

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

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September 21, 2025  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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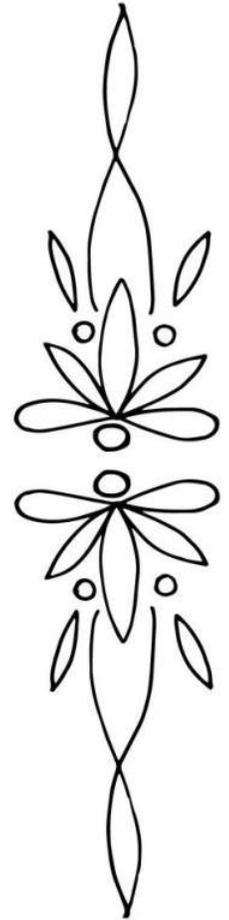
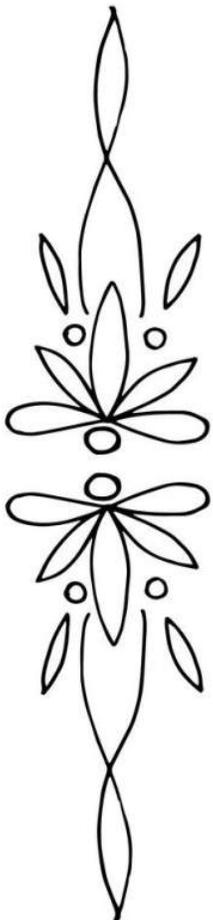
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DURING MASS

SUNDAY, SEPT 21 -  
MONDAY, SEPT 29

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UPPER CHURCH  
7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPT 25  
FRIDAY, SEPT 26  
SATURDAY, SEPT 27  
REV. ROMANE  
SAINT-VIL

**FEAST DAY MASS**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025  
IN THE UPPER CHURCH  
7:30 AM - ENGLISH  
9:00 AM - CREOLE  
7:30 PM - TRILINGUAL ~ CELEBRANT ~ BISHOP CHAPETTO



# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour la famille José
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
Thanksgiving to God and all Saints for Fabienne Lamarque
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
For the people of the Parish
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Manelie Augustin nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER, 22ND, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Marie Micheline Colin Joseph nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu en l'honneur de L'Enfant Jesus De Prague pour Chantal Doreus

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Mitzy Jastram
- 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.

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

Victor Dupoux



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*



During Lent it's often heard that people say things like: "I can't wait for Sunday; then I can have what I gave up, or "When Easter comes, I can stop doing what I took on for Lent." These kinds of statements miss the point. Lenten practices are meant to help us change our lives to live Jesus more clearly at all times. They reflect the attitudes Amos addresses, chiding those who obey the law by doing only what is necessary rather than taking on the mind and heart of God. They obey to serve themselves, not God.

The unjust steward can be viewed as having a similar attitude. He knows his strengths and weaknesses and uses them to help himself and others. He learns that when we are good to others, they do good to us. That worldly wisdom is not necessarily opposed to living as children of the light. By living the Golden Rule, we can also serve God. St. Paul exhorts his hearers to pray for those in authority. By so doing we take on the mind and heart of God to support and challenge our leaders. Both support and challenge serve God and Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and humanity.

Our "Golden Rule" is to do unto others as God does unto us: love with mercy, care for the poor and outcast, and learn God's ways to live God's ways. When we take on the mind and heart of God, we live our faith by using our flesh and blood to serve God and all God's people, whether physically or spiritually poor, or both. Do not trample upon the poor and needy. Do unto them as God does unto all.

You are attentive to the needs of all, gracious God, and you call us to see others and ourselves with the same attentive eyes with which you look upon us. As you raise us up in our lowliness, help us to offer the same love, mercy, companionship, and compassion to others. May our wisdom and craftiness be used to serve good and not evil.

## VOCATION

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	314
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	93
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	113
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	228

## 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 \$53,386.50 we have received \$27,998.25 so far, with a remaining balance of \$26,388.25.**

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.

**On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will launch again the ACA 2025** with a distribution of ACA envelope for everyone who didn't have a chance to sign the pledge card last time to do so or give a one-time donation.

## **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.

### **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



## Monthly Intentions for 2025



**SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Parish School of Religion **begins on Sunday, September 21st**, beginning with the 9:45 AM Mass and ending at 12:30 PM. All children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public school must be registered. Parents who have not yet registered their children are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. First Communion is celebrated in 2nd grade after two years of preparation, and Confirmation in 8th grade. Youth and adults needing Baptism, Communion, or Confirmation are invited to join our OCIC or OCIA programs. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director at 718-462-0223 or [faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org](mailto:faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org)

## 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.

## Readings for the Week – September 21, 2025

**Monday** Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday** Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday** Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday** Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday** Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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

## Thank You to Our Companions in Hope

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our **Catechists** as we begin our new journey together for the pastoral year 2025 – 2026. Your work with our children, youth, and adults—including those preparing for Baptism and Order of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children (OCIA/OCIC) — is a vital expression of our synodal mission. You are true companions on our path as **"Pilgrims of Hope."**

Patricia Adams	Noucheline Jean
Elsie Louis	Lea Calixte
Lourdes Merisier	Berine Antoine
Darlyn Chrisme	Norma Williams
Marie Rose Terlonge	Woodlyn Sance
Leda Castillo	Yvonne Mahon
Tessa King Shepherd	Fara Saint Geroges
Destine Yvenide	Gemma Guy
Gena Jean Baptiste	Josue Alexis
Isidra Silva	Rode Mjime Desmornes
Anne Charles	Danicka Jacques
Rosey Gilbert	Rebecca Affriany
Alberto Gonzalez	Carlo Balthazar
Myrlande Fleurima	Serge F. Lexius
Wilbertha Hilaire	Maguie Louis
Maxon Desmarais	

### A Prayer for Catechists (2025)

*Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of our catechists who serve your Church. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them, granting them wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and courage to share your Word. May they be filled with your love, becoming fruitful heralds of the Gospel, and leading others to a transforming encounter with your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen them with your gifts to teach by word and example, and to witness to the truth that comes from you. We pray that their ministry will be a source of joy and hope, drawing many into the communion of faith through their lives and their dedication. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**Sunday October 5th is Stewardship Sunday:** we invite all parishioners—children, youth, and adults—to discern in which liturgical or other ministries the Lord may be calling them to serve. We encourage you to visit the parish website to learn more about the various ministries in the church and their leaders.

Each ministry provides a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, share your gifts, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others. Whether you are passionate about music, supporting those in need, welcoming new members, or assisting with liturgical duties, there is a place for you.

Join us at the Ministry Fair on **Sunday, October 5th**, in the School's Gymnasium, to sign up for the ministry of your choice.

### Collection for The Catholic Education/St. Elizabeth

**This weekend, September 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will take a second collection to support the Catholic Education/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Fund. Please be generous.

On September 13th, we hosted our annual Prayer Breakfast in preparation for our Parish Feast on September 30th. We were truly blessed to have Msgr. Pierre André Pierre as our speaker. His powerful message, inspired by the Jubilee theme "We Are Pilgrims of Hope," reminded us of the shared journey we're on together in faith. His words on hope, pilgrimage, and the strength we draw from one another as a community deeply touched our hearts.

A heartfelt thank you to Msgr. Pierre for his inspiring reflection, and to all the leaders and parishioners who supported and helped make this event such a success.

Let's continue to prepare our hearts as we look forward to celebrating our Parish Feast on September 30th.



# Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



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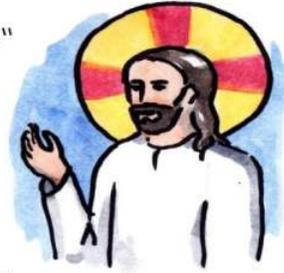
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# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 21st, 2025



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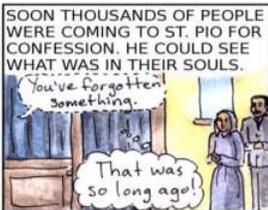
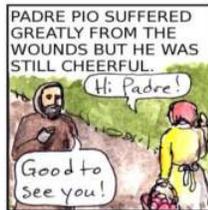
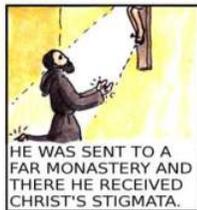
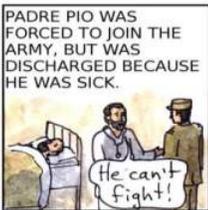
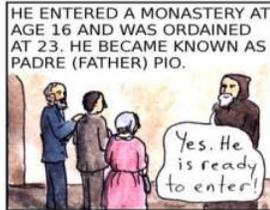
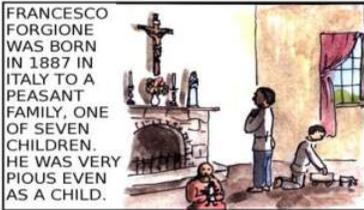


Luke 16:1-13

Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.

# Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

September 23

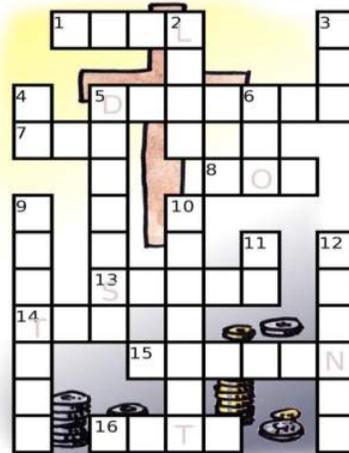


SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

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# Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.  
A=Across D=Down



- CANNOT
- HATE
- MASTERS
- SERVANT
- MAMMON
- THE
- SERVE
- HE
- DESPISE
- YOU
- TWO
- ONE
- LOVE
- NO
- DEVOTED
- GOD
- WILL

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the one and \_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_ 14A other, or he  
\_\_\_ 1A be \_\_\_ 5A to the \_\_\_ 7A  
and \_\_\_ 5D the other. \_\_\_ 8A  
\_\_\_ 12D \_\_\_ 13A \_\_\_ 3D and  
\_\_\_ " 15A

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