

# **PARISH MASS INTENTIONS**

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025**

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025**

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  
Repose of the soul of Samuel Farquhar  
-By Emerson Farguhar

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL  
Por el descanso del Alma de Jose  
Guillermo Norville - Florencia Norville

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE  
Action de grace anniversaire de naissance  
de Raphael Yves Cenatus  
-Par Ginette Cenatus et ses enfants

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025**

7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Sebastiana Maria  
da Conceicon and Cicero Mateus de Sousa

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025**

7:30 PM God's healing and Deliverance for M. J. Charles

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025**

7:30 AM God's healing and Deliverance for M. J. Charles

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 2025**

7:30 AM God's healing and Deliverance for M. J. Charles

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance  
de Sophia Vincent -par Raymonde Vincent

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2025**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 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'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.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Today's reading might not bring Popeye immediately to mind, but we should recall his saying: "I am what I am." Simon thought he knew who he was: "I am a sinful man." So did Isaiah "I am a man of unclean lips." And so did Paul: "I am the least of the apostles... but by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace to me has not been ineffective." Paul experienced a change. He is an apostle, Thanks to God's grace. Simon and Isaiah experienced a change, too. Like Paul, they had a limited vision at first. They thought they knew who they were. Only after an experience of God or God made visible in Jesus did they come to know who they really were: a fisher of people, one sent to speak God's word, an apostle and preacher of the gospel.

St. Francis de Sales told us to be who we are and be that well. St. Catherine of Siena likewise said to be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. Often we only see or own part of our reality and usually that is our sin and uncleanness. That's not our full story. Jesus climbs into our proverbial boats, touches our lips, and at times helps us see through the blindness we experience. We see that we are called to fish, announce God's word, and preach with our lives. When you look at only part of your picture, remember Simon, Isaiah, and Paul. Reflect on de Sales' and Catherine's words. Pray Psalm 138:7: "Your right hand saves me. The Lord will complete what he has done for me." And say "I am what I am," adding: "I want to serve the Lord!"

Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord God of Hosts. You are with me in the totality of my being, and you invite me to see and be more than I would be capable of without you. Thank you for touching my lips. Thank you for inviting me into the boat of your Church. Help me express my thanks by preaching the good news of your Son, Jesus, with and without words.

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### **VOCATION**

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	28
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	289
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	131
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	75
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	199

## Readings for the Week – February 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**Monday** Gen 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56 **Tuesday** Gen 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13 **Wednesday** Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23 **Thursday** Gen 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30 **Friday** Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37 **Saturday** Gen 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10 **Sunday** Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

## ACA ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND

The ACA announcement weekend is **scheduled for February 16th**. The focus of the announcement weekend is to provide parishioners information on the impact the ACA has on individuals and families in Brooklyn and Queens through the ministries, agencies and services supported by the ACA.

## 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/stjbf-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjbf-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.

## 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.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

This Year, the Church sets aside February 11 as the World Day of the Sick. Let us join the Church in praying to our God of all consolation, the healer of our body and spirit to comfort the Sick with His grace and presence and to cure all our ills.

### DONATION STATEMENTS

We greatly appreciate your generosity to our parish over the past year. Please call the rectory office at **718-462-0223** if your total contribution for 2024 is **\$250** or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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.

## **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.  
Payment Plan: Monthly payments are mandatory. Nine installments

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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 interested in participating in the jubilee trip to Rome and visit Italy, France, and Spain, in September 2025 with Father Hilaire, please contact Gina Faustin as soon as possible at 347-432-7359 to reserve your seat. There are only a few seats remaining!

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of Brooklyn  
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.

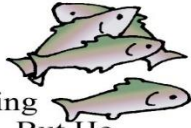
Sr. Thea Bowman Gospel Choir  
Under the direction of  
Darcel Wilamowski

Fellowship after Mass  
ethnic food, drinks  
and entertainment.

# Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!



Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top 2,4; middle 5,1; bottom 6,3

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 9th, 2025



Luke 5:1-11

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

# Saint Scholastica

February 10

SCHOLASTICA WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 480 IN ITALY. SHE WAS THE TWIN SISTER OF SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA.

BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA BOTH LOVED GOD AND DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO HIM AT A YOUNG AGE.

WHEN BENEDICT STARTED A MONASTERY SCHOLASTICA BEGAN A CONVENT.

Let's build here!

We can meet here every year to talk about God!

THE BROTHER AND SISTER VISITED EACH OTHER ONCE A YEAR.

THEN ONE TIME... This will be the last time you see Benedict...

BENEDICT REFUSED TO STAY LONGER WHEN SCHOLASTICA ASKED, BUT THEN SHE PRAYED AND A HUGE STORM CAME!

You refused my request but God listened!

THREE DAYS LATER WHEN BENEDICT WAS IN HIS MONASTERY HE HAD A VISION OF A DOVE GOING UP TO HEAVEN WHEN SCHOLASTICA DIED.

SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

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# Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!  
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.

So Jesus preached from Peter's boat.	The nets were completely filled!
They called James and John to help with the fish.	Jesus was preaching and a large crowd came.
They left their nets and followed Jesus.	Then Jesus told Peter to let down the nets.