

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2025

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2025

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Action de grace a Dieu anniversaire de Mariage
de Mr. et Mme. Samuel et Martha José

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS
For the people of the Parish

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 Monique Jean et Freel Jean

MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2025

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace a en l'honneur de Notre Dame
du Perpetuel Secours pour Affricot Yves

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God, Birthday Blessings for
Norma Williams

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de
Rosette Jean

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement a Dieu pour Marie Pierre Charles

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2025

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace en l'honneur de l'enfant Jesus
Christ de prague - Par Chantal Doreus

MASS INTENTIONS 2025



We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions. The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass. **The Mass book for 2025 is open.** Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention. Kindly note that, as per our Bishop's directive, we can only accept Mass requests up until June 30, 2025. After that date, you may request Masses for the remainder of the year.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The opening of the public ministry of Jesus with the wedding feast at Cana is the inauguration of the new space of universal belonging, and it points to that activity which will be most characteristic of the earthly Jesus and of the early Christian movement: the joy of table fellowship, the joy that burns in the heart of everyone being welcomed! The miracle turns the continuation of the feast itself - with the water converted into delicious wine - into a powerful parable about the nature of the Kingdom of God which Jesus came to inaugurate. It draws attention to all the activity of Jesus culminating in the Last Supper, where the wine will now be converted into the drink of the everlasting life. It was a great way to begin and an exciting sign of things to come.

For many of us today, the conversion of the bitter water into the best of wine was not only the first of the many miracles, but a symbol of the conversion of the bitterness of segregation and exclusion into the sweetness of unity and inclusion. This is the beginning of a new alternative world to the empires the world had built and continues to build, empires of exclusion, segregation, and exploitation of the weak and defenseless...the empires of the world, with all of their wealth and technology, cannot give what God alone can give - the fullness of life, but only if we listen to Mary's words: "do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

No wonder the miracle in favor of the continuation of the feast is the first of the many signs Jesus was to perform. And he did indeed perform many wondrous deeds. But the one that I find most fascinating and that probably led him to the cross the fastest was his willingness and ability to have a good time with anyone and everyone. This was most meaningful to his followers and most infuriating to his critics. In this he scandalized many, because he refused to be scandalized by anyone.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025

January: For the right to an education



Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	32
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	285
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	140
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	115
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	235

Readings for the Week –January 19TH, 2025

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12
Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18
Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Please be aware that the rectory office will be **closed on Monday, January 20th** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

COLLECTION FOR CHURCHES IN NEED

Next week, we will take up the Collection for Churches in Need. This collection supports Churches throughout the world. Projects in Latin America & Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Projects in Central & Eastern Europe include training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs as well as church construction and renovation and evangelization through Catholic media. Projects in Africa include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please give generously.

VOCATION

“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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

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.



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.

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.

International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th – January 25th

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

- 1 The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
- 2 The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
- 3 The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
- 4 Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

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The Brooklyn Vicariate Office of Black Catholic Concerns

16 FEB **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** 2025
MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Join the Diocese of Brooklyn and its Vicariate Office for Black Catholic Concerns for the 2025 liturgical celebration of Black history and heritage, our shared faith, diversity and contributions of Blacks in the community.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX R.C. CHURCH

MASS @ 4 PM
4402 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203
Our principal celebrant will be
Archbishop Kenneth Richards
of the Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica.

Sr. Thea Bowman Gospel Choir
Under the direction of
Darcel Wilamowski

Fellowship after Mass
ethnic food, drinks
and entertainment.

SAINT OF THE DAY

January 20: Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Prayer: Saint Fabian, you were divinely chosen as the Vicar of Christ on earth. In your humility and obedience to the will of God, you not only bore this heavy responsibility but also died for it. Please pray for me, that I may have the same courage as you to face an un-Christian culture bravely and accept the consequences of such a choice, no matter the cost. Saint Fabian, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!



Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

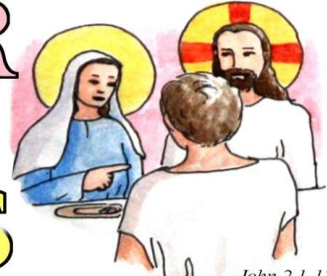
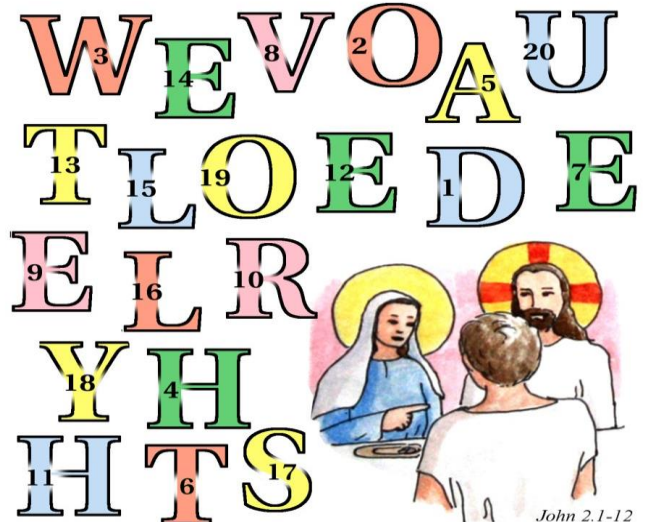
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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19th, 2025



John 2.1-12

Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				

SAINT SEBASTIAN

January 20

SEBASTIAN WAS BORN TO A ROMAN OR GAULISH FAMILY AROUND THE YEAR 260. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME A SOLDIER.

If I become a soldier I can help the Christians in prison!

SEBASTIAN ENCOURAGED HIS FELLOW CHRISTIANS AND HELPED BRING OTHERS TO THE FAITH.

We must not let the persecution frighten us!

HE HELPED PEOPLE WHO WERE IN PRISON FOR THEIR FAITH.

Shh! Here's something for you to eat!

Thanks!

Haha! Sebastian was a Christian all along!

SLAM!

BUT THEN HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED!

ACCORDING TO HIS LEGEND HE WAS SHOT WITH ARROWS AND LEFT FOR DEAD.

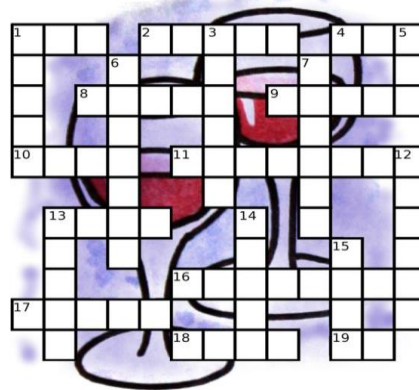
BUT THE CHRISTIANS WHO CAME TO BURY HIM FOUND HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH.

WHEN HE HAD RECOVERED, SEBASTIAN WENT TO THE EMPEROR HIMSELF AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG TO KILL THE CHRISTIANS.

AT FIRST THE EMPEROR THOUGHT SEBASTIAN WAS A GHOST, BUT WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS REALLY ALIVE HE HAD HIM BEATEN TO DEATH WITH CLUBS. THIS STORY REMINDS US NOT TO GIVE UP ON OUR FAITH EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE VERY HARD. IF YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP, JUST THINK OF SEBASTIAN!

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The Miracle at Cana Crossword



ACROSS:
 1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
 2. "_____, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
 4. What had been water was _____ wine.
 8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding _____.
 9. "Do whatever He _____ you."
 (Mary's words)
 10. Jesus _____ "Fill the jars with water."

11. Who filled the jars with water?
 13. They had run out of _____ at the wedding.
 16. "_____ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."
 17. _____ and His disciples were also at the wedding.
 18. Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.
 19. "_____ whatever He tells you."

DOWN:
 1. Jesus did this first of His _____ in Cana in Galilee.
 3. The _____ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
 5. Jesus _____ also there.
 6. They were guests at the _____.
 7. The water _____ wine.
 12. "Everyone else _____ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
 13. They filled the jars with _____.
 14. Cana in Galilee was _____ Jesus did His first public miracle.
 15. "You have saved the _____ wine until now."