

St. Jerome Church

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1 – 5 PM Monday – Thursday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and First Fridays 7:30 PM

**The First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021**

Reconciliation by appointment

Pregnancy assistance services (nationwide) 1-800-848-LOVE

Suicide Prevention Hotline (nationwide) 1-800-273-8255, (local) 513-281-CARE

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Rectory (513) 231-7042

How to register at St. Jerome's: New member registration packets are under the table to the right as you leave church. Fill out the registration form and return that form by dropping it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Rectory at 5858 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 231-7042

You are curious; So are we!



Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. We are not celebrating a piece of furniture, but the role and office of Peter within the Church. And that office, presently held by Pope Francis, has been around for over 2,000 years and is both a source of authority and unity as well as a cause of significant tension among

the followers of Jesus. So why celebrate it?

We celebrate the feast for several reasons. First, it is a day when we recognize who and what the chair stands for. The chair of Peter is not the chair of a local bishop, for the chair of the Bishop of Rome is in his cathedral of John Lateran. So, while the present occupant of the Chair of Peter is Pope Francis, we are not focusing on his role as the local bishop of the diocese of Rome. Rather, we're celebrating his role as shepherd or bishop of the universal Church, a role that is intricately one with, but not identical to, his position as bishop of Rome. So the chair of Peter is, first, a stand-in for the pope as bishop of the world-wide Church.

We are also celebrating the authority of the universal bishop. It's the authority given by Jesus to Peter to lead and guide the Church in Jesus' place. For Jesus told Peter that "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . ." (Mt 16:18). In his Letter to the Galatians, we see Saint Paul acknowledging this fact by seeking Peter's approval for his ministry, for he recognized Peter as the first among the apostles (Gal 1:18). This authority and role, we believe as Catholics, is passed down and exercised by the pope, just as the authority and role of the apostles is passed down and exercised by the bishops in union with the pope.

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The Wurst Kase scenario.



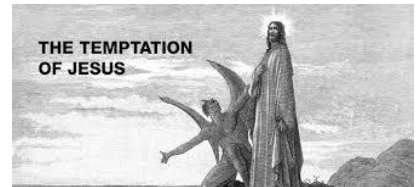
O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Please take a 2021 Word and Song missalette home with you. It will be your own personal copy and you need not share it with anyone.

Bring it with you when you come to Mass – sing with us, read with us, pray with us.

We love Mark's rendition of the Gospel. He is totally matter-of-fact, does not waste words, and quickly gets his point across to us. Consider today's Gospel reading:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."



Saint Luke and Saint Matthew wrote several dozen sentences within a couple of chapters to say the same things – of course they explain in detail and we love them, too. It seems that God inspired these Evangelists to tell us, in their own words, exactly what He wanted us to know and we're grateful.



"A man who governs his passions is master of his world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil."
— St. Dominic

"This hammer keeps hitting two inches to the left."