

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Monday through Friday:

9:00AM – 1:00 PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



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Of The  
*Feast Holy Family*

# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Markov Luidji  
Adesca nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
For the repose of the soul of Rosaline S.  
Wahab
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grâce à Dieu pour groupe Flamme  
Divine

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Rosaline S.  
Wahab
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM For the repose of the soul of Rosaline S.  
Wahab
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2025

- 9:00 PM For the repose of the soul of Rosaline S.  
Wahab
- 12:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2026

- 10:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2026

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

### MASS INTENTIONS 2026



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. **The Mass book for 2026 is now open.** Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention.

### Readings for the Week – December 28, 2025

**Monday** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35  
**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40  
**Wednesday** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18  
**Thursday** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21  
**Friday** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28  
**Saturday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34  
**Sunday** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was not your typical nuclear family. It consisted of a child, his birth mother, and an adoptive father. And yet they lived as faith-filled families of their day were expected to live. They went to the temple to present Jesus to God. They heard words of praise and thanksgiving about their son and a prediction of possible hardship from Simeon and Anna. Returning home, Jesus grew in wisdom and strength, as most children do. Abram, Sarah and Isaac were not typical, either. Sarah, became pregnant well beyond childbearing years. And yet their lives are prototypes for living one's faith. They trusted God even when God seemed to ask for the impossible

Whether our family is described as "typical" or it would be defined in ways other than "typical," we are all children of a God who promises to be with us throughout our lives. Sometimes we feel God present in clear and concrete ways, as did Mary and Joseph and Abraham and Sarah. Sometimes God seems absent or life is challenging, as it was for them as well. Sarah doubted God and laughed at being told she would bear a child in her old age. Mary's heart was pierced watching her son ridiculed, rejected, and crucified. Yet they knew God's presence and that God promises to be with us, in good times and in bad. Look for God in your life as it is. Be who you are and be that well, for the same God who was with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has promised to care for us today, tomorrow, and every day. Look to find God's favor, to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and grace.

God our Father, it is so easy to feel your presence when things go well that we can take you for granted. Thank you for your blessings in our lives. Give us courage to look for you in the midst of our hurts. May we find ways to become whole, and thus be holy families, whoever you send into our lives.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:**

Rosaline Wahab



### **VOCATION -DECEMBER 28, 2025**

For a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we Pray to the Lord.

**COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN MISSION**

Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Diocesan Mission. Your gift to the Collection will be used by Bishop Brennan to support appeals from various missions throughout the world. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Diocesan Mission and be generous in today's second Collection.

**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.



Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Thursday, January 1st** and **Friday January 2nd**

**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 Mother Vilma D. Orejola or online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://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*

- 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

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

*"Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever." R/ Amen*

**Happy New Year!  
Feliz Año Nuevo  
Bonne et Heureuse Année!**



On Sunday, December 14, the Little Haiti community gathered at St. Jerome, located in the heart of Little Haiti, for a joyful Lighting of the Christmas Tree Ceremony. It was an honor to have Councilwoman Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, along with their teams, in attendance. We also extend our sincere thanks to the other council members who could not be present but shared their support and expressed their desire to be there. Thank you to the Little Haiti crew and everyone who joined us to celebrate unity, hope, and the holiday spirit. 🎄

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

*Thursday, January 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026*



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel people were amazed by what the shepherds shared with Mary, and she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Another translation says that Mary treasured and pondered these things. Mary offers an example for how to maintain spiritual heart health: Take time to listen to God's voice, ponder what you hear, and treasure God's nearness, even when challenged to change your ways. Remember, even Mary's heart was pierced at times.

Mary listened to God's voice and honestly spoke from her heart. Because of this she was free to say yes to God, who dwells with us through Jesus Christ. Their Spirit was "sent into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). The Spirit cries out for us when we know not what to say, The Spirit opens our hearts, clearing them of any blockage that would keep us from knowing God's blessing, shining face, graciousness, and peace. New Year's Day is a good time to ponder the previous calendar year and the year ahead. What do we keep in our heart from both exercises? What do we treasure? What needs to be released? Pray the first reading to feel God's blessing in your life. Cry out in gratitude for God's keeping you. Ask for God's peace. Be heart-healthy in all ways.

Abba, Father, I often focus on your absence more than your presence. Let Mary be my guide so that I take time to reflect on life in ways that treasure what is good and release what gets in the way of experiencing your blessing.

**NEW YEARS' DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**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 – Haiti's Independence Day Mass  
(Creole)

**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



# HAITI'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

JANUARY 1,  
**2026**

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