

# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l'ame de Carmène D'or  
-Par Montersil Beauzil

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

Por el Descanso del alma de  
Florencia Cuautle  
-Por Margarita and Family

12:00 PM UPPER CHURCH– BILINGUAL MASS

Action de grace anniversaire de naissance  
de Rosette Jean  
-Par angie Gabriel Dostaly

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance  
de Jean Victor Dufour -Par Lucy Dufour

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Lucie George  
Charles et Aristor Gilles  
-Par Youri Gillis

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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'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.

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

A friend commented on today's Gospel: "Is Jesus crazy? Love enemies, pray for and do good to those who hurt or hate? He needs to live in the 'real world.'" It's a fair question. These are not our natural inclinations when hurt or hated. But Jesus did live in the "real world" and practiced what he preached; He did return spit when spit upon, nor curse when cursed, nor resist arrest. He reattached the slave's ear that Peter cut off. He lived in "the real world." By becoming human he shows us another way to negotiate the "real world." While crazy from our perspective, from God's perspective, Jesus' way is our salvation. His words reflect how God treats us when we become enemies by rejecting God's ways. His way? "Do unto others as God does unto you."

That's what Saul does. He could have killed David but would not reject God's way by harming God's anointed. Even though David was an adulterer and murderer, God used him, like God uses us, forgiving our sins and helping us live God's ways. Our human inclination to fight evil with evil is replaced with God's inclination to fight evil with love. Sin still has consequences, but they can help us learn to do as God does.

Jesus offers practical and difficult advice about how to do unto others as God does to us. Those who lived it learned its power: Martin Luther King, Jr., Sister Dorothy Stang, Blessed Oscar Romero, and Pope Francis, to name a few. They were thought to be crazy. Three of them were martyred. Yet, they show us that love begets love and giving of ourselves opens us to receive God's forgiving love. Earthly logic calls this crazy. Spiritual logic finds sense in this way. So, try it. Make good judgments based on this teaching, without becoming judgmental, and "Do unto others as God does unto you."

Merciful God, how many times have you forgiven me when I have sinned, or taken me back when I have turned away from you? Thank you for the many ways in which you love me. Help me learn how to love others the way that you love me: unconditionally, compassionately, kindly, and with great mercy. Help me learn how to do unto others as you do unto me each day.

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# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	32
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	219
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	78
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	89
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	178

## VOCATION

“I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## Readings for the Week – February 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

Monday Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50  
Friday Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16  
Sunday Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

## 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

## 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.

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org) You can also register online at: [www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff)



Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses.

7:30 AM- English Mass in the Lower Church  
9:00 AM- Creole Mass in the Lower Church  
7:30 PM – Trilingual Mass in the Upper Church



Every Friday of Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in 3 Languages in the Upper Church.



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025

**February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS CELEBRATION**

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH  
2900 NEWKIRK AVE. BROOKLYN, NY 11226

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025**

7:30am -Creole  
11:00am -Spanish  
12pm-English and Creole

In honor of Black History Month, we will be hosting a Bilingual Mass in English and Creole on February 23rd at 12:00 PM in the Upper Church. All are welcome to join us in this special celebration. Feel free to dress in cultural attire as we reflect on the achievements, culture, and contributions of the Black community. We hope to see you there!

Please note, there will be no 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM Mass that day.

Be inspired!  
Let's commemorate and honor the African-Americans who shaped history.

**Black Saint of the Catholic Church**

**St. Benedict the Moor**

St. Benedict the Moor (also called Benedict the Black), a lay brother, was born in Sicily in 1526. He was the son of African slave parents, but he was freed at an early age. When he was about 21, he was insulted because of his color, but his patient and dignified bearing caused a group of Franciscan hermits who witnessed the incident to invite him to join their group. He became their leader. In 1564 he joined the Franciscan friary in Palermo and worked in the kitchen until 1578, when he was chosen superior of the group. He was known for his power to read people's minds and held the nickname of the "Holy Moor." His life of austerity resembled that of St. Francis of Assisi. He is the patron saint of African missions, African Americans, Black missions, Black people and Palermo. His feast day is April 4.



<https://www.stalphonsusrock.org/black-catholic-history>



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2025**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year, St. Jerome R.C. Church partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential Catholic programs across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative profoundly impacts countless individuals and families in our communities while benefiting our parish. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we support vital programs that no single parish could sustain on its own.

**Why is your participation important?**

As disciples of Jesus at St. Jerome R.C. Church, we recognize that our commitment to our parish extends to the diocese, which unites us with the broader Catholic community as one body in Christ.

When one part of the body is absent, the whole body feels the impact, making it harder to thrive. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—beyond your regular Sunday offering—directly affects St. Jerome R.C. Church's ability to carry out Christ's mission while ensuring we receive the essential support that connects us to the larger Catholic Church.

We invite you to stand with us as a Church united in communion and charity across Brooklyn and Queens by making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.

The Annual Catholic Appeal aims to raise a minimum of \$8 million to fund essential programs and ministries across the Diocese while supporting the local initiatives of parishes like ours.

At St. Jerome R.C. Church, our goal is \$48,400.

Once we surpass this goal, 100% of the additional funds raised will be returned directly to our parish.

If you have any questions about the Annual Catholic Appeal or would like to schedule an appointment to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at (718) 462-0223.

**Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity**

**What does the Annual Catholic Appeal Support?**



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**Do something life changing!**  
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Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8, 2025

\*Each Session lasts @ 2-2.5 hours

via Zoom

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**Additional info?**

Call: 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

Visit: wwme.org



Scan Code to go directly to application!

# Saint Gabriel Possenti

## February 27

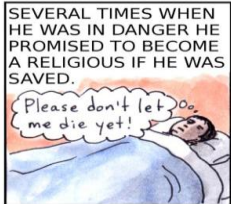
FRANCIS POSSENTI WAS BORN IN 1838 TO A LARGE FAMILY IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 4.



FRANCIS WAS A FUN FRIEND. HE JOKED, DANCED AND LIKED TO HUNT.



SEVERAL TIMES WHEN HE WAS IN DANGER HE PROMISED TO BECOME A RELIGIOUS IF HE WAS SAVED.



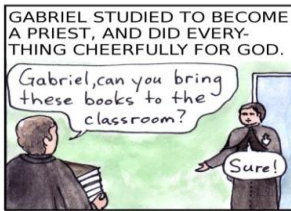
HE FORGOT UNTIL ONE DAY A PICTURE OF OUR LADY REMINDED HIM.



HE JOINED THE PASSIONISTS AND TOOK THE NAME GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.



GABRIEL STUDIED TO BECOME A PRIEST, AND DID EVERYTHING CHEERFULLY FOR GOD.



Can you bring me a picture of Our Lady?



HOWEVER, BROTHER GABRIEL SOON BECAME SICK, AND HE DIED AT AGE 24, BEFORE HE COULD BECOME A PRIEST.

WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL.

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## David and King Saul Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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## Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?

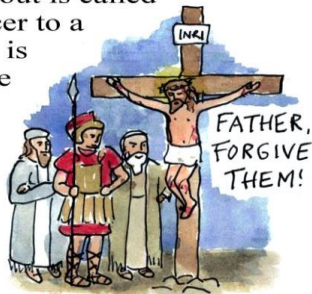


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



Answer to Front page: BE MERCIFUL. Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

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## The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23rd, 2025

7 I 10 L 8 F

3 M 1 B

4 E 6 C 5 R

9 U 2 E



What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading? Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!

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