

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



July 20, 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

2:00 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 - Llame 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month in the cafeteria after the 1:00 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY, JULY 20TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu anniversaire de  
naissainde de Warren Duvert
- 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**  
Repos de l'ame de Anezida Elien-Charles

## MONDAY, JULY 21ST, 2025

- 8:30 AM Action de grace a Dieu anniversaire de  
naissance de Marie Colette Cajoux

## TUESDAY, JULY 22ND, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD, 2025

- 8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Hugues Andre

## THURSDAY, JULY 24TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

## FRIDAY, JULY 25TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Marie Dorcelia Pierre

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



What does hospitality require? When I invite someone for dinner, I need to provide food and drink and be present to my guest, attentive to her or his needs. The combination of Martha and Mary's gifts does just that. Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, listening and attentive to their guest. Martha busily provides food and drink. Some scholars say that Mary chose the better part because she accepted her role in providing hospitality, while Martha wanted Jesus to have Mary change and take on Martha's role. Knowing and accepting our own gifts and those of others is how we choose the better part.

Abraham and Sarah also offer hospitality. In their nomadic society this was expected and not to do so could have dire consequences. They still could have chosen not to welcome the three strangers. Abraham sits with them, attentive to their needs. He also provides food for them and waits on them. Sarah, while busy in the tent, is not absent from their awareness. Asking for her, they promise to return and announce that she will have a son.

How often we try to be what we are not, or we want someone else to change to do what we are doing, rather than appreciating both their gifts and ours. St. Francis de Sales would write to his friends that they ought to be who they are, and do that well. To be who we are we must listen to God's voice, sit at Jesus' feet, and pay attention to the gifts we have or can develop. Choose the better part. Accept and appreciate those gifts and thereby welcome Christ, however he visits us.

Loving God, giver of all that is good, help me to thank you today by using the gifts you have given me to welcome those people through whom you visit me.

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



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### **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.

### **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.

### **VOCATION**

"Mary has chosen the better part." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	341
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	107
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	78
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	230

## Readings for the Week – July 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Monday Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19,  
 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9 Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,  
 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28  
 Saturday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30  
 Sunday Gen 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 Col 2:12-14  
 Lk 11:1-13



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

## 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, at 718-462-0223.

## 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.



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

8:30 AM  
7:30 PM

*IN THE UPPER CHURCH*



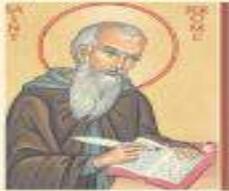
# PRAY for the SICK

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
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## PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

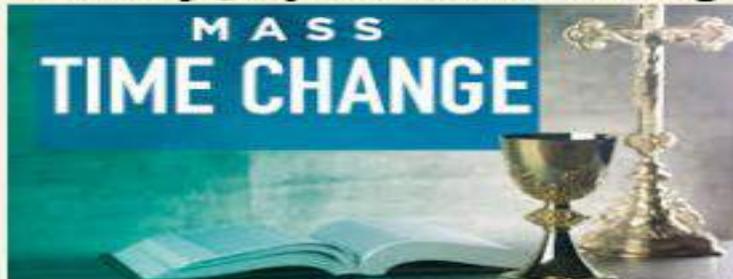
*St. Jerome R.C. Church* complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert or online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://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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**MASS**  
**TIME CHANGE**



### 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)**

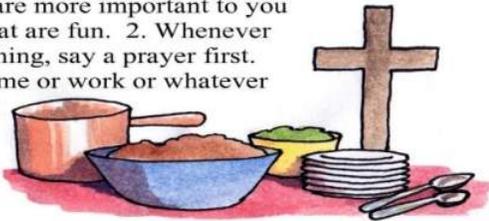
*"All are invited to join us in worship, for we are one body in Christ."*

# Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



Answers to Cross-Word: 1. Lord 4. chose 6. in 8. s 9. to 10. then 11. many 13. Martha 16. feet 17. be 18. do 19. her 20. said DOWN: 1. listen 2. on 3. distracted 4. care 5. one 7. away 11. Mary 12. needed 14. things 15. serve

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# The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20th, 2025

Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me!



! Martha, Martha  
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;pniit ynam tuoda belduort ban  
.lufbsen zi pniit eno  
nezods zod yram  
.hagretted alt

Luke 10:38-42

Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him?  
Look in the mirror to find out!

## SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI JULY 21

LAWRENCE WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1559 AND WAS BAPTIZED WITH THE NAME JULIUS CAESAR. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS QUITE YOUNG.

HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN AT AGE 16, TAKING THE NAME LAWRENCE. HE WAS ORDAINED AT AGE 23.

LAWRENCE LEARNED LANGUAGES VERY EASILY, SO HE COULD STUDY THE BIBLE JUST AS IT WAS WRITTEN.

Ah! So that's what he meant!

Tomorrow I want you to preach in the cathedral.

HE WAS A GREAT PREACHER AND TRAVELLED ALL OVER EUROPE.

EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE WAS VERY BUSY HE WOULD ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO PRAY.

HE BECAME CHAPLAIN OF AN ARMY AND LED A BATTLE WITH NO WEAPON BUT A CRUCIFIX- EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE OUTNUMBERED FOUR TO ONE!

Father, we need you to come. There's a big argument...

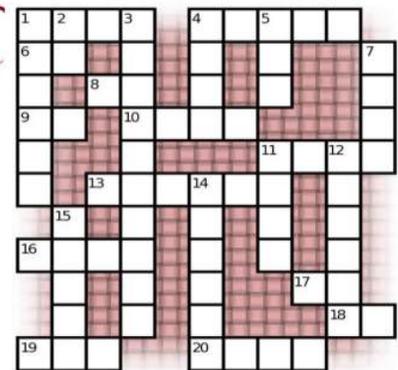
BECAUSE OF HIS HOLINESS, LAWRENCE WAS CHOSEN LEADER OF HIS ORDER. HE WAS SENT ALL OVER TO HELP THE BROTHERS AND MAKE PEACE. HE DIED AT AGE 60.

SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED PEOPLE ABOUT SAINT LAWRENCE WAS THAT HE WAS VERY KIND AND SENSITIVE TOWARDS PEOPLE'S NEEDS EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SO SMART AND IMPORTANT. NO MATTER HOW BUSY WE ARE, WE SHOULD TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND TO BE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL TO OTHERS.

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## Martha and Mary

cross word puzzle



Across:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ came to Martha's house
- Mary \_\_\_\_\_ the better part
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ Martha's house
- "One thing \_\_\_\_\_ needed."
- Jesus said \_\_\_\_\_ her, "Martha, Martha."
- "Do you not care? \_\_\_\_\_ tell her to help me!"
- Martha was concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- Which sister was working in the kitchen?
- Mary sat at Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not \_\_\_\_\_ taken...
- "\_\_\_\_\_ you not care?"
- ...away from \_\_\_\_\_."
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:

- Mary just wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus speak.
- She sat \_\_\_\_\_ the ground near Him.
- Martha was \_\_\_\_\_ with much serving.
- "Lord, do you not \_\_\_\_\_ that my sister has left me to serve?"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ thing is needed..."
- The better part would not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ from Mary.
- Which sister was not in the kitchen?
- "...one thing is \_\_\_\_\_."
- Martha was anxious about many \_\_\_\_\_.
- "My sister has left me to \_\_\_\_\_ alone."

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