

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2024

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et de Marie
Gracieuse Zephyr –par leurs enfants

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS
Thanksgiving to God, in honor of the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary for Tessa King-Shepherd

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL
For the people of the Parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Repos de l'ame de Mr. et Mme Francisque et
Marie Marthe Thelemaque -par Rosette Jean

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Jean Robert Bissainthe
-par Ralph Bien-Aime

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu, anniversaire de
naissance de Joseph Francois

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

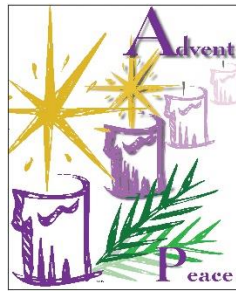
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MASS INTENTIONS

We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions. The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving. Whether you are marking an anniversary, offering gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for your dearly departed, it is always a beautiful way to do so within the Mass. The Mass book for the rest of 2024 is still open. Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

“Let the Children come to me,” says the Lord. Altar Servers are needed: Parents with children who have already received First Communion are invited to volunteer their children for the ministry of Altar Server. Training will be provided. If interested, call the rectory at 718-462-0223 and leave names and phone number.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel Luke situates John the Baptizer in a specific historical place, the region of the Jordan. John preaches at a specific time, the fifteenth year of the reigns of Tiberius, Pontius, Herod, Philip, and Lysanias, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas. Luke is specific because God sent the Lord, the Messiah, at a particular and specific time in human history.

And the Messiah's work was specific. He would set things right: raising valleys, lowering mountains, and making crooked or winding paths smooth so that the saving love of God could be accessible to all. The One whose coming John announced began to fulfill the promise voiced in Baruch, gathering all God's children back to Jerusalem, the city of peace. There will God's all-inclusive mercy reconcile any who have gone astray. There will God restore justice, that is, right relationship with God and all creation.

That promise continues to be fulfilled in our day. Baptism unites us with Christ Jesus. We committed to doing our part to complete the work of fulfillment begun by Jesus in his day and time. When we live Jesus clearly, his coming is made known and we prepare the way of the Lord in our specific moment of history.

We are not generics. Think of yourself as a brand name, for we have been branded with the name Christian. Look within and find Christ there. Look around and see where his reconciling love is needed. Make that love visible in your body. Then all flesh can see the salvation of God, present here and now and for years to come.

Merciful God, you promise to be with us in all times, in all places, and through all life's situations. Open our eyes to see you in our midst. Remove whatever keeps us from living in ways that help others to see your saving love made flesh, Jesus Christ, in this Advent seas.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

December: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2024. This year, our parish's goal is to raise \$44,000 for the Diocese.

Once we reach our goal, any funds collected beyond \$44,000 will benefit our parish directly. We encourage everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time donation. Remember, the well-being of our parish is a responsibility shared by each and every one of us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

Readings for the Week –December 8TH, 2024

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38 **Tuesday** Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14 **Wednesday** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30 **Thursday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 **Friday** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 **Sunday** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Donations for Christmas Flowers



The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

This weekend's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection needs your help. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in this week's collection to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. All Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. 1st communion will be celebrated in 2nd grade after the child receives 2 years of formation. The sacrament of Confirmation receives in 8th grade. Please contact Mrs. Rosey, the **Faith Formation Director at 718-462-0223** or at faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

We invite all young members of the parish to join the St. Jerome Youth Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with peers who are eager to deepen their faith, engage in church activities, participate in community outreach, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage parents to inspire their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to get involved. We look forward to seeing them take active roles in our church community. For more information or to register, please contact Ms. Woodlyn Sance, the youth minister, or Mrs. Rosey Gilbert at 718-462-0223.

RCIA-Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registration for RCIA Classes is still open. St. Jerome's Church warmly invites all non-Catholic adults currently attending church who wish to join our community, as well as Catholic adults who have not yet completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, those who have not been baptized, and adults who have received all initiation sacraments but want to deepen their understanding of the faith. Everyone is welcome. To register, please call the rectory during office hours at 718-462-0223.



INSTALLATION MASS OF REV. HILAIRE BELIZAIRE

You are cordially invited to the installation ceremony of Fr. Hilaire Belizaire as pastor of St. Jerome R.C. Church
On Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM

St. Jerome R.C. Church
2900 Newkirk Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-462-0223

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

To better serve you as a parishioner, we kindly ask that you register your family with the parish. Attendance at Mass does not automatically imply registration. Registration is necessary for fulfilling Baptism requests, arranging weddings, Mass, or obtaining a Sacramental sponsor certificate. To register, please visit the rectory during office hours and complete a registration form.

<p>WORSHIP <i>Christ</i> THE NEWBORN KING</p>	<p>Please Join "TEMOINS DU CHRIST" Annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING</p> <p>Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 6:30 pm St. Jerome RC Church 2900 Newkirk Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11226 (bet. Nostrand and Newkirk Aves)</p> <p>Donations \$20</p>	<p>WORSHIP <i>Christ</i> THE NEWBORN KING</p>
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ST. JEROME'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Worship Christ the New Born King"

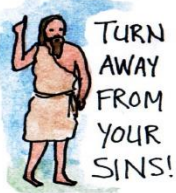
Join your fellow Parishioners for a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm in the Upper Church**. Donation is \$20.00. RSVP by calling, 929-842-2686 or via E-mail Temoinsduchrist@yahoo.com

The Giving TREE

Dear Parishioners,
As we enter this season of giving and thanksgiving, we kindly ask for your generosity in supporting the children in our Diocese. The Jesse Tree is once again displayed in both the upper and lower Churches, with tags for children of different ages provided to us by Catholic Charities. We kindly ask that you please take a tag or two and purchase gifts for the children.
Please do not wrap the gift, but place it in a gift bag with the tag and leave it under the Jesse Tree.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINS!

Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answer to Immaculate Conception Word-Find: HALL MARY

www.thekidsbulletn.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 2024



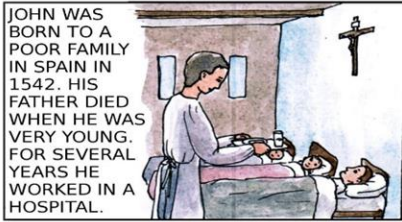
Luke 3:1-6

In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

Saint John of the Cross December 14



JOHN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1542. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WORKED IN A HOSPITAL.



JOHN BECAME A CARMELITE BROTHER, AND DECIDED TO LIVE BY THE OLD, STRICT RULES.



HE MET ST. TERESA OF AVILA, WHO WAS A CARMELITE NUN.

Here's what you can do...



We'd like to join you.

ST. JOHN STARTED A GROUP OF MONKS WHO WOULD LIVE BY THE OLD RULE.



BUT SOME OF THE CARMELITES DISAGREED WITH HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON!



HE ESCAPED 9 MONTHS LATER, BUT WHILE IN PRISON JOHN WROTE BEAUTIFUL POETRY ABOUT GOD.

Hm. God's love is like a fountain...



BY THIS TIME, JOHN WAS QUITE SICKLY. HE WAS TREATED BADLY AT FIRST, BUT BY THE TIME HE DIED EVEN HIS ENEMIES REALIZED HIS HOLINESS.

TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!

Immaculate Conception Word-Find

I S O U L B H O W L A
M A R Y I O K R I O L
M O T H E R E I T V M
A G A S O N P G H I S
C O N C E P T I O N S
U D J E S U S N U G T
L N E V E R I A T R A
A C H O S E N L R A I
T O F F E N D E D C N
E H E A R T F R E E Y



See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

This year, December 9th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.