

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2025

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de
Roselande Cherubin -par Marie Estimé
- 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
Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de
Marie Faucita Cineas

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2025

- 7:30 PM No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the people of the Parish
- 9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance
de Georgia Guerrier

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2025

- 8:00 AM No Mass Intentions
- 9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The story of the magi and King Herod reminds us of the difference between being “wise” and being “crafty.” Though the term “magi” might more literally be translated as “astrologers” (and our word “magician” comes from it), the tradition term “wise men” does capture an aspect of their story. They are wise not simply because they are smart, but because they use their God-given intellectual abilities to seek out God, to read the signs of the times in order to discern what God is doing in the world.

King Herod, in contrast, is not so much wise as he is crafty. Historians agree that Herod was in many ways an effective ruler: rebuilding the Jerusalem temple, maintaining public order, and keeping Roman interference in day-to-day affairs in Palestine to a minimum. They also agree in large measure his effectiveness as a ruler was a result of his absolute ruthlessness, a merciless resolve that shows itself in today's Gospel. He lies to the magi and plots the murder of a child in what seems to him to be an effective scheme to ensure that he remains in power.

But the wise understand something that the crafty do not. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's saving power in the world, not in the form of royal splendor but of a humble child born into lowly circumstances. His is a power that Herod, for all his craftiness, cannot even recognize, but which the magi, showing true wisdom, come to adore.

O God, source of true wisdom, give us discerning minds to see your power at work in the humble, the poor, and the weak. Help us to manifest your love to the world through our words and actions. Amen.

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, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	20
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	305
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	110
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	96
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	223

COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN MISSION

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Diocesan Mission. Your gift to the Collection will be used by Bishop Brennan to support appeals from various missions throughout the world. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Diocesan Mission and be generous in today's second Collection.

Readings for the Week –January 5TH, 2025

Monday 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 **Tuesday** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44 **Wednesday** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52 **Thursday** 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22 **Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16 **Saturday** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30 **Sunday** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINT OF THE DAY

January 5—Saint John Neumann, Bishop—Memorial:

Prayer: Saint John Neumann, you loved God from the depths of your soul and desired to serve Him and His people through tireless charity, preaching, leadership, and compassion. You brought the Gospel on foot to people far and wide, had a deep love for the poor and troubled, and worked as an effective administrator, building up the life of the Church. Please pray for me, that I may be inspired by your zeal and commit myself to the fulfillment of God's will for my life. Saint John Neumann, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

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.

VOCATION

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Sunday, January 12th, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas season. We invite all those who were baptized this past year from January 2024 to 2025 to come to mass in their baptism garment and receive special blessing at all the masses.

Domingo 12 de enero, Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Esta fiesta marca la conclusión de la temporada navideña. Invitamos a todos los que fueron bautizados el año pasado, de enero de 2024 a 2025, a venir a misa con su vestimenta bautismal y recibir una bendición especial en todas las misas.

Dimanch, 12 Janvyè, Fèt Batèm Granmèt la. Nap envite tout moun ki te batize ane pase de Janvyè 2024 a Janvyè 2025, pou vini menm ak rad batem yo si posib pou nou onore yo, lapriyè pou yo, pou yo kontinye grandi nan pelerinaj lafwa-a.

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.

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

ACT OF HOPE

O Lord God,
I hope by your grace for the pardon
of all my sins
and after life here to gain eternal happiness
because you have promised it
who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind,
and merciful.
In this hope I intend to live and die.
Amen.

Father Hilaire Belizaire

25 Years Priesthood Jubilee Celebration
Once in a Lifetime Journey!
September 15 – 28, 2025



Rome, Sicily, Valencia Ibiza, Marseille, Genoa

**Vatican City, Papal Audience,
Rome City Tour, Vatican Museum**

Round Trip Air from JFK, 5 Nights Hotel in Rome, 7 Night Cruise Cabin,
Transfers, Tours in Rome, All Meals aboard Ship
Prices Start at: Inside \$4,699+; Oceanview \$4,799+; Balcony \$4,979+
Deposit of \$500 per person Due Now! Final due June 5, 2025
Prices vary based on availability & Specials, per person based on two sharing the cabin.
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Not included: Insurance highly recommended, shore excursions, alcohol, tipping/gratuities
Valid passport at least 6 months after return date. Deposit is non-refundable.
Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions.

Reservation: 347-432-7359

If you are planning to join Fr. Hilaire to Italy, France, and Spain from September 15th to the 28th, 2025. Please contact Gina Faustin at 347-432-7359

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe
that you are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because you have revealed them
who are eternal truth and wisdom,
who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
In this faith I intend to live and die.
Amen.

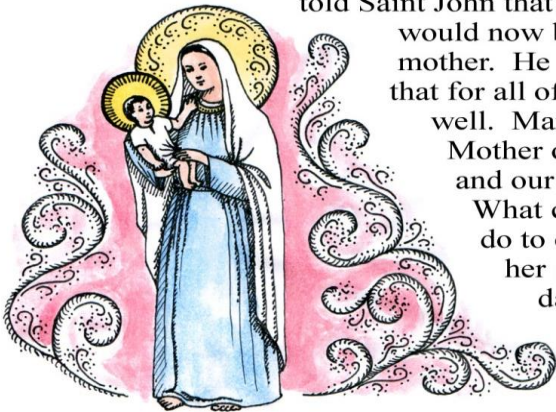
Mary the Mother of God

January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother! What can you do to celebrate her special day?



Answers to the Wise Men Puzzle:
Top: 2, 4. Bottom: 1, 5. Middle: 3, 6.
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The Kids' Bulletin

Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2025
&
Feast of the Epiphany: January 5 or 6, 2025



The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a special part of the Christmas season! What are we celebrating on this feast?

Connect the dots to find out!

Saint André Bessette

January 7*

ALFRED BESSETTE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN 1845. HE WAS SO SICKLY WHEN HE WAS BORN THAT HIS PARENTS BAPTIZED HIM RIGHT AWAY.

I baptize you in the name of the Father...

WHEN ALFRED WAS 9 HIS FATHER DIED IN A LOGGING ACCIDENT. HIS MOTHER DIED 3 YEARS LATER.

Now I won't be able to go to school. I guess I need to find a job.

ALFRED WAS ALWAYS SICKLY. AFTER TRYING MANY JOBS HE BECAME A RELIGIOUS AND TOOK THE NAME ANDRÉ.

BECAUSE HE WASN'T EDUCATED, HIS JOB WAS ANSWERING THE COLLEGE DOOR.

BR. ANDRÉ HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH. MANY PEOPLE WERE CURED BY HIS PRAYERS.

THOUSANDS CAME TO TALK TO HIM. HE WAS VERY KIND TO THEM ALL. HE WOULD ALSO GO TO VISIT THE SICK.

Here's a St. Joseph medal!

BR. ANDRÉ GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAPEL, THE ORATORY OF ST. JOSEPH, BUILT ON THE HILL IN MONTREAL. HE DIED BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED, AT AGE 92.

SAINT ANDRÉ WAS A SIMPLE MAN WHO COULD HARDLY EVEN WRITE HIS OWN NAME. BUT HIS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE MADE EVERYONE LOVE AND TRUST HIM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE THAT WE CAN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS, ESPECIALLY ST. JOSEPH!

*His feast is January 7th in Canada, and January 6th in the U.S.

The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus? What order do these pictures go in? Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him, giving Him gifts.

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

Herod is trying to kill Jesus! Take him and Mary to Egypt!

Herod sent soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem!

Some wise men in the East saw a star that was a sign of something... The Messiah must be born!

The men went to King Herod to see if he knew where the new king was.

An angel warned the wise men and told them to go home another way. Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!

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