

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh 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 5TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour Roosevelt
Cherubin nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li.
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
Birthday Blessings for Kimberly Theluscar
- 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 Marthine Chervial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Bishop Guy Sansaricq

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Mirta Daniel
Nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2025

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2025

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

MASS INTENTIONS



We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions.

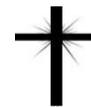
The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass.

Readings for the Week – October 5, 2025

Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42 **Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13 **Friday** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday** Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28 **Sunday** 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The disasters vary, but the post-event interviews of the heroes who responded have a certain commonality. The reporter offers them praise but they almost always respond: "I was only doing my duty." Those of us with any sensitivity might even be moved to tears on hearing this. It is a certain bravery blended with sure humility. Such can restore one's faith in humanity when cynicism tries to hold sway.

Yet there are also those many smaller and very personal tragedies that include such things like temporary loss of faith and trust in God. If we have ever experienced these, we know that they rob the soul of peace. In these cases, heroism is anonymous and unknown. People like you and me, who through prayer and the support of friends have been able to triumph over the pain. We do not ever count ourselves as heroes. But God does. That is the truth to remember. It is the reward of faith.

It sometimes happens that we forget God's love for us and the support it supplies. We lose the energy it takes to be a Eucharistic person. We lapse in practice. Slowly but surely the "Mass less" Sundays pile up. We drift away from the "once upon a time" child we were the day of our First Holy Communion. And if we manage to do something good for God, we want some applause.

It is really an exceptionally good gift the Holy Spirit gives us, through this weekend's gospel passage, to remind us of a certain fact. It reflects that "full transparency" so prized in public discourse these days. What is it? This: we are unworthy of the personal and tender love of God. When we live as He asks, we are not heroes but only doers of our duty as His adopted children. Even so, that attitude brings its own reward. What is that? The smile on the face of Christ when He notes that we are doing our best, day after day. It is the Sacred Smile we hope to see in person some fine day. The guarantee of that event is based on humility, the true touchstone of healthy spirituality. Here is a good example of that virtue in ordinary life:

Once upon a time, an ardent music lover unexpectedly met the great Johannes Brahms. On recognizing the composer, the man asked: "Master, would you please write here a small portion of a masterpiece and sign it so I can have precious memory of this fortunate encounter?" Brahms took the pencil and paper, scribbled the initial bars of "The Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss II and signed "Unfortunately, not by me. Johannes Brahms." God love you and be among His humble heroes.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	305
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	125
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	100
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	226

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 \$31,252.75 so far, with a remaining balance of \$24,883.75.**

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.

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. 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

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary October 7th

Mass Schedule:
7:30 am – English
9:00 am- Creole
Upper Church



As we celebrate this feast in honor of the holy Rosary and Our Lady, seek to renew your trust in her intercession, using this powerful spiritual weapon. Every crime, abuse, cruelty, hatred, and evil of any kind is first and foremost a spiritual defect. It is a sin. The greatest remedy for sin is repentance.

The greatest method of winning over sinful hearts to repentance is through prayer, and one of the greatest forms of prayer is the Rosary. The Church, in its popes, bishops, and saints, has held up the Rosary throughout the centuries. Countless saints prayed its beads every day, offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Lady so she could, in turn, lavish the spiritual roses of that bouquet upon the world.

Prayer: Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God's grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it every day. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/october-7---our-lady-of-the-rosary/>



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.

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.”



VOCATION

“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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



Today, **Sunday, October 5th**, we invite all parishioners—children, youth, and adults—to take a moment to discern how the Lord is calling you to serve.

Join us for the **Ministry Fair** today in the **School's Gymnasium** after every Mass! This is your chance to explore the many ministries within our church, meet the leaders, and sign up for the one that aligns with your gifts and passions. Whether you're interested in music, outreach, welcoming new members, or assisting with liturgical duties, there's a place for you to get involved.

We look forward to seeing you there and walking this journey of faith and service together!

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.

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 | |

faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



Answer to puzzle on front: mustard seed.
Answer to word-find: faith.

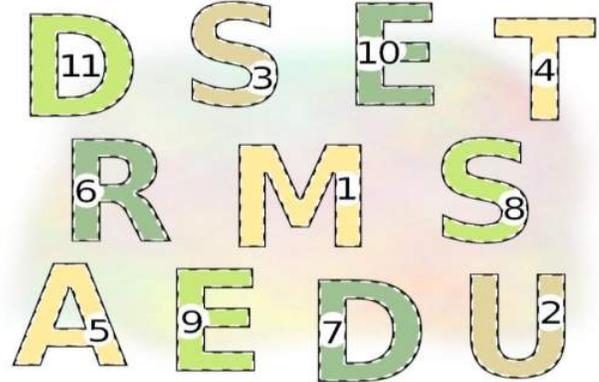
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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th, 2025

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



"If you have faith the size of a

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 6

EULALIE DUROCHER WAS BORN IN 1811 IN A VILLAGE OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN CANADA. SHE WAS THE 11TH OF 11 CHILDREN.

AS A GIRL EULALIE GOT A GOOD EDUCATION AND LIKED HORSES.

SHE FELT CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE BUT WAS TOO SICKLY TO JOIN THE CONVENT.

FOR 13 YEARS SHE WAS THE HOUSEKEEPER FOR HER BROTHER, A PRIEST.

SHE WAS KIND TO EVERYONE BUT VERY STRICT WITH HERSELF.

THE BISHOP ASKED HER TO START AN ORDER OF TEACHING NUNS, AND AT FIRST SHE DIDN'T THINK SHE COULD.

BUT SHE DID WHAT SHE WAS ASKED ANYWAY. SHE TOOK THE NAME MARIE-ROSE AND WORKED VERY HARD TO TEACH AND RUN THE ORDER.

BLESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38.

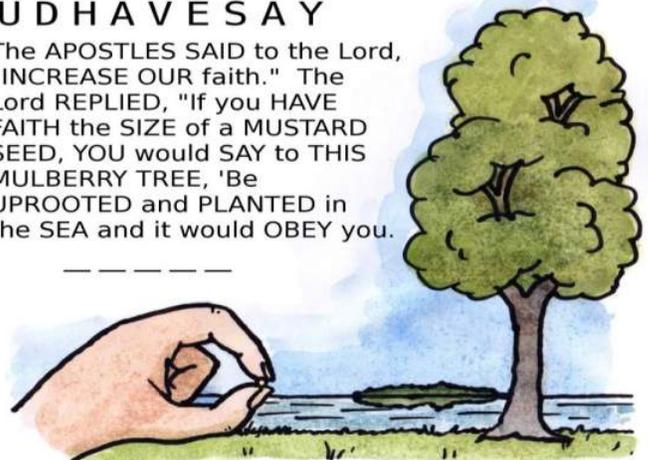
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Mustard Seed Word-Find

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R N I F A I T H E
Y T O U R Z L S D
O E T T R E E H
U D H A V E S A Y

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you.



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