

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



August 3, 2025

Eighteenth 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 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, AUGUST 3RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Meliette Joseph
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
Repose of the soul of Simone Luce Etienne
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
Por el descanso del alma de Marta Betty Acuña
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de Rod Raymond

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2025

8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Meliette Joseph

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2025

8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Meliette Joseph

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2025

8:30 AM For the people of the Parish

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2025

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for two years of the prayer group Les Pilliers' existence.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2025

8:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Rosette innocent

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We can all easily see that scene from books, plays, or movies called "The Reading of the Will." A group of people are gathered in a lawyer's office to hear him read out the terms of what a deceased supposedly "loved one" has decided for his inheritors to receive. We picture the expressions on the faces. Some are tearful. Some are dry-eyed and intense.

As the narration progresses, the expressions change. One thing for sure: any scowls among them mean we're in for some rough scenes ahead. Some mayhem; maybe even murder. And it's all about m-o-n-e-y.

The theme of today's Scriptures is all about the foolishness of making much ado about financial wealth. In a culture like our own, complete with the "haves" and the "have nots," we know that for many people money matters are the only "matters" that matter! Therefore, it's almost "un-American" to agree with Christ's perspective, which He makes clear in the parable He tells us today.

So, the cultural question becomes "Who is right?" Do we rush to extremes to justify our own outlook, whatever that may be? Proffer such lame excuse as "I work hard for my money and I can keep it all if I want to," permitting one to hold back from donating any of it? Or "the Church is always asking for money and that's not right for any religious group"? This, even when the need the Church is trying to meet, is to help fellow human beings in dire straits?

In other words, we are adept at finding reasons to keep a tight grip on our wallets and purses. Sometimes our observations are on target when truths emerge about funds deliberately mishandled by so-called charitable organizations like Churches. But it all comes down to the cold fact that we can't take it with us. As the late Billy Graham put it, "You never see an armored car behind a hearse."

Another less obvious but certifiable fact: we all have a scheduled appointment with our Maker that we cannot cancel or avoid. He is the one who preached the parable we hear today, and He will be running the meeting.

One of God's many characteristics is that of generosity. He made us all from nothing and gives us everything our eyes can see, and our brains imagine. So, there's no doubt about His generosity. What about yours and mine? Here's a helpful little ditty that can make you smile and decide:

"Do your givin'
While you're livin';
Then you're knowin'
Where it's goin'."

God love you and give you His generous Heart.

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

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	305
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	86
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	103
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	215

Readings for the Week – August 3rd, 2025

Monday Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 14:13-21 Tuesday Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36 Thursday Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-23 Friday Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 Mt 16:24-28 Saturday Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 Mt 17:14-20 Sunday Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



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.

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.

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



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION



TRIDUUM OF PRAYER

Join us for three nights of prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts spiritually.

Tuesday, August 12
Wednesday, August 13
Thursday, August 14

At 7:00 PM in the Upper Church



FEAST DAY MASS

FRIDAY

15
AUGUST

8:30 AM

7:30 PM

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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

College Pastoral, FM Committee Fund Raiser

On Sunday, **August 3rd, 2025** the College Pastoral, FM Committee will host their Annual Fund Raiser in the Church yard of St. Jerome from **8:00am -5:00pm**. There will be various good items on sale, entertainments, raffle, etc. Parishioners, please come out to support. For more information, please contact: Adeline Sanon: 718-284-0339 or Anne Marie Fils Aime: 347-741-7980



Ministries

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 the weekend of September 13-14** to sign up for the ministry of your choice.

Pou prepare nou pou nouvo Ane pastoral sa ki pral komanse a Septanm, n-ap envite tout pawasyen, timoun, jèn, granmoun, pou disène pandan ete-a nan ki ministè nou santi granmet la ap rele nou pou sèvi Li nan legliz Li-a. Tanpri vizite sit pawas la, pou familiarizé nou ak tout ministè yo e lidè yo. Tout ministè yo ede nou aprofondi lafwa nou, pataje talan nou, touche lavi youn lot. Genyen plas pou tout moun san distenksyon nan legliz la. Na weekend 20-21 Septanm, nap ge yon "Ministry Fair" kote tout moun ap gen chans enskri nan ministè nou ta vle sèvi-a.

En preparación para el nuevo año pastoral en septiembre, invitamos a todos los feligreses, niños, jóvenes y adultos, a discernir durante el verano en qué ministerio litúrgico u otros ministerios el Señor los llama a servir. Visiten el sitio web de la parroquia para familiarizarse con los diversos ministerios de la iglesia y sus líderes. Cada ministerio ofrece una oportunidad única para profundizar su fe, compartir sus talentos y tener un impacto significativo en la vida de los demás. Ya sea que les apasione la música, apoyar a los necesitados, dar la bienvenida a nuevos miembros o ayudar con las tareas litúrgicas, hay un lugar para ustedes. Habrá una Feria de Ministerios el fin de semana del 13 y 14 de septiembre para inscribirse en el ministerio de su elección.

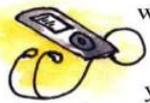


Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

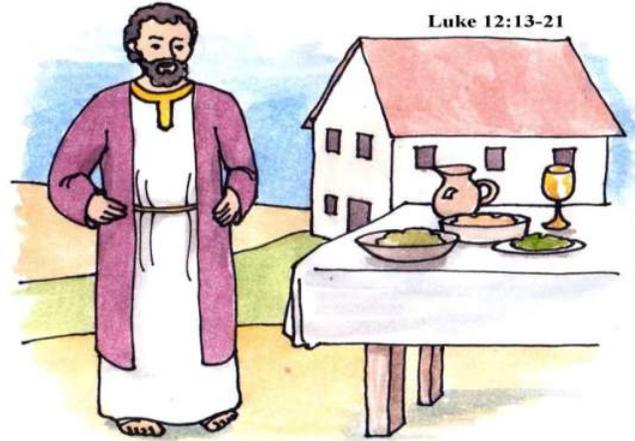
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The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3rd, 2025

Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



Luke 12:13-21

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Saint Dominic August 8

DOMINIC DE GUZMAN WAS BORN IN SPAIN IN 1170. BEFORE HE WAS BORN HIS MOTHER HAD A DREAM OF A DOG WITH A TORCH IN ITS MOUTH.

DOMINIC LOVED STUDYING ABOUT GOD, BUT ONE TIME HE SOLD HIS RARE BOOKS TO HELP THE POOR!

How can you sell these?!

The people are starving.

HE BECAME AN AUGUSTINIAN PRIEST AND LIVED IN A MONASTERY FOR 9 YEARS.

God would not become a man! Physical things are evil!

WHEN HE WAS TRAVELING HE MET MANY HERETICS WHO SAID JESUS WASN'T GOD.

HE GOT PERMISSION FROM THE POPE TO PREACH TO THEM, AND DID MANY SACRIFICES.

TRAVELING AROUND ITALY, FRANCE AND SPAIN, DOMINIC STARTED MANY HOUSES OF PREACHING PRIESTS.

This will be a good house for the fathers.

Father Dominic, we want to follow what you are doing.

DOMINIC LOVED OUR LADY AND THE ROSARY. HE BEGAN CONVENTS FOR WOMEN WHO CAME BACK TO THE FAITH WHO WOULD TEACH IT TO THE CHILDREN.

DOMINIC WORKED HARD AND SACRIFICED MUCH TO BRING THE HERETICS BACK TO THE TRUTH. HE ATE ONLY BREAD AND SOUP, SLEPT ON THE FLOOR AND WENT EVERYWHERE ON FOOT. THE DREAM THAT HIS MOTHER HAD REPRESENTED THE LIGHT OF TRUTH THAT DOMINIC WOULD BRING TO THE WORLD.

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The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!"' But GOD said to him, 'You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

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Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



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