

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



October 19, 2025
Twenty-Ninth 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

7:30 AM Monday ~ Friday: English
9:00 AM Monday ~ Friday: Creole

BAPTISM/ BAUTISMO/ BAPTÊME

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

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIONES

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 9:00 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, OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'âme de Elcia Cadet
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
For the repose of the soul of Dossou
Kitti Paul
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour ses bienfaits
pour Rosette Jean

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de tous les morts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Sister Marie
D'Assise Thevenin
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2025

- 7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Archange P.
Charles
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Victor Dupoux

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2025

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Remerciement a Dieu en l'honneur de
L'enfant Jesus de Prague pour Chantal Doreus

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.

Readings for the Week – October 19, 2025

Monday Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Lk 12:39-48
Thursday Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 12:49-53
Friday Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
Lk 12:54-59 Saturday Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 13:1-9 Sunday Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



A Facebook post about St. Catherine of Siena pictured her with a number of cardinals at the time of the Avignon Papacy (fourteenth century). The picture contains these words, "Nevertheless she persisted." To persist is to continue to exist past the usual time or to continue doing something with determination even when facing difficulties. Our readings call us to persistence in prayer, talking and listening to God, even when we don't see its effects immediately.

Moses persists in raising his hands for the Israelites to defeat Amalek in battle. But he gets tired. He needs support, so Aaron and Hur hold his arms. He needed community support to persist in the face of difficulty. Isn't that true for us? We need the community to help us pray and persist in prayer, especially when our prayer seems ineffective and we want to give up. The unjust judge renders a just decision "because this widow keeps bothering me." She persisted. Jesus says that our righteous God will "see to it that justice is done." Don't give up. Persist. Paul tells Timothy, "Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient."

When we don't see a response to our prayers or we don't receive the answer we want, we are often tempted to give up. Praying seems useless, especially when we are busy. However, spiritual writers tell us that is exactly when we need to make more time for prayer. Persistence is even more important than the amount of time we pray. So pray always, especially when busy or distracted. Retire at times into the space of our own hearts and pray throughout the day. We are always in God's presence and God is persistent for us.

Ever-present God, you persist in your pursuit of us. Help us persist in our pursuit of you, not only when convenient or pleasing to us, but especially when we are tempted to give up.

VOCATION

"Pray always and do not to lose heart." If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	266
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	100
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	86
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	177

Monthly Intentions for 2025

October: For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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 \$56,136.50 we have received \$31,965.25 so far, with a remaining balance of \$24,171.75.**

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..

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Parish School of Religion is now in session, 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, as we are still accepting registrations. 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

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.

It is important

-  Your Gift to Your God
-  For support of your church
-  To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation

Rosary Rally – Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Let's unite in faith and make a powerful statement of our love and devotion to our Blessed Mother! Everyone is invited to join our Sunday School children for a Rosary Rally to mark the end of the Month of the Rosary. We'll meet in front of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the corner of East 29th St and Newkirk Ave immediately following the 9:45 am Mass. Come be a part of this beautiful, unifying event. Your presence will not only uplift our parish but also serve as a powerful witness to the love and grace of Our Lady.



“O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.”

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Saturday, November 1st, All Saints Day, Masses will be celebrated at 7:30am and 9:00am in the Upper Church.

ALL SOUL'S DAY

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will gather to honor and pray for all those who have passed away. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones on an All Souls' Day envelope along with your donation, or stop by the rectory to offer Mass intentions.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

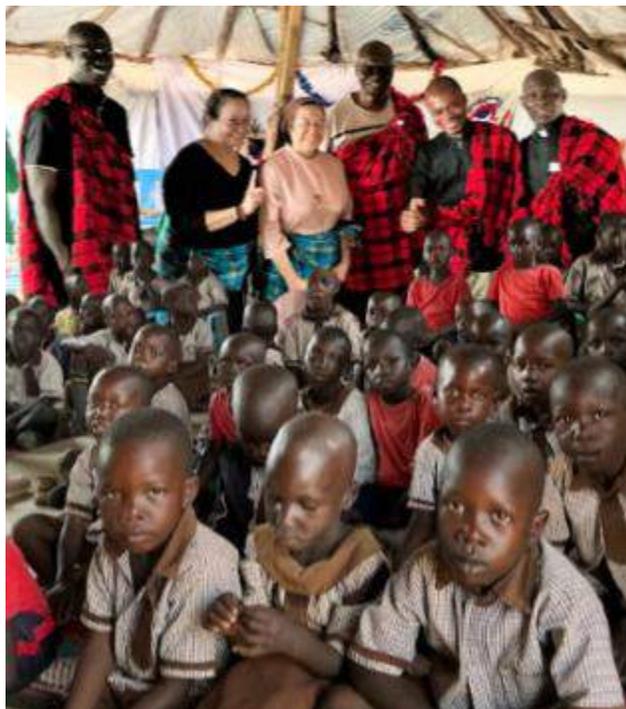
- 7:30 AM – Creole
- 9:45 AM – English
- 11:15 AM – Spanish
- 1:00 PM – Creole



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 |
| - 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 | |



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 19, is World Mission Sunday. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions this Sunday will help build churches, train clergy and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can participate and give generously this Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY GRATITUDE

Fr. Hilaire and the community of the Franciscans of our Lady of the Poor [FLP], thank you for your generous support during our mission trip to St. Joseph Parish, Omugo, Uganda. Please continue to support the missionaries through prayer and generous action—for prayer begins the mission, and action is generosity in motion as members of God's family.

In front are the Students from Mother Esperanza International School and in the back [from left to right] Fr. Mark Akawu [newly ordained]; Sis. Elva Espino [FLP Lay Supporter]; Mother Vilma, Fr. Simon Akawu (Brother priest of Fr. Mark) Fr. Joseph Abah, [the Pastor of St. Joseph Church] and Fr. Hilaire, our pastor here at St. Jerome Church.

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.



Troup Eclat is excited to invite you to celebrate an incredible milestone—their 30th Anniversary Gala! Join them on Friday, November 21st, at the beautiful Leonard Palazzo for an unforgettable evening of music, memories, and joy. Tickets are available at \$150 per person, and spaces are limited, so make sure to reserve your spot soon. To secure your tickets, simply reach out to any member of the Troup Eclat Choir.

St. Jerome R.C. Church

is joining the *Diocesan Pilgrimage* to the
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, October 25, 2025



Cost: \$85.00

[transportation and breakfast]

Bus will depart at 5:30 AM

in front of the Church

We cordially invite you to join the Diocese of Brooklyn on an inspiring pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. As Pilgrims of Hope, we will unite to seek spiritual renewal and foster a community. This pilgrimage holds special significance as it coincides with the Jubilee Year 2025, during which the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence. The pilgrimage will take place under the leadership of Bishop Robert Brennan. The feature of the day will be a rosary devotion and concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine.

PELERINAJ DYOSEZ BROOKLYN

Dyosèz Brooklyn nan ap patwone yon pelerinaj yon jou nan Bazilik Sanktyè Nasyonal Konsepsyon Imakile a nan Washington, D.C., samdi 25 oktòb 2025. Pelerinaj la pral dirije pa Evèk Robert Brennan. Bis yo ap pati a 5:30 AM devan Legliz Sen Jerome (Newkirk Avenue ak Nostrand Avenue), epi y ap pati soti Washington, D.C. a 5:30 PM pou retounen lakay yo. Vin jwenn nou pou zak espesyal dyosèz sa a ki montre lanmou ak devosyon pou Mari, Manman Legliz la. Pri tikè bis la se \$85, ki gen ladan dejene ak manje midi. Tanpri kontakte biwo pawas la nan 718-462-0223 pou rezève plas ou epi fè peman ou.

PEREGRINACIÓN DE LA DIÓCESIS DE BROOKLYN

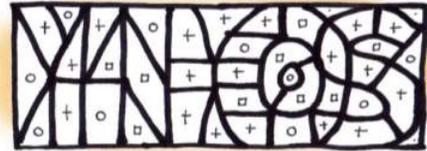
La Diócesis de Brooklyn patrocina una peregrinación de un día a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C., el sábado 25 de octubre de 2025. La peregrinación estará presidida por el obispo Robert Brennan. Los autobuses saldrán a las 5:30 a. m. desde frente a la iglesia de San Jerónimo (avenida Newkirk y avenida Nostrand) y partirán de Washington, D.C. a las 5:30 p. m. para regresar a casa. Únase a nosotros en este acto diocesano especial de amor y devoción a María, Madre de la Iglesia. El precio del autobús es de \$85 e incluye desayuno y almuerzo. Por favor, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 718-462-0223 para reservar su asiento y realizar su pago.

The Kids' Bulletin

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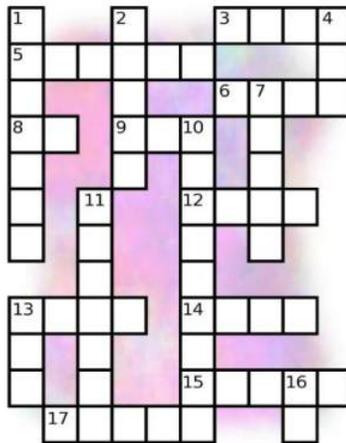


Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?
 Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



the parable of the unjust judge

Here's a puzzle
 about the story in
 today's Gospel
 reading.



Across:

3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
5. The judge was _____ (not fair)
6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
8. We should pray _____ God.
9. Who will always listen when we pray?
12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
14. What we do when we are talking to God.
15. The widow needed help against her _____.
17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

1. Fairness.
2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
4. We pray to God _____ and night.
7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
13. God will do what is good _____ us.
16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



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