, Youth Minister
Ms. Mary Davidson, Office Manager

Leadership Councils
Mr. Charles Cardall, Parish Finance Council
Ms. Barbara Cortese, Parish Pastoral Council
Mr. David Fontanilla, School Board Chair

XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 10/11, 2016

75th Parish Anniversary - September 25th

The Committee has sent out its formal invitation to registered parishioners. If you wish to be contacted about the dinner call the parish office. The celebratory Mass is on September 25th is at 11am. Health permitting, Bishop Cummins will be with us. A number of priests who have served Saint Jerome in the past will be present as well. Please RSVP by September 14th. Thank you!

Reflections

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is eloquently proclaimed by the examples into today's scriptures. In Exodus, Moses elicits a "repentance" from God. He relents his wrath against an unfaithful Israel. For the sake of the promise he made to Abraham and ***all*** his descendants, Moses reminds God of his great favor and his oath that cannot be undone. Paul is forever grateful for the mercies of God poured upon him, a sinner and persecutor of the Church. Like the parables of Jesus, we too are "found" and "recovered" by the merciful, tender, persistant love of God in Christ. There is rejoicing in heaven, for each one of us is precious to God. Rejoice and be glad!

Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa of Kolkata a Saint of the Church last Sunday. September 5th is her yearly feast day. Some of her sisters reside in Richmond and collaborate with Saint Mark Parish in providing for the poor and indigent. Bishop Barber celebrated a 5pm Mass last Sunday with the community to commemorate the sainthood of Mother St. Teresa. *Do small things with great love!*

Family and Children's Catechesis

Office of Children's Catechesis is officially open as of September 1, 2016. Ms. Theresa Fenzl is our new Director of Children's Catechesis. We welcome registration for families with children grades 2 through 8. Please pray for the blessing of our continued effort to bring the faith to our young ones.

September 4th—9am Mass

Bishop Barber offered a beautiful 9am liturgy last Sunday and enjoyed the reception in Rohan Hall. Bishop was impressed with the beauty of our church and the music ministry. Thank you to all parish ministers, the Anniversary committee, and the hospitality and environment ministries who made the day perfect!

Special Collections

Priests' Retirement Trust—Diocese of Oakland

This is our "third collection" this weekend. I am sorry for this inconvenience. The special envelopes were not delivered last week as promised. Return donations at your convenience.

Diocesan Capital Campaign and 2016 Bishop's Appeal

2015-2019 Capital Campaign Update for 08/12/2016: Parish Goal—$216,358.99
94 donors: Pledged $193,329.00 = **89%** of goal met; $100,523.21 in actual receipts to date.

***There is $18,610.88 on deposit for us in the special Diocesan account #83 waiting for our capital improvement projects. This sum is held separately from our general savings account.**

2016 Bishop's Appeal Update for 08/12/2016: Parish Goal—$10,613.65
60 donors: Pledged $13,310.00 = **125%** of goal met; $11,905.00 actual receipts to date.
Thank you, everyone!

Thank you to all who registered for our Children's Catechetical Program last Sunday. There is still time to register and we would welcome your family to our program. All Parish Families are invited to come to this gathering. I will be explaining our program, sharing some prayer time, have registration materials available, and be gifting you with some spiritual resources to use and enjoy at home. If you are not able to attend and would like to register and/or meet with me please contact: Theresa Fenzl, Director of Children's Catechesis: theresaf@gmx.com or 510 525-0876 Theresa Fenzl, Director of Children's Catechesis.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food donations for the needy next Sunday. Donation suggestions are Spam, Jam/Jelly, Cereal, Canned Chili, Tuna. Your donations are appreciated as there are many requests for food.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED: We are in dire need of Eucharistic ministers. If you've had a desire to become more active in the Parish Community this is a very meaningful ministry to join. Please try for 3 months (3 -4 times) at the mass of your choice. There is training and scheduling is made around your needs. We really need help at 5:00 and 11:00 masses, but all masses are in need of extra people. Please call the office for more information.

ST. JEROME CYO BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL St. Jerome has a parish-based Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports program. To be eligible a child needs to: attend the parish school, attend the SJ Faith Formation Program, or live in the parish boundaries. Volleyball is for girls grades 5-8 and Basketball for boys 3-8 (2nd grade boys can sign up). You will need to fill out a registration form and the cost is $100(checks payable to St. Jerome CYO or cash only please). If your child does Not attend SJ school or Faith Formation you will need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence (P. G.&E, Water bill, etc.) Call to register your child. A. D. David Mann (ph#510-502-9479 or Jim Almeida (ph#510-984-0900).

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND-September 10/11 As our priests enter retirement, it is our responsibility to provide them with modest and reasonable financial means. The Diocese of Oakland currently has 45 retired priests, the oldest of whom is 95. With 55 active priests age 60 or older, we anticipate our community of retired priests to grow to at least 75 to 100 over the next decade. With the number of retiring priests growing each year and the cost of retirement benefits for clergy increasing significantly, the Priests' Retirement Benefits Trust cannot currently meet the need. Please prayerfully consider a donation to help support this retirement fund.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Interested in discussing Catholic beliefs and practices? Thinking about joining the Catholic Church? The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to share your thoughts and questions in a friendly and supportive setting. Meeting is held every Sunday, from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM, at the rectory. No RSVP necessary. Feel free to contact Homer Teng, at (415) 205-9544 or homerteng@msn.com, for details.

SEPTEMBER 3/4 WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

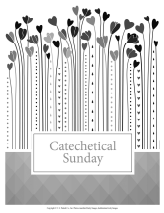
Sunday, September 4, 2016————–$3829.39
Parish Development————————$1151.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.Sept.10	5:00pm	Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners
Sun. Sept 11	7:30am	Eilene Coleman †
	9:00am	Barbara Osterholt †
	11:00am	Barbara Osterholt †
Mon Sept. 12	8:30am	Linda Jones †
Tues. Sept. 13	8:30am	Dec. Members of Evangelista Family †
Wed. Sept.14	8:30am	Myles Oberto †
Thur. Sept 15	8:30am	Int. of Lorree Cole
Fri. Sept. 16	8:30am	Linda Jones †
Sat. Sept.17	8:30am	Dec. Members of the Reed Family †
	5:00pm	Rita Mackie †
Sun. Sept.18	7:30am	Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners
	9:00am	Emanuele Manzone †
	11:00am	Joel Falcon †

The Week September 12, 2016

Mon. Sept. 12	**9:15am**	**Renew-Rohan Hall**
	7:00pm	**Finance Council Rectory**
Tues. Sept. 13	**1:15-5:15pm**	**Crafters-Rohan Hall**
	6:30pm	**YLI-Rohan Hall**
	7:30pm	**75th Ann. Meeting Conference Room**
Wed. Sept. 14	**10:30am**	**SVDP Food Pantry-Rohan Hall**
Thurs. Sept. 15	**9:00am**	**Coffee Klatch Rohan Hall**
	7:30pm	**Choir Practice Church**
Sat. Sept.1 7	**9:00am**	**Overeaters Anon.-Conference Room**
	6:00pm	**Acorn Branch Italian Dinner– Rohan Hall**
Sun. Sept. 18		**Catechetical Sunday**



WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

You are invited to join our parish community. We have many activities and ministries that you are welcome to explore. Come to our Coffee & Donuts fellowship in Rohan Hall following the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Please visit our website for current activities at http://stjeromeec.org/ To register, please fill out the information below. You may drop it in the collection basket or the parish office mail slot.

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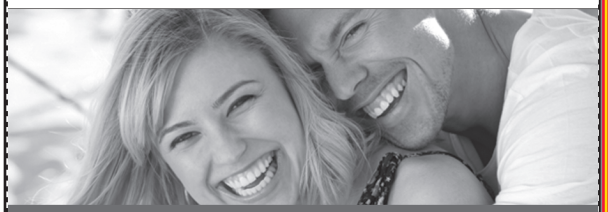

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