

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



August 17, 2025  
Twentieth 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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et  
de Marie Gracieuse Zephyr
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
For the people of the Parish
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
Por el descanso del alma de Marta  
Betty Acuña
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace en l'honneur de Notre dame  
D'Altagrace et du perpetuel secours pour  
Yves Affricot

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Anthony Pradel Francois

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2025

- 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2025

- 8:30 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.

## Monthly Intentions for 2025

AUGUST: *For mutual coexistence*



Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## VOCATION

"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*



When anyone in a crowded space suddenly shouts "Fire!" there is a mass exit that could be dangerous. But when Our Lord says that He came to start a fire, nobody moves because we want Him to explain. And so, He does by way of the Holy Spirit's help. The "fire" Our Lord refers to is the presence of God, embracing both His love and His judgment. Some background: For the past few weeks in our Sunday Gospel readings, Our Lord has been instructing His chosen Apostles. You may recall Him warning them (and us) to be prepared for our eventual demise. We are not going to be here on earth forever. Then last weekend we pondered what Jesus said about the good and faithful servant: who is he and what is he like. That amounts to a portrait of success for a Christian believer.

Today, one can almost hear Our Savior's frustration. Why? Because He wants His chosen Twelve to understand His mission and bring it to its fulfillment. He is almost weary of the time delay, although, as always, He accepts the Father's will. He wants to let the Apostles know that the Father's presence is genuine and loving, but that if they're unresponsive, there will be judgment and a necessary purification. (Read "purgatory") He stresses that loyalty to Him is more important than family unity.

All of this should bring to our attention not only the imperative He felt about His mission, but also that the same should motivate us as His followers, as we go about fulfilling our Baptismal obligation to spread the Good News. The threat of non-acceptance is always there, so we go forth with eyes wide open. Christ always threatens the comfortable. Anticipating the message centuries before, note how scary things came for poor Jeremiah, as the "powers-that-be" had him tossed in a deep cistern. Only the fervor of a true believer got him rescued.

Jeremiah did not give in to discouragement, nor should we. Yes, we live in an apathetic world that only yawns at our fervor, but heaven is with us to cheer us on, if only we would listen. That is the blessing of God. When you think about God's blessings, remember one child's description of an elevator: "I got in this little room and the upstairs came down."

*God love you and give you His peace.*

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	276
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	106
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	88
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	215



## Catholic Appeal 2025

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2025. **Our parish goal is \$48,400. As of now, we have a total pledge of \$49,549.00 we have received \$24,352 so far, with a remaining balance of \$25,196.50.**

Please take a moment to view the thermometer display in the church to see our progress. We encourage everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time donation. Once we reach our goal, any funds collected beyond \$48,400 will directly benefit our parish, helping us strengthen our community and continue vital ministries.

Your support is essential to ensure the ongoing wellbeing of our parish, the support of our priests, and the work of the Diocese. We humbly ask everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time donation. Please see our ushers or stop by the rectory office to collect an envelope. Our aim is for 100 percent participation. Remember, the wellbeing of our parish is a shared responsibility for all of us.

## 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@stjeromercchurch.org](mailto:faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org). You can also register online at: [www.givecentral.org/stjib-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjib-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.

## FEAST OF ST. JEROME PREP ACTIVITIES



### ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Time - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location - St. Jerome School Gymnasium

Admission - Adults: \$25.00

Children under 12 years: \$15.00

### ST. JEROME FAMILY FUN DAY

We are excited to invite all parishioners to our Family Fun Day! Join us for a day filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Church Yard** Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun activities, delicious food, and great fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and enjoy a day of shared enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Readings for the Week – August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Monday** Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 Mt 19:16-22 **Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30 **Wednesday** Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16 **Thursday** Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14 **Friday** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40 **Saturday** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12 **Sunday** Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

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

Andre Samuel Jean



## PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| - Yvrose Auguste     | - Andre Innocent             |
| - Giselle Beausoleil | - Amina Joseph               |
| - Agatha Bristow     | - Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte |
| - Georgette Charles  | - Fleurisca Lexius           |
| - Melroy Daniel      | - Dennese Reddie-Fraser      |
| - Umatile Pierre     | - T Perard                   |
| - George Farid Puzo  | - Rosalind Wahab             |
| - Herma Farrell      | - Sister Carmelle Nerette    |
| - Jean Harbin        |                              |
| - Ghenane Herbert    |                              |



In preparation for the new pastoral year in September, we invite all parishioners. Children, youth, and adults to discern during the Summer in which liturgical ministry or other ministries the Lord is calling them to serve. Visit the parish website to familiarize yourself with the various ministries in the church and its leaders.

Each ministry offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, share your talents, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others. Whether you're passionate about music, supporting those in need, welcoming new members, or helping with liturgical duties, there's a place for you. **There will be a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 14** to sign up for the ministry of your choice.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES

All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. If you are not registered, we cannot issue testimonial letters in connection with sponsorship for the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation.

**We can give character references for positions, schools etc. only to those who have been registered for at least 3 months.** Please register at the rectory office if you are new to the parish.

Please also inform us of any change of address. Also, if you are a registered parishioners and NOT receiving the envelopes, PLEASE call the Parish Offices. If you do receive the envelopes, PLEASE USE THEM.

#### It is important

- ✚ Your Gift to Your God
- ✚ For proving that you attend church
- ✚ For support of your church
- ✚ For tax purposes
- ✚ To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation



## 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.

### 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.



# Fire in Our Hearts



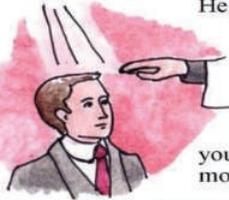
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: great, ourselves, running, keeping, perfecter, Him, despising, throne, endured, weary, Don't give up!

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# The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17th, 2025

*"I have come to set the earth on fire."*

*There is a baptism with which I must be baptized.*

*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?*

*From now on a household of five will be divided.*

*a father will be divided against his son*

*a mother against her daughter*

*a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law*

*and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."*

*and a son against his father.*

*and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!*

*No, I tell you, but rather division.*

*and a daughter against her mother.*

*and how I wish it were already blazing!*

*three against two and two against three:*

**Luke 12:49-53**

**What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?  
Match the parts to find out!**

## Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

August 18

JANE WAS BORN TO AN IMPORTANT FAMILY IN BURGUNDY IN 1562. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS A BABY SO SHE WAS RAISED BY HER FATHER.

JANE MARRIED THE BARON DE CHANTAL. THEY WERE VERY HAPPY AND HAD FOUR CHILDREN.

BUT HER HUSBAND WAS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WHILE HUNTING

You will not give orders in my house!

JANE AND THE CHILDREN HAD TO LIVE WITH RELATIVES.

GOD SENT HER A HOLY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES.

HE HELPED HER START AN ORDER OF NUNS FOR WOMEN WHO COULDN'T JOIN STRICTER ORDERS.

Has the order been approved yet?

Here's your lunch!

JANE AND THE SISTERS, THE VISITATION NUNS, HELPED THE POOR AND SICK. MANY PEOPLE CAME TO JANE FOR ADVICE. SHE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 69.

SAINT JANE WAS A CHEERFUL PERSON WHO MADE THE PEOPLE AROUND HER HAPPY. EVEN DURING HER HARD TIMES. JANE WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO GIVE FOOD TO THE POOR. IF THEY CAME BACK SHE WOULD GIVE THEM MORE. AFTER ALL, SHE SAID, GOD KEEPS GIVING TO US EVERY TIME WE COME BACK!

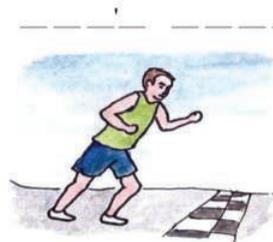
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## Follow the Leader Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and unscramble the letters from the boxes to fill in the spaces at the end!

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so  a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid  of every burden and sin that clings to us  
and persevere in  the race that lies before us  
while  our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
the leader and  of faith.  
For the sake of the joy that lay before ,  
he endured the cross,  its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right of the  of God.  
Consider how he  such opposition from sinners,  
in order that you may not grow  and lose heart.



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