

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



October 26, 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

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 26TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Jean Valentin Thelamour
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
In loving memory of Joseph Farquhar
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Quettlye Petit

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Celina Jean Jacques

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM Repos de l'ame de Charline Daniel
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Victor Dupoux

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2025

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM For the repose of the soul of Jose Soto

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.

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The LORD is a God of justice," declares Sirach. What is justice? Bible scholars describe it as right relationship with God, which means being one with God and living God's will. "True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak" (Evangelii Gaudium, 79). God has no favorites (Sirach 35:12).

God's justice is not about an eye for an eye (see Matthew 5). It is about doing what God would do for all. While God knows no favorites, God does hear the cry of the poor. Justice is expressed by seeking it for the poor and the weak. Whoever serves God willingly is heard (Sirach 35:20).

Jesus' parable, addressed "to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else" (Luke 18:9), is about justice. God's justice is not self-centered, as the Pharisee was. Rather, it is God-centered, like the tax collector who admits his need for God's mercy. The tax collector was humble. He knew his need for God, unlike the Pharisee, who was so full of himself that there was no room for God.

Paul's letter to Timothy models humility. Even though the community did not support him, he does not hold that against them. God is his center, so even death is not to be feared. Be God-centered at all times. Glorify God by treating others as God does, living the justice that attends to the needs of all and seeks their good. Since the Lord is just, we must be, too.

Just and faithful God, open my eyes to see you present in the cries of all my sisters and brothers, but especially those of the widow, the orphan, the oppressed, and the poor. Make me more aware of how you respond to my needs so that I might respond in kind to the needs of all.

Readings for the Week – October 26, 2025

Monday Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17 **Tuesday** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16 **Wednesday** Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-5, 6 Lk 13:22-30 **Thursday** Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35 **Friday** Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6 **Saturday** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a **Sunday** Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	290
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	138
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	100
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	278

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 Wilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223

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.

October: Month of the Rosary



“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



VOCATION

“All who humble themselves will be exalted.” Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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 | |

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



HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED! We are collecting non-expired dry foods, canned, etc. to start building the parish food pantry in the basement of the Parish Center. You can also make donations of food, turkeys, chickens, monetary donations to the parish Thanksgiving drive to support those in need this Thanksgiving. Collection boxes are available in the back of the church for canned goods and dry foods. While the boxes will be available in our churches next week, you're welcome to stop by the rectory during office hours to drop off your dry food donations. For turkeys and produce, please bring them to the rectory office on distribution day, Saturday November 22nd. Your generous contributions will truly make a difference for those less fortunate this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



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.



On Sunday, October 19th, the Health Care Ministry of St. Jerome hosted a meaningful Breast Cancer Awareness talk in the lower church. The event focused on the importance of early detection, advances in research, and the need for strong support systems for those affected by breast cancer.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those impacted by breast cancer. Bring healing to those in treatment, strength to survivors, and comfort to families. Bless the hands of caregivers and guide researchers toward a cure. May we continue to stand together in hope, love, and support. Amen.

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

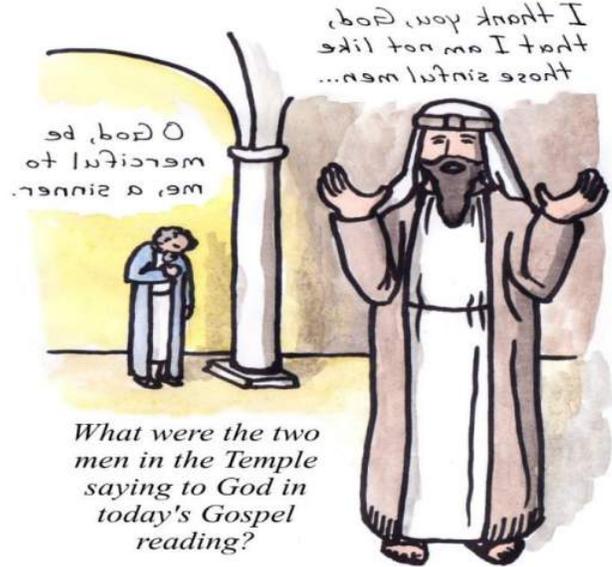
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!

Answers to Match-up: 1.the good fight 2.the faith 3.the race 4.strength 5.the message 6.glory for ever and ever

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The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025



What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14

Saint Narcissus October 29

NARCISSUS WAS BORN IN THE EARLY 100'S. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 80 YEARS OLD.

Narcissus, you have been chosen to be our new bishop!

NARCISSUS WAS ONE OF THE BISHOPS WHO DECIDED THAT EASTER SHOULD ALWAYS BE CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY.

Yes, I think this is the best way to do it.

SOME ENEMIES FALSELY ACCUSED HIM OF A CRIME.

If I am lying let me die by fire!
And me by leprosy!
And let me be blinded!

I cannot serve God's people well if they think I am guilty!

BECAUSE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS BISHOP NARCISSUS WENT TO LIVE IN THE DESERT.

BUT WHEN THE BAD THINGS HAPPENED TO HIS ENEMIES EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS INNOCENT.

SO THE BISHOP CAME BACK TO HIS PEOPLE, OLDER BUT MORE ZEALOUS THAN BEFORE.

Welcome back! We missed you!

Can you say Mass for the people this morning?

Sure!

BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO HELP HIM. SO THE BISHOP ST. ALEXANDER CAME AND HELPED HIM LOOK AFTER HIS PEOPLE.

ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

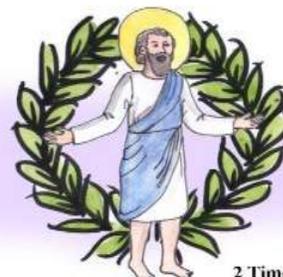
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Saint Paul Match-Up

What comes next?

Match up the first parts with the next parts from today's second reading.

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| 1. I have fought | ▪ strength |
| 2. I have finished | ▪ the faith |
| 3. I have kept | ▪ the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me | ▪ the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles could hear | ▪ glory forever and ever. |
| 6. To Him be | ▪ the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

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