

**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

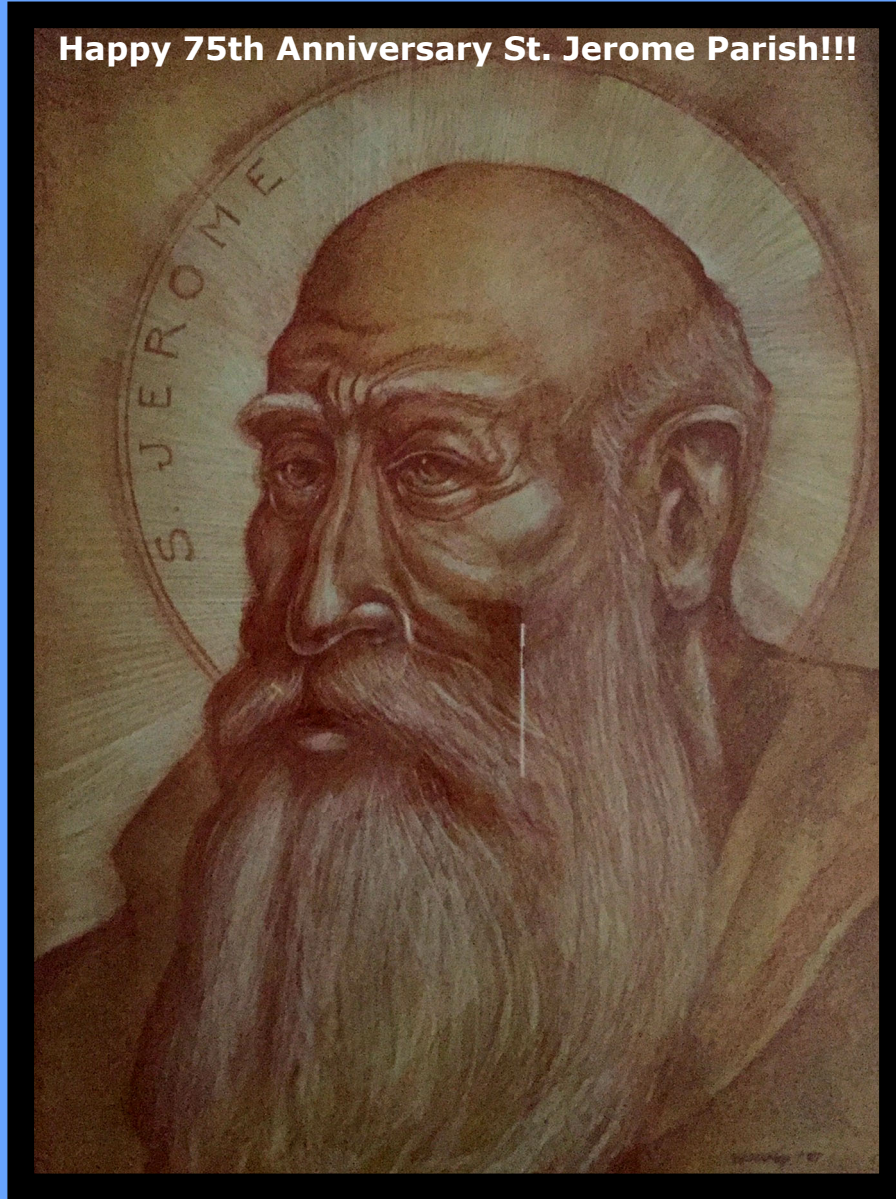
SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00PM

SUNDAY —7:30, 9:00 AND  
11:00AM

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2016

**Happy 75th Anniversary St. Jerome Parish!!!**



**"HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU KID!"**

—Fr. Fernando—

**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

## XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

September 24/25, 2016

### 75th Parish Anniversary

Congratulations to all Parishioners, Present, Past and Future!

Much could be written to commemorate and laud our parish community after seventy-five years. In the midst of a recovery from the Great Depression, surrounded by the beginnings of World War II, church and community pulled together to open Saint Jerome Parish as a viable faith center and future center of Catholic education for our children (now grandparents!). St. Jerome has thrived and now faces many challenges as it heads toward its centenary. Many of you fully participated in the memorable fiftieth anniversary recorded in pictures, articles and living memories. You are the collective “living stones” that make up the parish faith community. The school, hall, church and convent stand as physical monuments to establishing the parish as a visible, viable presence for El Cerrito, Kensington, Albany and the Berkeley hills. Our population diversity enhances the parish. Work continues to improve our service to the elderly and our children.

Today's celebrations are honored by the presence of Bishop John Cummins, Bishop-Emeritus of Oakland, and former pastors and other priests who served Saint Jerome Parish. In particular, I want to thank Fr. E. Donald Osuna for his foresight in introducing the liturgical reforms to our church house with consideration and good taste. I want to acknowledge Msgr. Rohan, founding pastor. (I met him briefly back in the early 70's in his retirement at Vallombrosa.) His mandate to lift up a parish on a patch-work of properties, along with the sacrifice and handiwork of countless parishioners, made today possible!

We gratefully acknowledge the ministry of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary who left home and family to make St. Jerome Catholic School a reality for our parish family. Finally, our sincere gratitude for the work of the Holy Family Sisters of Mission San Jose, and the two monastic communities of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns (past and present) who grace Kensington with their prayerful, contemplative life hidden in the Monastery of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

As pastor, I want to thank all the parishioners, and especially the volunteers and ministers who keep Saint Jerome alive. Priests come and go. You are the bedrock! To our Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee, chaired by Ms. Carol Valladao, and our Office Manager, Ms. Mary Davidson, my personal thanks for carrying the great burden of planning and bringing this day to its successful

#### Reflections

#### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - 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 6. Please pray for the blessing of our continued effort to bring the faith to our young ones.

This weekend we bless the faculty, students and parents at the 9am Liturgy. Welcome!

#### Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council has suffered sudden reduced numbers and needs to be built up. The ideal is five to 7 members. If you have an interest in joining your skills to this consultative body, please write down your contact information on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or contact the office with the information. Thank you!

#### Stewardship

##### Priests' Retirement Trust—Diocese of Oakland

The special envelopes were delivered late. Your patience and indulgence are appreciated. Please return donations at your convenience. Thank you.

##### 2015-2019 Diocesan Capital Campaign Parish Goal—\$216,358.99

94 donors: Pledged \$193,329.00 = 89% of goal; \$100,523.21 in actual receipts to date.

##### 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 in actual receipts to date.

*Thank you, everyone!*

*Fr. Fernando Cortez, Pastor*

#### ST. THERESE TEA PARTY AT THE CARMEL OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*Mary's Helpers* invites women and girls of all ages to celebrate the Feast of St. Therese with the Carmelite Sisters of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Kensington on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 10 AM, followed by tea and spiritual formation for children and adults. For more details and to RSVP please contact Michelle Burns at [michelleburns224@gmail.com](mailto:michelleburns224@gmail.com)

**JAZZ JAM SESSION: Yoshi's, Oakland, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00- 3:00pm**

CACAO Branch of Children's Hospital invites you to Yoshi's, Oakland for a fund raiser to benefit Children's Hospital. The Jazz Jam Session will feature Bay Area Youth Musicians. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. For Phone purchase (service Fee) 510-238-9200. Direct Purchase (no Service Fee) Yoshi's Box Office, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact CACAO member Joyce Williams at 510-532-2516.

**THE VISION FOR YOU: Discern Your Personal Vocation, 7pm Wednesday Evenings** This is a series of 8 weekly workshops in which we learn a program of prayer and spiritual exercises designed to help us discern our personal vocation - what God is calling us to do, right now, whatever stage of life we are in. It is rooted in the Western tradition of mysticism. For the second part of the evening, those who wish to may join us in Evening Prayer which is chanted (no special singing experience or ability necessary). Because we only have men available to lead others through the process at this point, we are asking that this is a men only group at the moment. If women wish to come, please contact David Clayton and we will organize a separate women's group later. For more information [davidicons@gmail.com](mailto:davidicons@gmail.com)

**ON-SITE SAFE ENIRONMENT TRAINING:** St. Jerome will host a Safe Environment Training in Rohan Hall on October 22nd. At 11:00am. All parishioners who volunteer or are part of any ministry are required to complete a new training this year. You may also complete the training online. Please go to [www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment](http://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment) for instructions and more information. Please Note: You must register on-line to attend this on-site training at St. Jerome.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED:**

We are in dire need of Eucharistic ministers. This ministry is a very special way to become more active in, and to help nourish our Parish Community. 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. 510-525-0876

*I want to express my gratitude for being remembered in the weekly prayers at Mass during these last several weeks. I am convinced that your prayers have helped make this cancer "journey" easier. The results of chemo therapy and all the prayers will be known in December. My heartfelt thank you....*

*Carolyn Pugh*

**SEPTEMBER 17/18 WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**

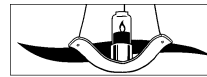
Sunday, September 18, 2016-----\$5068.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. Sept. 24 5:00pm Bridget Rohan Lempiere †  
Sun. Sept 25 7:30am Gary Nunes †  
9:00am Int. of Mehra Osterholt  
11:00am Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners  
Mon Sept. 26 8:30am Linda Jones †  
Tues. Sept. 27 8:30am Laura Recchia †  
Wed. Sept. 28 8:30am Vincenzo Recchia †  
Thur. Sept 29 8:30am Mary Del Greco †  
Fri. Sept. 30 8:30am Gino Bartolotti †  
Sat. Oct. 1 8:30am Rita Mackie †  
5:00pm Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners  
Sun. Oct. 2 7:30am  
9:00am Alice & Bill Bedford †  
11:00am Lourdes Remorca †

**The Week September 26, 2016**

Mon. Sept. 26 9:15am Renew-Rohan Hall  
Tues. Sept. 27 1:15-5:15pm Crafters-Rohan Hall  
Wed. Sept. 28 10:30am SVDP Food Pantry-Rohan Hall  
Thurs. Sept. 29 9:00am Coffee Klatch Rohan Hall  
7:30pm Choir Practice Church  
Sat. Oct. 1 9:00am Overeaters Anon.-Conference Room



The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of October is in memory of Nick Iacobitti. Requested by Loretta Iacobitti.

**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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