

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rectory Office Hours:

455 East 29th Street. Brooklyn, NY 11226

Monday through Friday:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Schedule of Masses/ Horaire des messes/ Horario de misas

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 ~ Saturday: 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the cafeteria after the 1:00 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2nd 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

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
For the people of the Parish
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
Repose of the soul of Mackenley Philogene
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu en l'honneur de Notre Dame D'Altagrace et du Perpetuel Secours pour Affricot Yves

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marc Jean-Baptiste

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Mackenley Philogene

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Mackenley Philogene

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2026

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2026

- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENTIONS DE MESSE / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

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 open.** Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention.

Monthly Intentions for 2026

Les Intentions du mois / Intenciones mensuales



January: *For prayer with the Word of God*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEUXIÈME DIMANCHE DU TEMPS ORDINAIRE
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



In today's Gospel John identifies Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This phrase is familiar to us from the Mass. During the breaking of the bread we pray to Jesus under this title, asking him to grant us mercy and peace. John's words are used to invite us to Communion, where they are combined with a reference to the "Supper of the Lamb" spoken of in the book of Revelation.

These familiar words remind us that the one who takes away our sin is the servant of God who, as the prophet Isaiah says, was led like a lamb to slaughter. This is the servant of whom Isaiah speaks in this Sunday's first reading, the one who will be a light to the nations and a source of salvation for all people. When we implore mercy and peace from Christ the Lamb at the Eucharist, we call to mind both the Suffering Servant of God as well as the victorious Lamb of Revelation. The words that are spoken so often in the liturgy contain the paradoxical mystery at the heart of our faith: saving strength is manifested in the gentle image of a lamb; the heavenly feast is present in a simple sharing of the signs of bread and wine.

As we begin in the following Sundays of Ordinary Time to follow Matthew's story of the life and ministry of Jesus, it is good to bear in mind what John's Gospel tells us: that Jesus is the Lamb, slain and victorious, who bears our sins away. It is through him, as Paul says in the second reading, that we have been sanctified and called to lives of holiness.

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sins, giver of peace: let us partake of your sacrifice so that we might share in your victory. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Marcel Ducheine, and Fleurisca Lexius



VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 1/18/2026

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	292
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	210
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	92
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	225

READINGS FOR THE WEEK / LECTURES DE LA SEMAINE/ LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday, January 19, 2026 --- 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday January 20, 2026 ---1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 ---1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 22, 2026 ---1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 23, 2026 ---1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 24, 2026 --- 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 25, 2026 --- Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

VEUILLEZ PRIER POUR LES MALADES, EN PARTICULIER / POR FAVOR, RECEN POR LOS ENFERMOS, ESPECIALMENTE.

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

INSCRIPTION À LA FORMATION À LA FOI/
INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. All Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. 1st communion will be celebrated in 2nd grade after the child receives 2 years of formation. The sacrament of Confirmation receives in 8th grade. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION INSCRIPTION DES JEUNES / INSCRIPCIÓN DE JÓVENES

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.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY MINISTERES DES ENFANTS DE CHŒUR / MINISTERIO DE MONAGUILLOS

"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.



Please be aware that the rectory office will be **closed on Monday, January 19th** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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. 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.

International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18th – January 25th

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Prayer: *Most precious Lord, You dwelt within the womb of your dear mother, sanctifying the womb, and elevating the dignity of all human life. I pray today for the full legal protection of every unborn child. I also pray that every heart that supports abortion will be changed so as to experience the freedom that comes from living in the Truth. I offer to You, this day, all my sufferings and sacrifices to help atone for every violation against human dignity committed through acts of abortion. Please bring healing, hope, and freedom to all. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-22-day-of-prayer-for-the-legal-protection-of-unborn-children-usa-memorial/>

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.

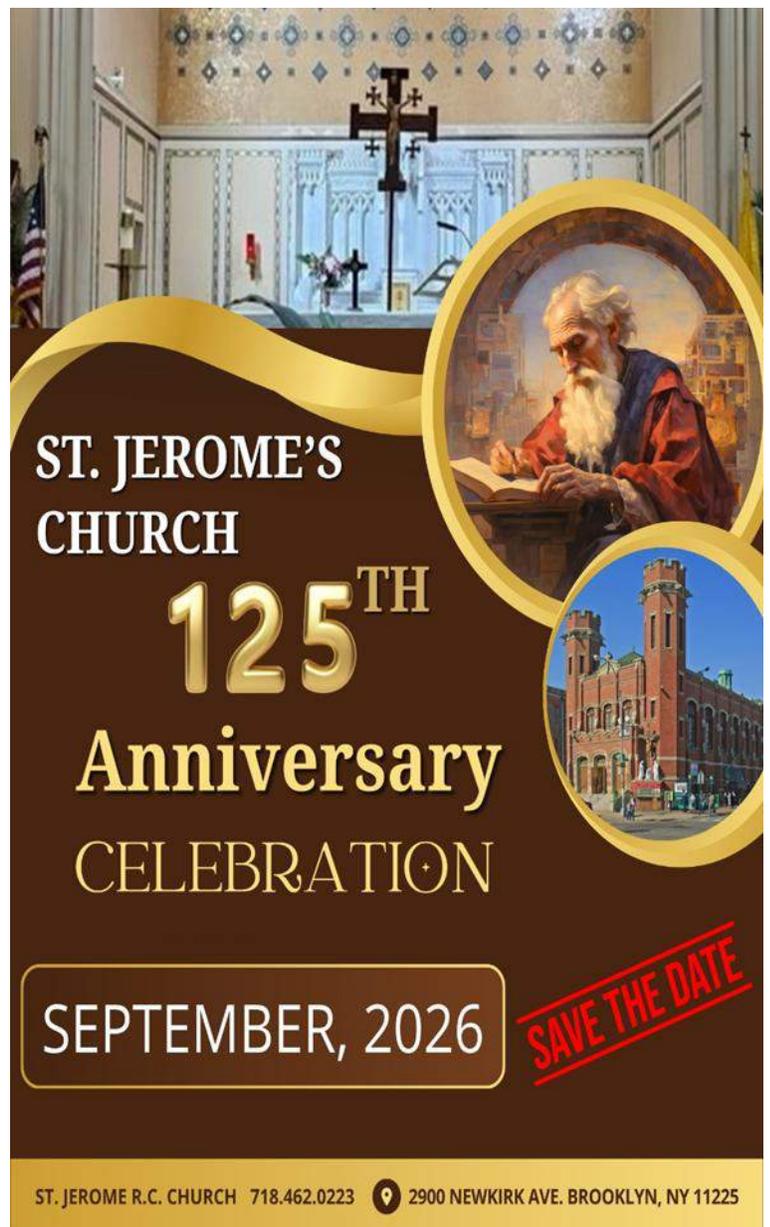
It is important

-  Your Gift to Your God
-  For proving that you attend church
-  For support of your church
-  To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation



COLLECTION FOR CHURCHES IN NEED

Next week, we will take up the Collection for Churches in Need. This collection supports Churches throughout the world. Projects in Latin America & Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Projects in Central & Eastern Europe include training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs as well as church construction and renovation and evangelization through Catholic media. Projects in Africa include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please give generously.



The poster features a background image of the church interior with a large cross on the altar. On the right, there are two circular inset images: the top one shows a portrait of St. Jerome writing, and the bottom one shows the exterior of the church building. The text is arranged in a central, bold font.

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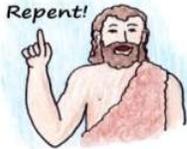
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SEPTEMBER, 2026

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John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



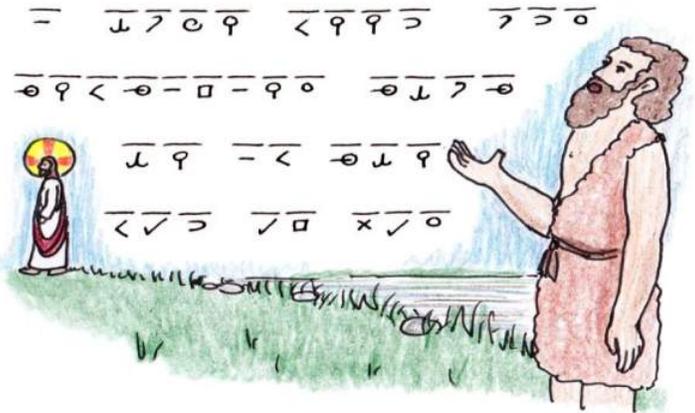
What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.
Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.

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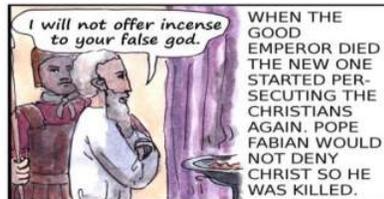
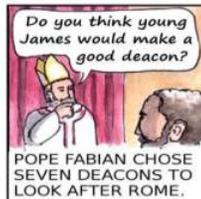
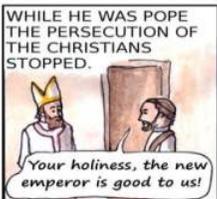
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What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?
Use the code to figure it out!

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POPE SAINT FABIAN JANUARY 20



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

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PSALM 40
Word-Find

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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