



*From the desk of our Parish Administrator*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have begun the period of Lent just this past Ash Wednesday. Someone told me recently regarding this period of conversion, prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving, "May you have a happy Lent, Father!" I thanked the person for his good wishes, but I thought that Lent was not meant for our enjoyment, but rather, for our advantage and for us to obtain the grace of a deeper relationship with God. It is a period of a greater desire to know more about who God is as revealed by the Lord Jesus and what He has done for us and for our salvation. The fruit of this spiritual effort, brings to our soul joy, and happiness. Therefore, this person that hailed me good wishes for Lent, was probably thinking of the fruit I can receive from Lent, if I persevere in my resolutions. Therefore we must rejoice as we enter in this season of Lent, with the spiritual joy that comes from the awareness of God's call to a greater intimacy. No sadness or gloomy faces, even in the midst of great suffering and sorrow! It is my invitation for all of our St. Jerome family to never lose sight of our goal: To love Jesus Christ more and to be with Him. Sacrifice, prayer and almsgiving are wonderful means for us. They help us to detach ourselves from those worldly or sinful desires that little by little creep inside us without many times knowing it. They are instruments; they are not ends in themselves. On their own they have no value; on the contrary, when they are truly tools for a more mature relationship with God, they are wonderful aids to our soul. Let us be generous with God, let us ask Him to make us love what He loves, to know Him better so that we can follow His footsteps more closely and be holy and sanctify others by our example.

Blessings to everyone and happy Lenten season!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Rodolfo Caballero

*With much Appreciation and Gratitude*

On behalf of Fr. Emmanuel and myself, we wish to extend a **Thank You** to the St. Jerome community for the overwhelming generosity, acts of kindness and well wishes that were given for our birthdays. **Thank You** again for all that you do to bring God's love to others. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.



During Lent, the 8:00am morning mass will continue as usual on Tuesday through Friday. In addition, each Friday during Lent, starting at 6:30pm there will be Stations of the Cross and another mass immediately following the Stations. Our Parish Mission is scheduled for March 16th, 17th and 18th. Each night the Mission will begin at 7:00pm. The Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 4th, beginning at 7:00pm. Several priest will be available for private confessions. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal, please take the time to build your personal relationship with our Lord.

*Catholic Questions and Answer s Corner-*

**What is the purpose and origin of the 40 days of fasting, almsgiving and doing penance during the season of Lent?**

Throughout our Catholic history, Christians have found prayer, fasting and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Christ himself spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying preparing for the beginning of His earthly ministry. Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence that of some type of Lenten preparation for Easter was done. The 40 days of Lent developed and became more regularized with the legalization of Christianity in the year 313 A.D. In the past, a type of penance, or "giving up," was a special part of the Lenten preparation. Nowadays, more often, Catholics are adding to their daily routine by going to mass more frequently, reading from the Bible or meditating on the mysteries of the rosary. Whether we increase prayer or deprive ourselves of something liked, we should be able to enter into a deeper communion with Christ. It is meant to free us from earthly attachments and focus our attention on really being more like Him and through us being able to accomplish His mission.

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**The Sanctuary Lamp** is sponsored by Norma Jasik - For the Healing of Lance Brown(02/15-02/28).

**The Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Jerome & Our Lady of Guadalupe** Statues are sponsored by Diane Davis—For a Special Intention (02/22-02/28).

**Sunday Collection February 15, 2015**  
*(includes On-line giving)*

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$ 7,678.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,245.00</b>

**Parish Church Loan as of February 9th, 2015**  
\$ 354,794.12

### *St. Jerome Altar Society News*

The Altar Society monthly meeting will be this Wednesday, February 25th beginning at 7:00pm. The meeting will be in the Flanagan Administration Building. All members are invited to attend and new members are always welcome.

#### **Invitation To Join**

All ladies of the parish are invited to join or renew their memberships for the Altar Society as we hold our Annual Membership Drive this weekend, February 21st & 22nd at all the Masses. A table will be setup in the gathering area with information about the Ministry. Dues are \$5 and renewed annually. For more information or questions please contact Darlene LaVelle at 274-2555 for questions.

### *St. Jerome ACTS Ministry News*

#### **Teen ACTS Retreat**

Registration for the Teen ACTS retreat, is now open. You are invited to attend a weekend of spiritual renewal which will include, adoration, community, theology and service. This is a weekend to spend with God and make new friends. The weekend begins, the evening of March 12th and concludes on Sunday, March 15th at the St. Jerome 11:00am mass. Transportation, housing and food is included. Total cost to attend is \$100. Do not let lack of funds keep you from attending the retreat. Please contact: Megan Foster at 210-415-9215 or Jessica Lubianski at 210-485-9872. **The Teen ACTS are having a bake sale this weekend after the masses.**

### *St. Jerome Cemetery News*

There is a cleanup day scheduled for March 28th at the St. Jerome Cemetery. The Catholic Life Branch 200 along with the Girl Scouts will be helping with the clean up. Volunteers are always welcomed! Construction of the new road, and curbs for the St. Jerome Cemetery, along with repairs to its fence line, has begun. Plots are available at a cost of \$525 each. The price per plot will be increasing soon, if you are interested, please contact Marilyn Rivas at 210-846-5038.

### *St. Jerome CYO News*

Registration for baseball/T-Ball and Track are currently underway until March 15th. Please see Jessica Ahr in the Gathering Area of the church after the 8:30am and 11:00am masses. The CYO organization will be sponsoring a Casino Night fundraiser which will be held on March 28, 2015 in the O'Brien Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner served from 5:30pm till 7:00pm. Gaming will be from 5:30 till 8:30pm. There will also be a Live Auction and Dance immediately following: Cost to reserve a table for eight is \$280.00, a table for ten is \$350.00 and tickets individually are \$35.00 each. This will benefit the Gym Project. For more information contact Jessica Ahr at 210-218-0862.

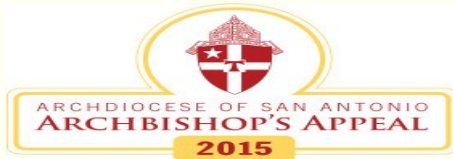
### *St. Jerome Boy/Girl Scout News*

The St. Jerome BSA Troop 315 are selling Battle of the Flowers Parade seats at a cost of \$12.00 each. If interested, contact Carolyn Moreno at 210-744-8526. The Scouts will be participating in the regional Scouting for Food project. Grocery bags will be distributed this weekend, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and the bags can be returned the following weekend, February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Cub Scout Pack & the Boy Scout Troop have openings for boys that want to have fun with the scouting experience. If you like learning new things and outdoor activities this is the organization for you. Cub Scouts are for boys from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Boy Scouts are for boys 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. No prior scouting experience required. Meetings are every Tuesday night in Pruski Hall at 7-8:30 pm. Contact Richard Ruiz at 210-473-7392 for Cub Scouts or Henry Mendez at 210-834-6202 for Boy Scouts.

### *St. Jerome Youth Ministry News*

This past Saturday, the Youth Ministry and Life Teen participated at the Youth Spectacular "Selfless Revolution." There were 1,200 Teens in attendance. The day was amazing with a visit from Archbishop Gustavo who motivated the teens to love themselves. "Be disciples of Love do not be afraid." "Let yourself be loved by God." The Teens professed their love for Jesus. There was singing and fellowship. Adoration was very moving seeing the Teens rejoicing in the word of God. It was a wonderful day.





**Pledge Weekend for the Archbishop's Appeal**  
 Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and the aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$23,538.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on the ministries funded by the appeal visit [www.archsappeal.org](http://www.archsappeal.org).

**St. Joseph's Society and Hope for the Future are offering 24 scholarships** to incoming high school freshmen, three for each of the eight San Antonio Catholic high schools. The non-renewing scholarships are awarded based on grades, class attendance, extracurricular activities, family income and other criteria. For more information you may contact Larry Wedge at 210-696-1104.

**15th Annual Golf Tournament - Benefiting Teen ACTS Worldwide**  
 Saturday March 21, 2015 – 8 a.m. Tee Time  
 Silver Horn Golf Course  
 1100 West Bitters Road, San Antonio, TX 78216  
 For more information contact:  
 Rick McManigle [rmcmanigle@ost.edu](mailto:rmcmanigle@ost.edu)

**St. Gerard Sausage Dinner**  
 Sunday February 22, 2015—Beginning at 11:00am  
 St. Gerard Parish Cafeteria—1619 Iowa Street  
 Sponsored by St. Gerard's Altar/Holy Name Society  
 Sausage and all the Fixing's—plates are \$7.00 each  
 Bingo begins at 2:00pm

**St. Benedict Catholic Church** is having their Fifteenth Annual Florida Scramble Golf Tournament at Republic Golf Club Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The cut off for registration is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Your support is appreciated. For additional information, call Jeanette Urbanczyk at 210-337-4377

**The Bexar County Czech Heritage Society** will hold their annual benefit polka dance on Sunday, March 1, from 2-6pm at Martinez Social Hall. Admission is \$8.00. Music will be provided by the Ennis Czech Boys. Kolaches and sausage on a bun will be available for purchase. All are welcome!

**Pavers For The Prayer Garden**—Just a few spots left. Forms are in the Gathering Area of the church. Contact Frank Bennett for more information at 210-867-7281.

## St. Jerome Parish News

**Counseling Services** - You may contact Karen Bagwell at 210-264-2565. Karen charges on a sliding scale basis.

**Starting this Lent and continuing throughout the year**, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, we will have an "Intention Box" provided for parishioners to place their special needs before the Lord. If you are unable to attend Adoration but would like a specific need prayed for, please contact the parish office and confidentially your need will be placed in the Intention Box. The box will remain in the day chapel by the altar during the week but will be placed by the main altar during the weekend masses.



The next Fish Fry will be on March 6th and the third will be on March 20th. The Fish Fry begins at 4:30 and ends when the plates are sold out. Plates will be \$8.00 each. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Rosemary Appelt.

**The Knights of Columbus**  
**Our Lady of Fatima Council 4315**  
 is inviting St. Jerome parishioners to participate in the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive—From February 18—April 5. A container has been placed in the Gathering Space to collect your food donations to help feed the Hungry in our San Antonio Archdiocese.

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In the attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, the Church asks Catholics to abstain and fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. More frequent fasting days are advised by the church, but not required. The money saved by fasting can be given as alms to the poor. For many, it is a time for deepening our prayer life, and accomplishing extra acts of kindness. Ultimately, what is important during the 40 days of Lent, is that the faithful draw closer to God through these special acts of penance, fasting and prayer. These acts, whether it be, giving up, or adding something to our daily routine, is a sacrifice which will help conform our wills to the will of the Creator. Whatever we choose to faithfully do during our Lenten journey, should help re-establish our harmony with God, that sin has broken. Saint John Paul II reminded us that "we are body and soul," and in fasting, "prayer is joined in a bodily action, so soul and body get more closely united". These acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving do not have to be huge sacrifices, but done according to our strength and where we are in our spiritual life. In other words, Lent is an opportunity to experience a conversion of heart, the kind of conversion that will take hold in our being and last.

**Please Pray for the following:**

Jessica Ahr, Johnny Ahr, Glenn Andrews, Terri Appelt, Carol Barnett, Cooper Barnett, Ronnie Barnett, Marcy Berden, Terry Botkin, Courtney Burton, Charlie Chavez, Clarkson Family, Nancy Corando, Sandra Dorsey, Dora Esqueda, Judy Evans, Enrique Flores, Elaine Forrest, Shirley Friesenhahn, Stacy Hamilton Garcia, James Gawlik, Amanda Gawlik, Lambert Gawlik, Ramon Gaytan, Irene Gerlich, Mellisa Gonzales, Lucy Golla, Gina Guerra, Bill Hosek, Jr., Susan Hosek, Maggie Ibrom, Kenneth Jarzombek, Charles Kalka Jr., Gilbert Kiolbassa, Margie Kiolbassa, Tillie Kosub, Jennifer Kotrola, Connie Kuykendall, David Kvapil, Charles & June Lammons, David Lammons, Jennifer Laskowski, Rosalie Leal, Susan Lyssy, Marjorie Mahula, Doris Mergele, Maddie McClain, Margorite McMann, Theo Mihalski, Betty Miller, Lenior Moy, Patricia Moy, Arnold Lyro, Karen Jo Marshal, Jacob Martin, Ronald Miller, Yolanda Moreno, Cindy Murray, Alice Pollok, Annie Pruski, Olga Quiroz, Deanna Real, Rita Real, Joseph Reese, Janet Rangel, Randall Reese, Catherine Richter, Terri Royce, Philip Scheel, Christine Scott, Jacob Scott, Raymond Skloss, Gene Snoga, Anton Strzelczyk, Jo Sturbe, Helen Syamken, Rose Tabbert, Kathy Tausch, Tara Thurman & Baby Madison, John Thornton, Sylvia Trujillo, C. Barry Turk, Colby Turk, Thomas Turk, Louis Vontur, Elenor Vrsalik, Latham Walleck, Daniel Warzecka, Clara Wiatrek, Barbara Wiatrek, Kyle Wiatrek, Nicole Winston, Barbara Witherspoon, Caroyln Wollney, Devon Zigmund, Mary Zrenner

**Please Pray for our Military:**

Caleb Brooks, Derek Christa, Ryan Deuvall, Wayne Hosek, Michael Weston, Eric McDonald, Eric Williamson, Omero Lopez, Ryan Clemons, Kevin Kotrola, Matt Kuwamoto, Sicily Rios, Elizabeth Ferris, Margaret Jimenez Myers, Jennifer Lonsberry



**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Engaged couples should make arrangements with Pastor at least six months in advance. Sponsor couple or engaged encounter weekend required before a wedding can be scheduled.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptismal Instruction for parents and sponsors is held the third Thursday of each month from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Participants MUST register prior to the class by contacting the Parish Office. A birth certificate must be brought to the class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.-4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK**

Please notify the church office of a parishioner who is homebound or ill at home or in the hospital.

**FUNERALS**

If a member of the immediate family dies in the Lord, please notify the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, February 24, 8:00am**

†Ernestine & Alouis Lejeske  
For the Special Intention of Basil Karm

**Wednesday, February 25, 8:00am**

Wedding Anniversary of Willie & Georgie Rainosek  
Special Intention—JM

**Thursday, February 26, 8:00am**

†Special Intention of a Parishioner

**Friday, February 27, 8:00am**

†Frank Lazar

**Friday, February 27, 6:30pm**

†Henry Bronder

**Saturday, February 28, 5:00pm**

†Agnes & Jerry Trampota, †Frank Gutierrez,  
†Jesse Morrisett, †Marjorie Hosek,  
†Alouis & Ernestine Lejeske,  
†Anton, Ruth, and Thomas Ibrom, †Darrell Davis  
For the Healing of Lance Brown

**Sunday, March 1, 8:30am**

†Edward Keller, †Laura Scheel  
†For the Deceased Members  
of the Pollok-Pawelek Families  
†Bernice Snoga, †Joseph Cicheroki, †Larry Yanta  
†Frank and Helen Lazar, †Leroy Lutz,  
†Wilbert Schick

**Sunday, March 1, 11:00am**

†Irene Rakowitz, †Keith Colble, †Luis Garza  
For a Special Intention of a Parishioner  
For the Healing of Agnes & Lambert Gawlik  
For the Healing of Jennifer Kotrola  
For the Healing of Marjorie Mahula

**Sunday, March 1, 5:00pm**

For Our Sick Parishioners  
For the Intentions of our Parishioners

**PARISH STAFF**

**Fr. Rodolfo Caballero, Administrator**  
*Email for Fr. Rodolfo—caballero.jrodolfo@gmail.com*  
**Fr. Emmanuel Ebuta, Associate Pastor**  
**Edward Jimenez, Deacon**  
**Charles Lammons, Deacon**  
**Diane Davis, Parish Secretary**  
**Patricia Flores, Part-Time Secretary**  
**Sandra Dorsey, DRE Contact 260-3489**  
**Tom Hatzenbuehler, General Manager**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Steve Cartwright, *President*  
Larry Keller, *Vice President*  
Kellie Wiatrek, *Secretary*

**Members**

Cynthia Farmer, Joe Jaksik, Lloyd Welty, Bill Thoms, Frances Zunker, Catherine Richter

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm

**Members**

Jerry Pruski, George Kiolbassa, Burnell Gates, Pelagius Moczygamba, Wayne Pape, Mark Blandford, Anthony Mihalski

**PARISH LIFE**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Beth Pape 254-7819

**Altar Servers**

Roxanne Zigmund  
415-7821

**Altar Society**

Last Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Darlene LaVelle,  
274-2555

**Senior Gathering**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 11:00 a.m.  
Joyce Royce 649-1210

**A.C.T.S.**

Daryl Wagoner 316-2160

**Men's Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Kallies 649-3606

**C.Y.O.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Jessica Ahr 218-0862

**Boy Scouts**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Jason Eitriem 627-3844

**Cub Scouts**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Richard Ruiz 636-8933

**Girl Scouts**

Debbie Balderas 648-6107

**Music Ministry**

Frances Zunker 380-3295

**Youth Ministry**

Daniel Rocha 286-1944

**Little Rock Scripture**

Louis Rios 648-1900

**R.C.I.A.**

Every Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Edward Jimenez 649-2070

**Hall Rentals**

Diane Swientek 219-6646

**St. Jerome Cemetery**

Marilyn Rivas 846-5038

**Ushers**

Wayne Pape 336-5854

**Companions for the Journey**

3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

**Baptismal Class**

Alice Rutkowski 296-1380

**Life Teen**

Conrad Urteaga 838-4186

**Marriage Ministry**

3rd Thursday 7:00pm

**Life Teen**

Cynthia Farmer

**Marriage Ministry**

685-1581

**Marriage Ministry**

Lloyd Welty 389-7321