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November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

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PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de toutes les ames du purgatoire
-Par Germain Bellamy
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
In loving memory of Agatha King
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Georges Bossous

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marie Yolene Innocent

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM In loving memory of Wilfred Augustin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2025

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 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.

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.

Readings for the Week – November 30, 2025

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11 **Tuesday** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24 **Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37 **Thursday** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27 **Friday** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31 **Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 **Sunday** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 18 Rom 15:4-10 Mt 3:1-13

First Sunday of Advent

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The little season of Advent comes upon us like the poet Carl Sandburg's "Fog." That is, "on little cat's feet." For us as Americans, we have the echo in our ears of lively table talk at the family Thanksgiving dinner, followed by the clatter of clean dinnerware returning to cabinets. Suddenly it is time to prepare for Christmas!

On one level, I daresay the popular one, which means a flurry of list-making, and shopping and decorating and baking. All that is to the good as far as it goes. But on the deeper level, I daresay the spiritual level, or the Church's level, Christmas prep involves a recall of all that God did for us in the time after the Fall from Eden to the Infant's cry in the manger.

We had been a lost race. Alienated from God. Disconnected from each other to a large degree. Needing outside help. Yearning for leadership. Wishing for interior peace. In a world lit only by fire each night, we were definitely locked in "darkness," as St. Paul describes it. Needing light and a way out.

This First Sunday of Advent invites us to pause right here and think about the implications of being in darkness. Just recall the awful "time of crime" in recent months. Murder of children in a Catholic church. Slaying of a young woman on a train. Assassination of a young leader on a Utah campus. Then there is the personal sin that vexes our consciences until we make that good Confession. Advent wants us to remember such things so that we can appreciate the Divine relief that came with our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Slow down amid the cultural rushing. Take the time for private prayer. Listen to the chosen Scripture passages for the season. Learn to be "Watchful," as Jesus instructs. Then the meaning will be truer as you and your loved ones gather around the parish creche, or the one at home. And there are always stories, like this one:

Once upon a time, as the great day approached, a mother was telling her little ones the beautiful story of Christmas. They even tried their voices on some of the usual carols. After one song, four-year-old Tommy blurted out: "Mommy, wasn't it nice for the shepherds to get all cleaned up before they went to see the baby Jesus?" "What do you mean, Tommy?" she asked. "Well," he explained, "we just sang the song 'While shepherds washed their socks by night.'"

God love you and give you Advent peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	268
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	137
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	95
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	226



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 \$56,926.50 we have received \$34,417.25 so far, with a remaining balance of \$22,509.25.

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.

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.

Monthly Intentions for 2025

November: For the prevention of suicide



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

7:30AM – English

9:00AM – Creole

In the Upper Church



VOCATION

"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." If you think that God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Sister Carmelle Nerette



The

Giving TREE



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter this season of giving and thanksgiving, we kindly ask for your generosity in supporting the children in our Diocese. The Giving Tree is once again displayed in both the Upper and Lower Churches, with tags for children of different ages provided to us by Catholic Charities. We kindly ask that you please take a tag or two and purchase gifts for the children. Please do not wrap the gift, but place it in a gift bag with the tag and leave it under the Giving Tree. **All gifts must be donated by December 15th.** Thank you for your kindness and support.

The Diocesan Youth Day at Christ the King High School was an unforgettable and faith-filled experience for us, the youth of Saint Jerome Roman Catholic Church. Centered on the theme “*I AM*,” the event brought together more than 1,500 young people from across the diocese. The turnout was so large that the auditorium could not hold everyone, and the organizers opened the gymnasium with a live projector feed so participants there could fully join in. Even with the crowd, the day was well organized, welcoming, and filled with energy. Our group was part of the Yellow Group, and from the moment we arrived, we felt the excitement and unity in the air.

On this spiritual day, **we felt connected to God in a special way.** The theme “*I Am*” reminded us to slow down and recognize who we are. Throughout the day, every message, prayer, and moment of worship helped us realize that our identity isn’t based on people or situations—it comes from God. We loved this day because it felt peaceful and freeing. We left with one clear takeaway: **we are who we are because God is.** God’s presence, love, and guidance shape our lives, and this spiritual day helped us remember that truth.

The live music throughout the event created a powerful prayerful atmosphere. It brought everyone together, lifting our spirits and preparing our hearts for the talks, Holy Hour, and Mass. We had the opportunity to listen to two incredible guest speakers from Florida, **Mari Pablo** and **Brian Greenfield**. Both were captivating, relatable, and inspiring. They didn’t just speak about the faith—they helped us understand it more deeply, showing us how our everyday lives connect with who God calls us to be.

During Holy Hour, the priest shared a beautiful reflection on the meaning of “*I AM*.” He spoke about how we sometimes define ourselves by what we do or what others think of us, but ultimately, our identity comes from God. He connected this to Scripture, reminding us of when Jesus said, “*I am who you say I am.*” His message invited us to reflect deeply on who we are in Christ and what it means to live out our faith with confidence and love.

A major highlight of the day was the celebration of Mass with **Bishop Robert J. Brennan**. The Mass was reverent, joyful, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Before Mass, we walked through the halls where various Catholic organizations displayed information and offered giveaways. It was a great opportunity to learn about different ministries and ways to grow in our faith. We also had the wonderful chance to meet the bishop and take a photo with him, making the day even more special for our group.

From the live music to the powerful speakers, from the peaceful Holy Hour to the beautiful celebration of Mass, every part of the day was meaningful and uplifting. As the youth of Saint Jerome, we left feeling renewed, inspired, and grateful for the experience. We had an amazing time, and we truly cannot wait to go back again.





Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th

MASS SCHEDULE

7:30AM – ENGLISH

9:00AM- CREOLE

7:00 PM- SPANISH

In the Upper Church

Christmas Memorial

Honor your loved one this Holiday Season by purchasing a wreath to place around the church as a tribute and remembrance.

Donation: \$50

Deadline for Donations:
December 6



If you are interested, please provide your name and contact number to the following individuals after Mass:

7:30 AM Mass: Cestane, Mona Loiseau or Jocelyne Gaudin
 9:45 AM Mass: Rosey Gilbert
 11:30 AM Mass: Alberto Gonzalez
 1:15 PM Mass: Marie Alice Etienne and Gladys Chauvet

Thank You Note

Thank you to all who donated to the Parish's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to give turkeys to many families. Thank you for making Thanksgiving special for those in need by sharing the blessings that you have received from the Lord's merciful hand.

It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday. Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



Answer to puzzle on front page: armor of light
 Answer to puzzle on front page: Be ready!

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The Kids' Bulletin

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 November 30th, 2025

Sort the letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom



Romans 13:11-14

In today's second reading
 Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the works of darkness and put on the

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