

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent

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#### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



## Schedule of Masses

### SUNDAY

*Upper Church*

7:30 AM ~ Creole  
9:45 AM ~ English  
11:30 AM ~ Spanish  
1:15 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month in the cafeteria after the 1:00 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Marco Mercier  
nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
In loving memory of Lawrence Darius
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Chris Ishmael  
Gouin nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Ted Carl Volcy

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God / Birthday Blessings  
for Gertrude Flowers
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Katia Lamour
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2025

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 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 are marking an anniversary, offering gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for your dearly departed, it is always a beautiful way to do so within the Mass. The Mass book for the rest of 2025 is still open. Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention

### Readings for the Week – December 14, 2025

**Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27 **Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32 **Wednesday** Gen 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17 **Thursday** Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25 **Friday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25 **Saturday** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38 **Sunday** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

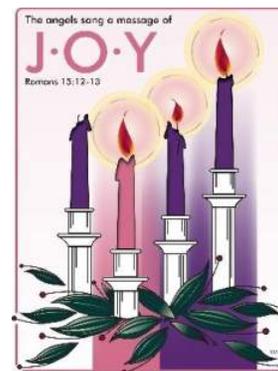
### VOCATION -DECEMBER 14, 2025

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

## Third Sunday of Advent

### *My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

There is a certain plague that has spread across "the fruited plain." It shows up all over the place in different types and forms. Call it p "Impatience." On our streets and highways, it fosters "road rage." It pits one driver against another for a variety of annoyances that sometimes become deadly when impatience turns to anger.



A computer breakdown that halts the progress of a sale can lead to impatience as you stand in line and the cashier, who can do little about it, apologizes for the inconvenience. It takes an intentional step backward in such situations to confront the truth that we often seem to be in a hurry for some unknown reason. Or maybe for a known reason that is disproportionate.

Apply all that rushing around to the spiritual realm and we can see some harmful results. We can miss the chance to meet God on His own terms and in His own good time. Today's Second Reading from the Letter of St. James urges us to have a different outlook: the Advent season theme of waiting. "Be patient," the writer advises, "until the coming of the Lord."

You can detect the impatience of the Baptist's disciples in our Gospel Reading, when, noticing it, John tells them to ask Jesus, "Are you he one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Notice Our Lord's calm answer. Tell John what you hear and see me doing, and don't take offense at me." In other words, "Slow down!" Or, as we might say, "Cool it!"

This virtue of Patience takes many forms. At a reunion of retired executives, each of the guests was invited to give a two-minute after-dinner talk on his experiences since retirement. Since some of the former executives were inclined to be rather long-winded, the toastmaster was instructed to rap his gavel when the two minutes had expired. The first speaker was called and, true to his old form, was still on his feet talking well beyond the time limit.

The toastmaster, a kindly old man, couldn't bring himself to rap his gavel. On and on the speaker droned boringly, until the other guests began to murmur and signal the old man to rap the gavel. Responding to the pressure, he wound up and brought the gavel down full force, accidentally hitting the head of the man sitting next to him. As the victim was sinking under the table he was heard to say, "Hit me again, I can still hear him!"

God love you and pray for Advent patience.



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music of the Christmas season.*

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	246
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	131
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	89
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	204



Annual 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.

## Catholic Appeal 2025

### 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.

### 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

**December: For Christians in areas of conflict**



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Celebrate the season with joy and light

Sunday, December 14th  
5:00 pm

Location:

St. Jerome R.C. Church  
2900 Newkirk Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

"This is how God showed his love  
among us: He sent his one and only  
Son into the world that we might  
live through him."

1 John 4:9



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# 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.**

## 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.

## Donations for Christmas Flowers

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

This weekend's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection needs your help. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in this week's collection to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

## 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

Celebrating the lives of



  
*Jean Robin Borne*  
1956-2025

  
*Jean Wallen Borne*  
1962-2025

Please join us for a Memorial Mass honoring and celebrating the lives of the brothers of Father Saint Charles Borno.

Date: Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Location: St. Jerome R.C. Church  
2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' DAY MASS SCHEDULE



### **Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 PM – Christmas Carols (English / Spanish)  
9:00 PM – Bilingual Mass (English / Spanish)  
11:00 PM - Chant de Noel (Creole)  
Suivie par la Messe de Minuit  
*Upper church*

### **Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am –Trilingual Mass (English, Creole and Spanish)  
*Upper Church*

### **New Year's Eve – Wed, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 PM – Adoration (English / Spanish)  
9:00 PM – Mass (English / Spanish)  
11:00 PM- Heure Sainte (Creole)  
Suivie par la Messe de Minuit  
*Upper church*

### **New Year's Day- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM –Bilingual Mass (English / Spanish?)  
1:00 PM Messe an Creole:  
*Upper Church*

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