

*"See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)*

## † Mass Intentions of the Week †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 / 30 DE DICIEMBRE

- 8:00 am Shannon Thompson† Wilbert F. Dittrich†  
10:00 am For Our Parishioners  
12:00 pm María Bautista y Rosamaría Gutiérrez†  
2:30 pm Evans Luna† Martha Nunez†  
5:00 pm Thomas Hold†  
7:00 pm Máximo Hernández y almas del purgatorio†

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

- 8:15 am Shannon Thompson†  
5:30 pm Anna Calarco†  
7:30 pm Gloria Zarahi Zavala†

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 (MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)

- 8:00 am Shannon Thompson†  
10:00 am For our Parishioners  
12:00 pm José Guadalupe López†  
2:30 pm Por Nuestros Feligreses  
5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 / 2 DE ENERO

- 8:15 am Shannon Thompson†  
7:00 pm Nemer Antonio Portacarrero†

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 / 3 DE ENERO

- 8:15 am Shannon Thompson† Mary Magdaline Be Trant†

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 / 4 DE ENERO

- 8:15 am Shannon Thompson† Martha Rizo†

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 / 5 DE ENERO

- 8:15 am Shannon Thompson†  
5:30 pm Joe R. Foyt Sr.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 / 6 DE ENERO

- 8:00 am Beatriz & Dagoberto Corraera†  
10:00 am Juan & Delfa Orellana 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12:00 pm Acción de Gracias Gloria Solórzano  
2:30 pm Victor Ortiz† Reyes Carbajal†  
5:00 pm Shannon Thompson†  
7:00 pm Almas de purgatorio, Reyna Alemán†

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day. During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

## LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, I offer a couple of New Year's resolutions to pick from: Beware! Don't take too many and end up doing none. Choose wisely!

1. Spend some time in prayer with the Lord regularly. The adoration chapel at St. Jerome is a great place for this, open 24/7.

2. Come participate at Mass Every Sunday. Utilize the "Exploring the Word" monthly bulletin inserts to prepare the readings for the following Sunday.
3. Read the bulletin you take home. It has a lot of good info besides the joke.
4. Get involved in the parish beyond just coming to Mass, whether it be a ministry to homebound, CCE, Scripture study, small groups or the Pantry.
5. Sign up to attend the ACTS retreat this year, men's or women's: February, March (Teens), April, May, June, August or Sept.
6. Help promote our school, Early Childhood program, CCE and adult education programs by inviting your friends and neighbors to join us.
7. Support your parish financially on a regular basis, maybe use FaithDirect.
8. Subscribe to a good religious magazine and read it. Use
9. Read and pray with the Bible daily.
10. Sing out the hymns during the Mass, or even better join the choir.

Seek balance in all four basic aspects of your life described by Matthew Kelly, "Becoming a better version of YOU" means working on four separate areas together: The Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, and Spiritual.

1. Physical. Cut down on the amount of carbs, you eat and drink, and then take a brisk walk at least twice a week.
2. Intellectual. Read ten minutes of a good book without fail each day. Good ideas change us for the better.
3. Emotional. Waste time with a good friend every month. Call it carefree timelessness. Time when you can just enjoy doing nothing together.
4. Spiritual At Mass each weekend, start by asking God to let you find one way to be a better YOU through something in this Mass, either in the readings, in the prayers, in the homily or music etc. Then write it down and keep a list of these thoughts in a special notebook at home. It also helps to keep the "Exploring the Word" bulletin insert and prepare for the next Sundays readings by looking them over beforehand.

If you move in these directions, God will help you to become a better version of you in 2019 and thereafter. Have a wonderful New Year from all of us here at St. Jerome Parish.

May God bless you  
Fr. Dan

## CARTA DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos Feligreses,

Una vez más ofrezco un par de propósitos de año nuevo para escoger: ¡cuidado! No tome muchos y termine no haciendo nada. ¡Elija sabiamente!

1. Pasar tiempo en oración con el Señor regularmente. La capilla de adoración en San Jerónimo es un gran lugar para esto, abierto 24/7.
2. Ven a participar en la Misa todos los domingos. Utiliza la "exploración de la palabra" de los insertos del boletín mensual para prepararse para las lecturas de los siguientes domingos.
3. Leer el boletín que lleva a casa. Tiene un montón de buena información además de bromas.
4. Involucrarse en la parroquia más allá sólo hay que venir a Misa, ya sea un Ministerio para enfermos, CCE, escritura de estudio, grupos pequeños o ayudando en la despensa.
5. Regístrese para asistir a los retiros de acts este año, de los hombres o de las mujeres: En febrero, o marzo (adolescentes), abril. Mayo, junio, agosto o septiembre
6. ayude promover nuestra escuela, o programa de primera infancia, CCE y programas de Educación de adultos al invitar a sus amigos y vecinos a unirse a nosotros.
7. Apoye económicamente a su parroquia sobre una base regular, tal vez usando FaithDirect. ...
8. Suscríbese a una revista religiosa buena y léala.
9. Utilice leer y orar con la Biblia todos los días.
10. Cantar los himnos en la Misa, o mejor aún, Únete al coro.

Buscar el equilibrio en los cuatro aspectos básicos de su vida descrito por Matthew Kelly. "Conviértete en una mejor versión de ti" y lo que significa trabajar juntos en cuatro áreas separadas: la física, intelectual, emocional y espiritual.

1. Física. Reducir la cantidad de carbohidratos, puede comer y beber y luego tome una caminata por lo menos dos veces a la semana.
2. Intelectual. Leer diez minutos de un buen libro sin fallar cada día. Las buenas ideas nos cambian para mejor.
3. Emocional. Pasar un tiempo con un buen amigo cada mes. Lo llaman intemporalidad sin preocupaciones. Tiempo para no hacer nada solo estar juntos.
4. Espiritual. en la Misa cada fin de semana, al principio pide a Dios para que puedas encontrar una manera de ser mejor a través de algo en esta misa, ya sea en las lecturas, en las oraciones, en la homilía o música etcétera. Luego anótalo y mantén una lista de estos pensamientos en un cuaderno especial en casa. También ayuda a

manteniendo el inserto del Boletín "Explorando la palabra" y prepararse para las lecturas del domingo siguiente mirando previamente.

Si usted se mueve en estas tres direcciones, Dios le ayudará a convertirse en una mejor versión de usted en el año 2019 y después de eso. . Que tengan un maravilloso año nuevo de parte de todos nosotros aquí en la parroquia de San Jerónimo.

Padre Dan

### Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Que como niños agradecidos de Dios, recordemos decirles a los familiares y amigos que los amamos todos los días.

"Mira qué amor nos ha dado el Padre, que seamos llamados hijos de Dios; y así lo somos" (1 Juan 3:1) Durante esta temporada de dar, recordemos el regalo más importante que hemos recibido: ser hijos de Dios. Como hijos de Dios, es importante que expresemos nuestro amor por los demás también. Dile con frecuencia a tu cónyuge, hijos y otros familiares y amigos, que los amas.

## CATECISMO

(De KINDER A SEXTO AÑO)

**Descanso de Año Nuevo:**

**Clases de Domingos:** No clases el día de hoy  
**Regresamos el próximo domingo 13.**

**Clases de Martes:** No tendremos clases el martes 1 de enero.

**Regresamos el 28 De Enero**

Información: (713) 464-5029

+ Recuerde traer a sus hijos a Misa todos los Domingos+

**¿Interesado en una misa de intención? Para alguien que ha fallecido, o por su cumpleaños, o por alguien enfermo. Comuníquese con Pilar Salas en la oficina de la iglesia, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Donación de \$ 5 por Misa.**

**Las registraciones para el retiro de ACTS Mujeres en español será el Domingo, 6 de enero después de la misa de 12:00 PM.**



## Religious Education

### Kinder-6th Grade

New Year's break:

**Sunday CCE classes:** No CCE classes today. We will resume classes next Sunday the 13th.

**Tuesday CCE classes:** No CCE classes this Tuesday January 01st. We will resume classes on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Information: (713) 464-5029

+Remember to bring your child to Sunday Masses+

LIFE TEEN follows the Church's mandate to make JESUS CHRIST the center of everything we do LIFE TEEN Mass is held every Sunday at 5:00 pm. everyone is welcome. Bring your friends. Come worship with us. Great Music! LIFE NIGHTS follow Mass and we are open to *high school teens* only, 6:30 – 8:15 pm in the Fr. Raye Center. LIFE NIGHT meetings consist of education and hot topics.

**NO LIFENIGHTS: DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> & JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**GREAT MUSIC! COME WORSHIP WITH US!**



Call or e-mail Ricky [rickystjeromifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:rickystjeromifeteen@gmail.com) 713/468-9555

**SAY YES!! Please put \$5. More per week in the collection or if you just can't, at least \$2. HELP YOUR PARISH!** Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Catholic Radio 24 hours on your smart phone, plus read good Catholic news. Relevant Radio app download and listen.**

**Interested in a Mass Intention?** For someone that is deceased, a birthday blessing, for healing. Please contact Pilar Salas in the church office, Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. A donation of \$5 per Mass.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** - If you would like to remember St. Jerome Parish, St. Jerome School, or St. Jerome Activity Center in your last will, you can instruct your attorney to include the following language in your will or codicil: **"To Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and his successors in office for the benefit of St. Jerome Catholic Church, (or School or Activity Center), Houston, Harris County, Texas, the following: ▶ ▶"**

#### EVENTS PLACES AVAILABLE FOR RENT

St. Jerome Activity Center, Outback, Fr. Raye Center, Adult Education and some other rooms can be rented for your private events. Please call Martin & Linda Garcia for availability and prices 281-686-1061.



**ST. JEROME**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Jerome Catholic School opened its doors on September 4, 1962. Fifty-six years later, St. Jerome continues to embrace and extend the mission of Christ and the Catholic Church through academics, community and service for PK4-8th grade students.

Are you curious about your Parish school? You are invited to attend the Open Houses on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 11a-2p or Monday, January 28, 2019 from 9a-2p. Hear from Student Ambassadors about why they love being a St. Jerome Bulldog, while they tour you and your family around campus. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be open. Register on either of these days and take advantage of the registration fee discount. Come see why *"Here, we are Family!"* For more information, visit the school website at [www.stjeromecs.org](http://www.stjeromecs.org) or contact the school office at 713.468.7946. The office will reopen on January 8, 2019. **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**



Help our school, drop off your Box Tops to the school office, Thank you!

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

8:15 a.m. - Mass - English  
5:30 p.m. - Mass- English  
7:30 p.m. - Mass - Spanish

#### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

8:00 a.m. - Mass – English  
10:00 a.m. – Mass - English  
12:00 p.m. - Mass – Spanish  
2:30 p.m. – Mass - Spanish  
5:00 p.m. - Mass - English

Mass Enrollment Cards for both a CDA & CCSF for Sale in the Religious Gift Store benefiting Seminarians & Scholarships

### Feast of the Holy Family

That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day. During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK**  
**ACTIVIDADES DE ESTA SEMANA**

- Sunday/Domingo, December 30 / 30 de Diciembre  
Monday/Lunes, December 31 / 31 de Diciembre  
Tuesday/Martes, January 1 / 1 de Enero  
CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITIES CLOSED  
Wednesday/Miércoles, January 2 / 2 de Enero  
6:00 pm Young Adults – White House  
7:00 pm MFCC – Music Room  
Thursday/Jueves, January 3 / 3 de Enero  
7:00 pm MFCC – Large Conference Room  
Friday/Viernes, January 4 / 4 de Enero  
5:00 pm First Friday Fish Fry – Parish Activity Center  
6:00 pm LifeTeen Band – Jerome Room  
Saturday/Sábado, January 5 / 5 de Enero  
9:00 am Catholic Daughters – PAC (102)

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE ST. JEROME DAY CHAPEL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LIFE FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY THE HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018**

**Sunday**      **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;  
Ps 128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Monday**      Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17  
**Tuesday**      **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of God**  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Wednesday**      1Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28  
**Thursday**      1Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34  
**Friday**      1Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42  
**Saturday**      1Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday**      **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

**Upcoming Retreats:**



- Feb 7 – 10      In Spanish Women – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
March 14 – 17      Teen ACTS – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
April 4 – 7      In Spanish Men – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
May 2 – 5      In English Men – Holy Name Houston, TX  
July 11 – 14      In English Women – Holy Name Hou, TX  
August 22 – 25      In Spanish Women – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
Sept 12 – 15      In Spanish Men – St Agnes Waller TX

**CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, January 1st All Day**  
**in celebration of NEW YEARS.**

**LET THIS COMING YEAR BE BETTER THAN ALL THE OTHERS.** Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. **Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine.**

**Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep.** Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Encourage some youth to do his or her best. Share your experience, and offer support. Young people need role models. Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be hard to digest. Find the time to be kind and thoughtful. All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might give someone a badly needed lift. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Be kind. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him. Don't blow your own horn. If you've done something praiseworthy, someone will notice eventually.

**Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own.** Few things are 100 percent one way or another. Examine the demands you make on others. Lighten up. When you feel like blowing your top, ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?" Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you. The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other. Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing.

**Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky.** Nothing-ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go. Go to war against animosity and complacency. Express your gratitude. Give credit when it's due—and even when it isn't. It will make you look good. Read something uplifting. Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage—why put it in your head? Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. They never go out of style.

When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

**Take better care of yourself.** Remember, you're all you've got. Pass up that second helping. You really don't need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll feel better and look better, too. Don't put up with secondhand smoke. Nobody has the right to pollute your air or give you cancer. If someone says, "This is a free country," remind him or her that the country may be free, but no person is free if he has a habit he can't control.

**Return those books you borrowed.** Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk, pick it up instead of walking over it.

Give yourself a reality check. Phoniness is transparent, and it is tiresome. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonders of nature. A flower is God's miracle.

**Walk tall, and smile more.** You'll look 10 years younger. Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.

If you have love in your life, consider yourself blessed, and vow to make this the best year ever.

**HAPPY 2019. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!**

Consejería Católica para Feligreses

¿Necesita usted sanación emocional? ¿Está usted desanimado por causa de sus relaciones con los que ama? Este es el momento para que reciba la ayuda y la sanación que usted necesita. La Parroquia Católica de San Jerónimo se ha unido con Rejoice Counseling Apostolate para ofrecer en esta iglesia servicios de consejería individual, matrimonial, y de familias en inglés y en español. A los miembros de la parroquia y a sus familias les damos un descuento por los servicios basados en su situación económica. Para más información o para sacar una cita llame al (844) 295-3167 o visite la página virtual [www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou](http://www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou)

**¡IDI QUE SI! POR FAVOR DONA \$5. MÁS POR SEMANA.  
¡DONA \$2 SI PUEDES! TU IGLESIA SAN JERÓNIMO  
NECESITA DE TU AYUDA. ¡IDI QUE SÍ! ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

**ESQUINA DE LOS RETIROS DE ACTS DE SAN JERONIMO**

**PRÓXIMOS RETIROS:**

Feb 7 – 10 Mujeres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
March 14 – 17 Teen ACTS – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
April 4 – 7 Hombres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
May 2 – 5 Hombres Ingles – Holy Name Houston, TX  
July 11 – 14 Mujeres Ingles – Holy Name Houston, TX  
August 22 – 25 Mujeres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX  
Sept 12 – 15 Hombres Español – St. Agnes Waller TX

**HORARIO DE MISAS PARA LOS DIAS FESTIVOS**

**DIA ÚLTIMO DEL AÑO, LUNES 31 DE DICIEMBRE**

8:15 a.m. – Misa en Inglés  
5:30 p.m. – Misa en Inglés  
7:30 p.m. – Misa en Español

**DIA PRIMERO DEL AÑO, MARTES 1 DE ENERO**

**MARIA MADRE DE DIOS**

8:00 a.m. – Misa en Inglés  
10:00 a.m. – Misa en Ingles  
12:00 p.m. – Misa en Español  
2:30 p.m. – Misa en Español  
5:00 p.m. – Misa en Inglés



**¡PADRE MIO, ALZAME EN TUS BRAZOS!** No sólo cuando se es niño se puede tener el consuelo de unos brazos que nos alcen cuando nos sentimos tristes o tenemos miedo. Aun siendo adultos, esos brazos se extienden para contenernos en los peores momentos. Para un niño no hay consuelo mayor que los brazos de sus padres. Si se caen, se lastiman, si un juguete se rompió o alguien les dijo algo feo, si se asustaron o les duele algo, el mejor lugar, el más cálido, son los brazos de papá o mamá. Parecería ser que hacerle

upa a un hijo fuera un acto mágico. Casi instantáneamente desaparecen el dolor, la angustia, el miedo. Este es alguno de los tantos beneficios de ser niño, ante una dificultad, el consuelo llega rápido, siempre están extendidos los brazos de nuestros padres, dispuestos a hacernos ese “upa” mágico que parecería que, más que elevarnos del suelo, nos llevase hacia otra dimensión, suave, tierna, donde nada duele ni asusta demasiado. No hay dolor para un niño que no se calme estando en brazos de sus papás. ¿Pero qué ocurre cuando crecemos? Al ser adultos todo cambia. No es que no haya ya consuelo, dolor, pena o miedo; no es así, pero ya nadie nos hace upa. Y claro, “estamos ya grandes para eso”. Nuestros cuerpos pesan mucho y nuestros padres, si bien mantienen intacto su amor hacia nosotros, han perdido la fuerza, la rapidez, el reflejo para extender esos brazos sanadores. Nosotros ya estamos grandes en tamaño y nuestros padres, grandes en edad. Incluso, algunos ya no están con nosotros y nos cuidan desde otro lugar. Pero el hecho de crecer y convertirse en adulto no nos exime de los dolores, angustias y miedos, muy por el contrario. ¿Qué hacemos entonces cuando nos sentimos mal, tristes, angustiados, temerosos? Cuando realmente el dolor o el miedo es grande, no sé por qué razón, uno se siente chiquito, muy chiquito e indefenso ante el peligro que asecha, sea una enfermedad, la muerte, la falta de amor, el abandono, etc. Es como si ante las situaciones límites nuestro cuerpo se mantuviera intacto por fuera, pero nuestro corazón se hiciera pequeño y pidiera a gritos que nos alcen a upa. En el dolor más profundo uno se siente indefenso. En esos momentos, siempre hay alguien o algo que nos consuela, familia, hermanos, abrazos, manos apretadas, caricias, y no es que todo esto no sirva, todo lo contrario, pero aun así, uno está solo en su dolor y en apariencia nadie “nos alza en brazos”. El grito ahogado del corazón chiquito, sufriente y abatido se hace sentir con una fuerza inaudible, que sólo Dios puede percibir. Es allí, en el peor de los momentos, en que sí nos hacen upa. Si nos abandonamos en Dios, sí dejamos que él nos acompañe y le contamos nuestra angustia, miedo o dolor con humildad, con la sencillez e inocencia de la niñez, Dios, nuestro Padre, nos levanta en sus amorosos brazos. Aunque estemos pesados, arrugados, no importa, Dios rescata a su hijo. Sabe que sus brazos son el mejor de los consuelos y nos alza, y en esa dimensión y a pesar del dolor, llega la paz, la confianza absoluta de que todo está en sus buenas y poderosas manos. Allí y sólo allí nace la paz. En sus brazos, todo se siente mejor, el miedo se atenúa, el dolor mengua, la esperanza crece y la confianza nos domina. Como antes, como cuando éramos chiquitos, Papá nos está haciendo upa, nos está alzando en brazos. Sólo se trata de confiar, de tener fe, de amar a Dios como lo que es, nuestro padre, y pedirle humildemente ayuda, descargar en él nuestro pesar, y pedirle en el más amoroso de los sentidos que nos alce a upa. Sentiremos como sus brazos nos toman y consuelan, como lo que parecía insostenible se puede tolerar, como se puede mantener la calma en medio del dolor y ¿por qué no?, esbozar un pequeñita sonrisa, como ésas que hacen los niños cuando están en el lugar donde se sienten más seguros, los brazos de sus papás.

**Dejémonos alzar por ese Dios papá que nunca abandona y que tiene, no sólo en su regazo, el amor más grande y sublime para brindarnos.**

**FORMED.org/register**  
**Enter Parish Code: nr2424**

**NEW YEAR'S PRAYER** - Almighty and eternal God, You have, through [Jesus](#) Christ, revealed your [glory](#) to all nations. We pray you to preserve the works of your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging [faith](#) in the [confession](#) of Your name. We pray You, who alone are [good](#) and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and [sanctity](#) of [life](#) our Chief Bishop, Pope [John](#) Paul II, the [vicar](#) of our [Lord Jesus](#) Christ, in the government of His Church; our own [Archbishop](#) and Bishop; all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry and conduct Your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray You, O [God](#) of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, to assist with Your [holy spirit](#) of counsel and [fortitude](#) the President of the United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for [virtue](#) and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws in [justice](#) and mercy, and by restraining [vice](#) and immorality. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power. By me [kings](#) reign and rulers make laws that are just; by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.

[PROVERBS 8:14-16] Let the light of Your divine [wisdom](#) direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the [blessing](#) of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency, the Governor Of this state, for the members of the Assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to Your unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the [knowledge](#) and sanctified in the observance of Your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Amen. (By Archbishop Carroll.)

### Catholic Counseling for Parishioners

Are you in need of emotional healing? Are you discouraged by your relationships with loved ones? Now is the time to get the help and healing you need. St. Jerome Catholic Church has collaborated with Rejoice Counseling Apostolate to provide individual, marital, and family counseling services onsite at our parish in both English and Spanish. Parishioners and their families make use of a discounted sliding scale fee. To learn more or schedule an appointment call (844) 295-3167 or visit [www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou](http://www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou)

**FISH FRY**  
 **FRIDAY**



**BAKE SALE**

**Friday, January 4, 2019**  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**New Activity Center**

**RESPECT LIFE:** aking place Jan. 14-22 is 9 Days for Life ([www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)), an annual period of prayer and action for life. Each day of the novena provides a different intercession, reflection, information item and suggested action.