

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Schedule of Masses

SUNDAY

Upper Church

7:30 AM ~ Creole
9:45 AM ~ English
11:15 AM ~ Spanish
1:00 PM ~ Creole

WEEKDAYS

Lower Church

8:30 AM ~ Monday ~ Creole
8:30 AM ~ Tuesday ~ English
8:30 AM ~ Wednesday ~ English/Creole
8:30 AM ~ Thursday ~ English
8:30 AM ~ Friday ~ Creole

BAPTISM/ BAUTISMO/ BAPTÊME

Baptism registration takes place Monday to Friday from during office hours.

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIONES

Saturday, Samedi, Sabado 4:00 PM- 4:45 PM in the Lower Church or by appointment.

MARRIAGE/ MATRIMONIO/ MARIAGE

Call 6 months in advance - Llamame 6 meses antes de la fecha - Appelez 6 mois à l'avance.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass with benediction at Noon.

PRAYER GROUPS

- **English:** Legion of Mary meets on Saturdays at 10:30AM in the Rectory
- **Haitian:** Charismatique chaque Mercredi a partir de 7:00 heures du soir au sous-sol de l'Eglise
- **Haitian:** Legion de Marie pour les Haitiens a 8:30 AM et 4:00 PM chaque Samedi dans la cafeteria.

ACTIVE GROUPS

- Troupe Éclat meets on Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Rectory
- Témoins du Christ meets on Sunday after the 1:00 PM Mass in the Rectory
- Les Jeunes disciples de Jesus meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the cafeteria after the 1:00 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2nd Sunday of the Month after the 1:00 PM Mass in the cafeteria
- Choeur d'Homme meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Rectory Basement
- Ushers meet on the 4th Sunday of every 2 months at 3:30pm in the convent.
- Grande Chorale choir meets on Saturdays from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the Lower Church.

OTHER MINISTRIES

- RCIA English meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM online
- RCIA Spanish meets on Sundays after Mass
- RCIA pour les Haitiens vous pouvez contacter le Rectory 718-462-0223
- Altar Servers meet on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the Upper Church
- English Bible Group Contact 718-462-0223

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu anniversaire de
naissance de Icleda Francois
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
Repose of the soul of Yvonne Floris
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
Por el descanso del alma de Marta
Betty Acuña
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour Guerline
Santil Joseph

MONDAY, JULY 14TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM Pour la paix de la famille de Marie
Josephine Paul

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM Action de grace a Dieu anniversaire de
naissance de Sabienca Toussaint

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance
de Regine Julien

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Moses tells the people that God's command is already in their mouths and hearts. The way Jesus treats the scholar reflects this. He asks how he reads the law. The scholar knew what to do. Then Jesus ups the ante with his response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus makes clear that the Samaritan, who treated the person with mercy, was the neighbor. The enemy was the neighbor. Why did the scholar ask the question? We don't know. We do know that Jesus asks him to stretch his definition of neighbor and see as God does. Even one's enemy is neighbor, for we are all children of God. Someone from the towns who refused Jesus' hospitality models a faithful response.

A retired Marine once told me he was trained never to think of an enemy as a person. Only by putting someone in a category—enemy, opponent, evil, or threat—can we consider dismissing and mistreating other people. When we see the other as human and like us, mistreatment becomes more difficult. That is why it is difficult to eat or pray with someone who has hurt us. The tension becomes too much, so we leave or try to reconcile. Our hearts know that we are more alike than unlike.

Christ came to reconcile all things in himself, making peace by the blood of his cross. He embraced what was death-dealing and found life. Signing ourselves with the cross reminds us that God's way, difficult as it can be, is as near as our mouths and hearts. That act invites us to see all people as human, as neighbor. Show others the mercy that God has given us and love both God and neighbor.

God, our mercy, your compassion toward us is pure gift. Help me see others as you do to find ways of healing where there is brokenness, reconciliation, and rupture. Help me to take the small but steady steps that the death and resurrection of Jesus invites.

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.

Monthly Intentions for 2025

JULY: *For Formation In Discernment*



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Marie Rose Seignon



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.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	357
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	88
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	106
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	189

Readings for the Week – July 13TH, 2025

Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34—11:1 **Tuesday** Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24 **Wednesday** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27 **Thursday** Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30 **Friday** Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8 **Saturday** Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Mt 12:14-21 **Sunday** Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



Catholic Appeal 2025

This year, we ask you to be a witness of faith and a messenger of hope. By participating in the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, you are answering God's call to be an instrument of His love.

Our parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$48,400. Every dollar raised beyond this amount will come directly back to support our parish. We thank those who have made a pledge to support the appeal. We invite everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time gift. Remember that the well-being of the church is the responsibility of all of us together. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

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. They will receive the sacraments when they are ready in 2nd grade for First Communion, and in 8th grade for Confirmation. Please contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert, the faith formation director, the rectory via phone at 718-462-0223 or email at faithformation@stjeromechurch.org. You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff

Any youth or adults who have not received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, or who was Baptized but has never received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation should register in the RCIC or RCIA. Please Contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert or the rectory for more information.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

- Yvrose Auguste
- Giselle Beausoleil
- Agatha Bristow
- Georgette Charles
- Melroy Daniel
- 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
- Rosalind Wahab

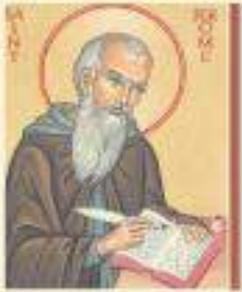
VOCATION

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Jerome R.C. Church complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert or online at www.virtusonline.org. The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel, priest, deacons, teachers, ushers (adult & youth), altar servers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call the Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.

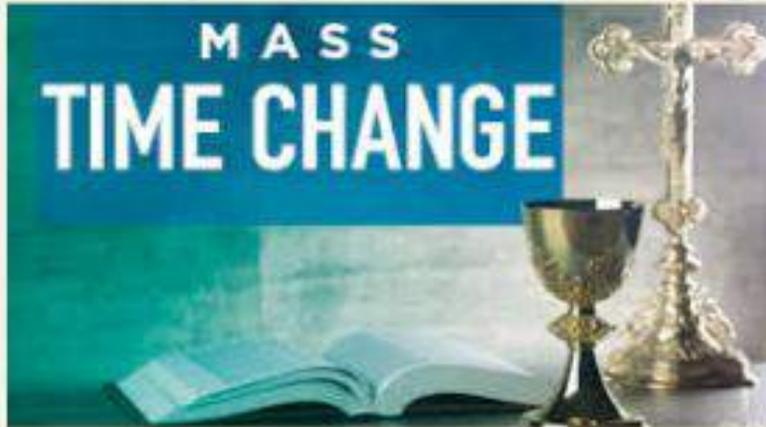




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**WEEKDAY
(Lower Church)**

Monday-8:30AM (Creole)

Tuesday-8:30AM (English)

Wednesday-8:30AM (Bilingual)

Thursday-8:30AM (English)

Friday-8:30AM (Creole)

WEEKEND

Upper Church

(ALL MASSES)

Sunday

7:30AM (Creole)

9:45AM (English)

11:15AM (Spanish)

1:00PM (Creole)

"All are invited to join us in worship, for we are one body in Christ."

Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. false 7. true

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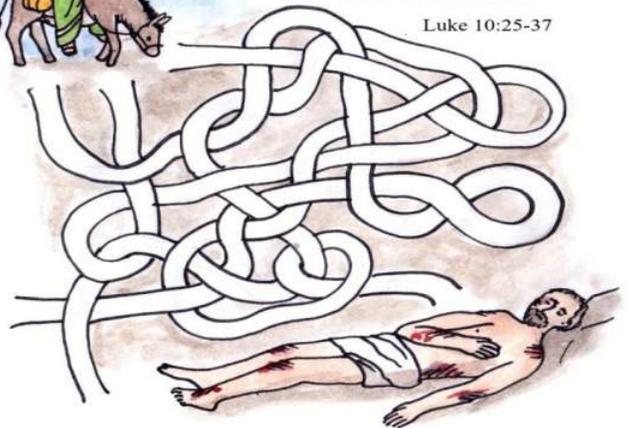
The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025



Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take? Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Luke 10:25-37



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is your neighbour?"

SAINT BONAVENTURE JULY 15

BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.

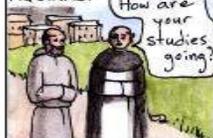


Holy Father Francis, pray that our son will be healed!

AT AGE 21 BONAVENTURE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS AND WAS SENT TO STUDY IN PARIS.



THERE HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.



How are your studies going?



I think Bonaventure would be a good leader. BONAVENTURE WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME THE LEADER OF THE FRANCISCANS.

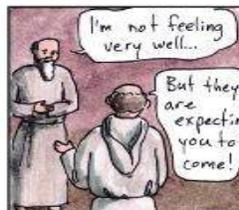
HE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE ORDER AND WROTE THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS.



POPE GREGORY MADE BONAVENTURE A CARDINAL.



The pope has made you a cardinal! Just hand the hat on the tree.



I'm not feeling very well... But they are expecting you to come!

BONAVENTURE DIED, PROBABLY FROM BEING POISONED, WHILE HE WAS HELPING TO RUN THE SECOND CHURCH COUNCIL OF LYONS.

ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?

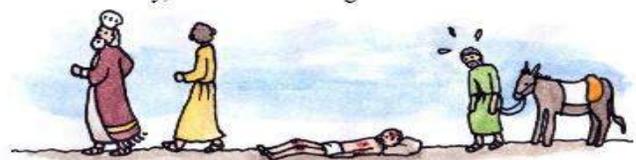
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True or False? The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews. How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?



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