

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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9:00AM – 1:00 PM

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Saturday & Sunday: Closed



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th

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 25th

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

Upper Church

New Year's Eve – Wed, December 31st

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 1st

10:00 AM – Bilingual Mass
(English / Spanish?)

1:00 PM Messe an Creole

Upper Church

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour le Groupe
Témoins du Christ
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
In loving memory of Herard Nereus and
Maxina Valmont
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
Por el eterno descanso de Maximino
Gonzalez Tang Pedida Por su Hermano
Alberto Gonzalez
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour Ela Thelemaque
nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2025

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Antoinette
Francois nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2025

- 9:00 PM NO MASS INTENTIONS
12:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2025

- 10:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu en l'honneur de St. Michel
Archange pour Ketly Edouard

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 21, 2025

Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-6
Wednesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79 Thursday Vigil Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or
Mt 1:18-25 Thursday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,
13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Thursday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Thursday Day Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17 Mt 10:17-22 Saturday 1 Jn 1:1 4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Holidays and holy days each create a certain atmosphere around them. To mix them up, or to confuse them, is a mistake. So, for instance, decorating your home with all kinds of red, white and blue stressing patriotism does not really show the spirit of Christmas with its red and green. The weak secular appraisal of Christmas event as mainly a call to reignite brotherhood among nations is just atheism trying to suppress Christ's coming. A much worse error than mixing up colors.

The simple and straightforward telling of the birth account of Jesus in St. Matthew's gospel puts forth the truth and nothing but the truth. A baby was born to a Jewish couple of humble origins as part of a long held and well prepared for plan to save mankind from sin and invite him to turn back to God.

The consequent atmosphere is one of true peace and deep joy that comes with renewed hope. Optimism rekindled. Pessimism banished. So, there is no place for raucous shouting and revelry. Much less a frenzy over who gets what as a gift under the artificial evergreen.

The calendar this year has given us a few days after this Fourth Sunday of Advent to stop, look and really listen to the gospel message. To energize our faith in the God who proved His love for us by sending His own Son to save us. As a result of the first Christmas, for the first time in history, men had to look down to see heaven, for heaven lay in a manger.

Remember the distraught man in Mark's gospel whose son was possessed? When Jesus asked him "Do you believe? (I can do this?) the man's answer becomes a prayer for all of us many times in life, even at Christmas: "Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief."

God love you and yours and have a blest Christmas

VOCATION -DECEMBER 21, 2025

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email:

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	200
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	92
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	64
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	134



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners of St. Jerome

Merry Christmas!

What a wonderful time of the year it is! This is the time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is indeed the most joyful time of the year – the first moment when the depth of God's unconditional love is made visible in the most concrete of ways. What greater cause for joy can be found in this life than to be a sharer in Jesus' life, to walk at his side, to sit at his feet, and to feel his touch?

We live in a world of tremendous challenge for the Christian. Presently, our brothers and sisters around the World are undergoing unprecedented persecution. This world continues to look to some "leader" to step up and make a difference, bringing the peace needed. In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

With deep joy and gratitude, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. I also want to thank you for being a source of hope, peace, and joy in our parish community. Please know that my prayers are with you and your families at this special time of the year.

Let's be ready and let's make sure He is born today in our hearts!

Peace and Joy this Christmas and always,

*Fr. Hilaire
Pastor*



Chers paroissiens du Sen Jerome,

Joyeux Noël!

Quelle merveilleuse époque de l'année! C'est bien le temps où nous célébrons la naissance de notre Seigneur et Sauveur, Jésus-Christ. C'est en effet la saison la plus joyeuse de l'année - le premier moment où la profondeur de l'amour inconditionnel de Dieu est rendue visible de la manière la plus concrète. Quelle plus grande cause de joie peut-on trouver dans cette vie que de participer à la vie de Jésus, marcher à ses côtés, s'asseoir à ses pieds et de sentir sa présence.

Nous vivons dans un monde d'énormes défis pour le chrétien. Actuellement, nos frères et sœurs du monde entier subissent des persécutions sans précédent. Notre chère Haiti continue à chercher encore un *leader* pouvant changer sa situation, faire la différence, et apporter la paix nécessaire. Au milieu de tous nos défis et de nos préoccupations, l'amour de Dieu le Père nous est manifesté dans le don gratuit de Son Fils, Jésus. Avec les anges à Bethléem, notre foi nous exhorte à chanter: "Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux et paix sur la terre aux hommes qu'il aime". Nous savons que la vraie paix sur terre découle de notre reconnaissance et de nos louanges de Dieu dans nos vies.

C'est avec joie et gratitude que je profite de cette occasion de Noel pour vous souhaiter, ainsi qu'à vos proches, un joyeux Noël et une nouvelle année bénie, et aussi vous remercier d'être une source de paix et de joie, et d'espérance dans notre communauté paroissiale. Soyez rassurés de mes prières pour vous et vos familles en cette saison de grâce.

Soyons prêts et faisons en sorte qu'il naisse aujourd'hui dans nos cœurs.

Paix et joie ce Noël et toujours,

Père Hilaire



Desde el escritorio del pastor

Queridos feligreses de San Jerónimo

¡Feliz Navidad!

¡Qué época tan maravillosa del año! Celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. Sin duda, es la época más alegre del año: el primer momento en que la profundidad del amor incondicional de Dios se hace visible de la manera más concreta. ¿Qué mayor alegría puede haber en esta vida que compartir la vida de Jesús, caminar a su lado, sentarse a sus pies y sentir su toque?

Vivimos en un mundo de enormes desafíos para el cristiano. Actualmente, nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todo el mundo sufren una persecución sin precedentes. Este mundo sigue esperando a algún “líder” que dé un paso al frente y marque la diferencia, trayendo la paz necesaria. En medio de todos nuestros desafíos y preocupaciones actuales, el amor de Dios Padre se nos manifiesta en el maravilloso don de su Hijo, Jesús. Con los ángeles en Belén, nuestra fe nos impulsa a cantar: “¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas y paz a su pueblo en la tierra!”. Reconocemos que la verdadera paz en la tierra fluye del reconocimiento y la alabanza a Dios en nuestras vidas.

Con profunda alegría y gratitud, aprovecho esta oportunidad para desearles a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una Feliz Navidad y un bendecido Año Nuevo. También quiero agradecerles por ser una fuente de esperanza, paz y alegría en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Sepan que mis oraciones están con ustedes y sus familias en esta época tan especial del año.

¡Preparémonos y asegurémonos de que Él nazca hoy en nuestros corazones!

Paz y alegría esta Navidad y siempre,

P. Hilaire
Párroco



Celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12 de diciembre de 2025

El 12 de diciembre de 2025, nuestra parroquia celebró con alegría la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, honrando a nuestra Santísima Madre y Patrona de las Américas con fe, cultura y comunidad.

Agradecemos al Padre Fulgencio por acompañarnos y por su presencia en esta celebración tan especial. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento también a los dedicados voluntarios y a todos los que trabajaron tras bambalinas para que este día fuera una hermosa expresión de devoción y unidad. Agradecemos también a todos los feligreses e invitados que se unieron a nosotros en oración y celebración.

Que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe continúe velando por nuestra parroquia, fortaleciendo nuestra fe y guiándonos cada vez más cerca de su Hijo, Jesucristo.



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.

Special Collection for Catholic Charities

We will have a special collection for Catholic Charities on Thursday, December 25th at all parish Masses. Catholic Charities sponsors over 160 programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless. Please be generous.



Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th.**

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

An Advent Prayer to See Jesus in Others

Jesus, although you are God, you hid yourself in Mary's womb to come into the world. May we see you hiding in everyone we encounter and grow in our ability to recognize ourselves as one family.



In this season of joyful hope, help us believe in the possibility of a more charitable world that will overcome polarization and brokenness. Give us the grace to patiently listen to others as we wait in joyful hope for your coming. Transform our minds and our hearts to see our neighbors and our world as you do. Set aflame our hearts to tirelessly bring about your kingdom where all will find peace.

Amen

Celebrating the lives of

Jean Robin Borne
1956-2025

Jean Wallon 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 27th, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: St. Jerome R.C. Church
2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226

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