

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



December 7, 2025  
Second 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 7TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et de Marie  
Gracieuse Zephyr
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
For the people of the Parish
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
Por el eterno descanso del alma de  
Marta Acuña
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Vladimyr Pierre  
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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Josephine Lamerchie  
Richardson Elizée

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Joseph Francois
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Joseph Francois  
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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2025

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 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 – December 7, 2025

Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30 Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15 Friday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

## Second Sunday of Advent

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*



Those of us of “a certain age” became educated by a process called “Rote Learning.” You’ll recognize it as I define it here: “a memorization method that relies on repetition and drilling to commit information to memory without necessarily understanding the underlying concepts.” It is a technique for retaining specific facts, like the times table, historical dates, and vocabulary, and that allows for quick recall, but it does not foster critical thinking, or deep comprehension of the subject matter. In addition, with the passage of time, we have learned that rote learning does not prepare youngsters for higher education and does not usually build knowledge. Yet, for all that last critique, I can quickly recall  $9 \times 6 = 54$  when I need it, without turning to my smart phone.

All of this brings us to consider how the ancient Hebrews in Our Lord’s audience had no choice but rote learning. This was underscored by the twin facts that there was no printed matter to refer to, and for the common folk at least, no way to read if there had been. No wonder, then, that Our Lord, as the Master Teacher, would tell stories to bolster their knowledge of truth, with what we would call today “meaningful learning.” For example: How to be a good neighbor? Consider the classic parable of “The Good Samaritan.”

Even we moderns can learn from John the Baptist’s living example and his preaching, what the short season of Advent is all about. He doesn’t tell stories, like his cousin does. But watching him and listening to him is enough. He tells us to “Repent, because the Kingdom of heaven is near.” That kingdom was afterward personified by the Infant in the manger.

In practical terms, observing Advent could mean some deliberate fasting before the coming feasting. Or scheduling some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of these weeks to pray. Certainly, the making of a good confession in Advent is a good idea, because it clears away the debris from the “stable” of our souls to welcome Jesus. Of course, there are other ways to learn besides the two I have mentioned. Not necessarily all pleasant. We have this story of a man who wanted to train his mule. The first thing he did was to pick up a big stick and hit the mule with a resounding wallop between the ears. As the mule staggered about, someone said to him “What’s the matter with you? Why did you do that awful thing? The man said. “Listen, to teach a mule, you must first get his attention.”

Poor mule! Yet anybody who has taught knows you need the attention first. Let the Advent season get our attention for authentic prep for Christmas.

God love you and have a good Advent week.

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	265
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	122
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	88
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	163



## 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 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

7:30AM – English

9:00AM – Creole

*In the Upper Church*



**Immaculate Conception**



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

December 12th

## MASS SCHEDULE

7:30AM – ENGLISH

9:00AM- CREOLE

7:00 PM- SPANISH

*In the Upper Church*

## VOCATION -DECEMBER 7, 2025

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." Do you find joy in serving God's people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support.

# 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*

Celebrating the lives of

**Jean Robin Borne**  
 1956-2025

**Jean Walton 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

**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**

Next 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 next week's collection to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

# The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to puzzle on front: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, calf, bear, lion, baby.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

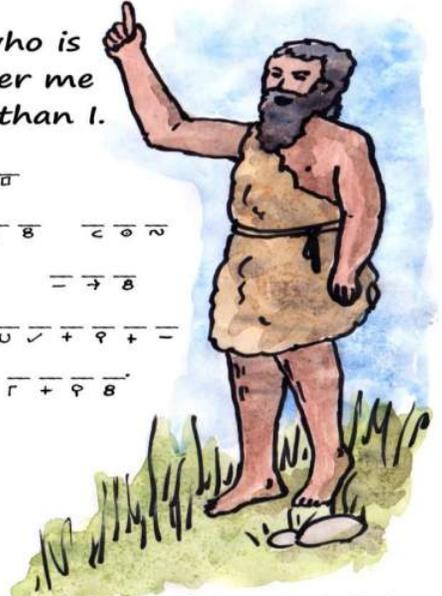
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7th, 2025

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

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# SAINT AMBROSE DECEMBER 7

AMBROSE WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 340 TO A VERY IMPORTANT ROMAN FAMILY. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

Ambrose, this man is going to be your tutor.

HE BECAME A LAWYER AND WAS LIKED BY BOTH THE CHRISTIANS AND THE HERETICS.

Sir, this man refuses to pay...

WHEN THE HERETIC BISHOP DIED EVERYONE CALLED FOR AMBROSE TO BE THE NEW BISHOP.

I think Ambrose would be a great bishop!

HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE CHOSEN BUT THE EMPEROR INSISTED THAT HE ACCEPT.

AMBROSE LOVED THE POOR AND GAVE HIS TREASURES TO FREE CAPTIVES.

Will you take this gold for his freedom?

WHEN THE EMPEROR KILLED MANY HERETICS AMBROSE WOULD NOT LET HIM INTO THE CHURCH UNTIL HE REPENTED.

You will not enter until you repent!

ONCE THE HERETICS WERE TRYING TO SEIZE THE CHURCH BUT AMBROSE WOULDN'T GIVE IT UP. FINALLY THE SOLDIERS WENT INSIDE TO PRAY!

SAINT AMBROSE WAS ALSO THE TEACHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE. HE WAS VERY GOOD AT KEEPING PEOPLE AT PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. HE STOPPED ARMIES FROM ATTACKING, AND KEPT THE CHRISTIANS AND HERETICS FROM FIGHTING AS WELL. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP PEACE IN YOUR FAMILY AND SCHOOL?

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# Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom. Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie down with the kid; the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby    leopard  
calf    bear  
lamb    lion



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