

# **PARISH MASS INTENTIONS**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2025**

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025**

7:30 AM **LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

Action de grace a Dieu pour Samkens 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**

Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de  
Rose Lafond

## **MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2025**

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Gladys Louis

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marie Andrelie Jean-Calixte

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2025**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

---

### **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.

---

### **VOCATION**

“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

---

### ***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:***

Aliette Mergile, Claudette Pierre Fils and Gloria E. Crichlow

---

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

All the three readings of this day confront us with the idea of novelty: the novelty of the Promised Land, the novelty of forgiveness in Christ, the novelty of the return of the brother. Novelty implies a change in the person's behavior. Faith life is never fixed once and for all; it can bring about radical changes in our lives. This Laetare Sunday is a Sunday of joy that should prepare us to welcome the joy of Easter by welcoming this novelty of the resurrection in our lives.

I- The novelty of the kingdom.

In Joshua 5, the first of the prophetic books, the Lord signifies to his people that the time of the desert is over and that it is necessary to adapt to a new reality: the time of slavery in Egypt is over, the promised land is given, there is no longer a desert to travel as a nomad but fields to cultivate as a sedentary person. Manna no longer falls from the sky, now all have to get to work on the land. Everything is different, and yet it is the same faith that must animate the people, that of Passover during the exodus from Egypt...

II- The novelty of forgiveness.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul is in the same line. In Christ, we are new creatures. A new world is here. What characterizes and must characterize our new life in Christ is reconciliation, the forgiveness of sins. Christ died for the forgiveness of sins. His death is in vain if we, baptized in his death and resurrection, are not able to do the same. I can no longer behave as I did before based on respect for a Law, but now on respect for the faith in Christ. I must now be able to allow myself to be reconciled with God, with my neighbor, with myself...

Luke 15 illustrates Paul's point well with the parable of the prodigal son. We often emphasize the repentance of the younger son. Yet when you look closely at the gospel, as much time is devoted to the older son as to the younger. There is this dichotomy between the old world and the new world. The youngest of the sons entered the new world, without doing anything special except to acknowledge his sin. The eldest son remained in the old world refusing to forgive and letting himself be dominated by jealousy. According to the old Law, the eldest son is right to complain. According to the new law, established in Christ, he is wrong. He didn't put on the clothes of the new man. He has not accepted that his world has changed and that he needs to change his behavior towards his father and his brother. His father forgave, he cannot.

We are often much closer to the eldest son than to the youngest. At Easter, we have to welcome salvation and forgiveness of sins that go beyond our ready-made rules and our enclosing categories. The Our Father that we recite every day clearly tells us that if we do not forgive others, we will not be forgiven. Will the eldest son be forgiven? The gospel does not say so, as if it were sending us back to ourselves.

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	51
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	320
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	150
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	107
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	255

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. How will you help?

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025



### **March: *For families in crisis***

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## 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 – March 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**Monday** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54 **Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16 **Wednesday** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30 **Thursday** Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47 **Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **Saturday** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53 **Sunday** Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



## STATIONS of the CROSS

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

## Donations For Easter Flowers



The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the rectory office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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)

## 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.



## Lenten Litany of Fasting and Feasting

During Lent, let us...

**FAST** from judging others; **FEAST** on the Christ within them. **FAST** from emphasis on difference; **FEAST** on the unity of life. **FAST** from apparent darkness; **FEAST** on the reality of light. **FAST** from thoughts of illness; **FEAST** on the healing power of God. **FAST** from words that pollute; **FEAST** on phrases that purify.

**FAST** from discontent; **FEAST** on gratitude. **FAST** from anger; **FEAST** on patience. **FAST** from pessimism; **FEAST** on optimism. **FAST** from complaining; **FEAST** on appreciation. **FAST** from worry; **FEAST** on trust in God's Care.

**FAST** from unrelenting pressure; **FEAST** on unceasing prayer. **FAST** from facts that depress; **FEAST** on verities that uplift. **FAST** from lethargy; **FEAST** on enthusiasm. **FAST** from thoughts that weaken; **FEAST** on promises that inspire. **FAST** from shadows of sorrow; **FEAST** on the sunlight of serenity.

**FAST** from problems that overwhelm; **FEAST** on prayer that undergirds. **FAST** from bitterness; **FEAST** on forgiveness. **FAST** from self-concern; **FEAST** on compassion for others. **FAST** from personal anxiety; **FEAST** on eternal truth. **FAST** from discouragements; **FEAST** on hope.

<https://www.tumblr.com/globalworship/78905620684/lenen-prayer-fast-from-feast-on>



St. Jerome R.C. Church  
2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226

# Lenten Retreat

Retrèt Karèm  
Retiro de Cuaresma

"Come and experience God's love and renewal—join us for a soul-refreshing retreat!"

## Creole / French



Madi, 1ye avril, Mèkredi 2 avril, ak Jedi, 3 avril a 7:00 p.m.  
"AN NOU MACHE AVEK JEZI; SE LI KI SÈL ESPWA NOU."  
"MARCHONS AVEC JÉSUS, NOTRE SEULE ESPÉRANCE".

Predikatè: Fr. Dimitri Demesmin

## English



Saturday, April 5th after the 5pm Mass  
"A CLOSER WALK WITH THE LORD, OUR ONLY HOPE"

Speaker: Fr. Kieran Udeze

## Spanish



Domingo 6 de abril después de las 11 a.m.  
"CAMINEMOS CON JESUS, NUESTRA ÚNICA ESPERANZA".

Orador: Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez

## Troupe Éclat of St Jerome

30TH ANNUAL EASTER CONCERT

Join us for a Jubilee of Praise

&

Classical Renditions

Sunday, April 27th, 2025  
@ 6:30PM

ST JEROME R.C. CHURCH  
2900 Newkirk Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

\$30 Adults

\$20 Children under 12

For tickets: 347-495-9361 / 347-866-6425 / 917-609-3248

# RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday April 14, 2025  
In the Lower Church

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

2:30PM - 4:30PM

7:30PM - 9:00 PM

## 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.



# The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.HIS 3.LET 6.ITS 8.HUMBLE 9.PRAISE 10.THAT 13.FROM 16.NAME 17.TOGETHER 18.ANSWERED DOWN: 2.SOUL 4.TIMES 5.GLORIFY 7.SET 10.TASTE 11.ERRORS 12.SEE 14.ON 15.MAKE

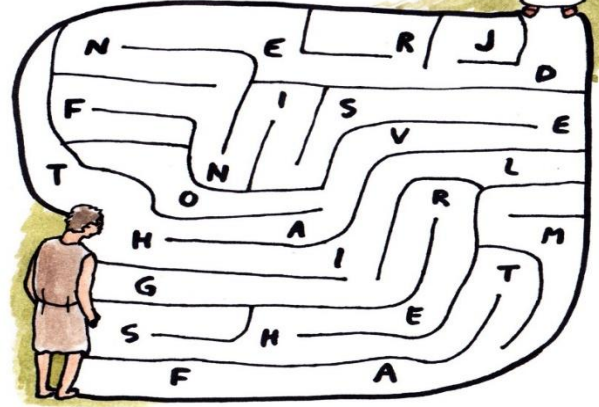
www.thekidsbulletin.com

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30th, 2025

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

# Saint Vincent Ferrer April 5

VINCENT WAS BORN TO NOBLE AND VIRTUOUS PARENTS IN SPAIN IN 1357. HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.

Here, Vincent. You can give these to the poor.

BY THE TIME HE WAS 18 HE HAD FINISHED HIS STUDIES AND BECAME A DOMINICAN.

Dad, I want to be a priest!

HE STUDIED THE BIBLE WITH GREAT DEVOTION.

Vincent understands philosophy and can explain it well.

SOON HE WAS ASKED TO TEACH.

VINCENT BEGAN TO PREACH ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPENTED AND WERE CONVERTED.

I should go to confession. I want to be better!

Yes... God will forgive me!

I will offer up sleeping on the floor for peace in the Church.

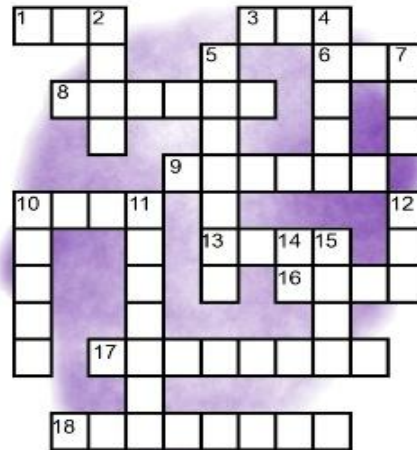
VINCENT WORKED HARD TO END THE DIVISION IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. HE DIED AT AGE 69 IN BRITTANY.

SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

# Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle

Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:



- FROM
- TERRORS
- PRAISE
- SET
- GLORIFY
- LET
- HIS
- ANSWERED
- NAME
- ON
- SEE
- TASTE
- THAT
- HUMBLE
- ITS
- TIMES
- SOUL
- MAKE
- TOGETHER

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all 4D,

His 9A is always 14D my lips;

In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.

The 8A shall hear and be glad.



5D the Lord with me.

17A 3A us praise

1A 16A

I sought the Lord and he 18A me,

13A all my 11D he 7D me free.