

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rectory Office Hours:

455 East 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

2:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday:

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/ DIMANCHE/ DOMINGO

Upper Church

- 7:30 AM ~ Creole
- 9:45 AM ~ English
- 11:30 AM ~ Spanish
- 1:15 PM ~ Creole

WEEKDAYS/ JOURS DE LA SEMAINE/ DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

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.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORATION EUCCHARISTIQUE/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass with benediction at Noon.

PRAYER GROUPS/ GROUPES DE PRIÈRE/ GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN

- **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/ GROUPES ACTIFS/ GRUPOS ACTIVOS

- 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 718-462-022

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour Marie Chery
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- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
For the people of the Parish
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Remerciement a Dieu pour Mirca St. Jean

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2026

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM For the Repose of the soul of Delice
Philogene
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for Norma Williams
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Bernadine Robertson
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2026

- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Mr et Mme. Simeon
Morisseau

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TROISIÈME DIMANCHE DU TEMPS ORDINAIRE
TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As a “late to the table” lover of history, I realize that I must choose a topic. So, I can join the tots who can rattle off the names of prehistoric lizards like. Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops. Or I can join the ranks of those who rate Ken Burns’ treatment of the Civil War as a masterpiece. Or I can take an interest in the record of NASA. But with my calling as a priest factored in, I know I will always revert to the story of God’s involvement in human history as the best historical topic of all. Today’s Gospel passage reminds me of that wonderful, recorded walk along the shore of Jesus Christ, God’s Son.

St. Matthew chronicles the event in somewhat stark terms in today’s Gospel passage. We yearn for some details, like facial expressions or voiced responses. But Matthew’s interest is how quick and unreserved the two sets of brothers give Our Lord in response. Little do they know what is ahead.

Surely the Holy Spirit has a message here for all of us who hear or read about this incident. What response would you or I have given Jesus that day? What response do we give Him this day? How would we write our personal history? I came across a respected scholar who calls what Matthew is describing this way: “Covenant grace builds upon, perfects and elevates our human nature.” The bond we have with God sets the stage. Sadly, it is a bond largely forgotten by our secular culture. So, events get recorded with not even a nod to God’s part. Take God out of the human story and it is a dull one all around.

So, we can perk up with Isaiah’s timeless announcement of a new day. We can join St. Paul’s unity campaign. Why? Because despite the downward pull the world around us seems to exert, goodness and light always break through. You will notice it in every good person you know. Especially if they are authentic Christians. What a good feeling it is to know that Our Lord Jesus Christ notices us; He loves us and wants our personal history to be bound up with His. That is what happens every time we go to Mass. Never let any obstacle get in your way and remember that He calls us by name to join Him. He guarantees that: “The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.”

God love you and give you His peace.

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

Gerard A. Gislaint



MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	293
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	120
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	78
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	278

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

Monday, January 26, 2026 --- 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday January 27, 2026 --- 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 --- 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps
89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29, 2026 --- 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 30, 2026 --- 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31, 2026 --- 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1, 2026 --- Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps
146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

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

VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 1/25/2026

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Are you being called to strengthen Christ’s Church through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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.

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.

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



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.

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Anniversary
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SEPTEMBER, 2026 **SAVE THE DATE**

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World Day of Marriage

Sunday, February 8th, 2026



Sunday, February 8th – World Day of Marriage: Couples are invited to call the rectory with their names and the number of years they have been married to receive a certificate. They will also have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows during all Masses on February 8th.

Dimanch 8 Fevriye se jounée Mondyal Mariaj. Koup ki marye nan legliz kapab relé Presbitè-a e kite non y oak kobyen anée mariaj yo genyen pou yok ap resevwa yon sètifika. Y-ap gen okazyon pou yo renouvle voeux mariaj yo nan dimanch 8 fevriye.

Domingo 8 de febrero: Día Mundial del Matrimonio: Se invita a las parejas a llamar a la rectoría con sus nombres y la cantidad de años que han estado casados para recibir un certificado. También tendrán la oportunidad de renovar sus votos matrimoniales durante todas las Misas el 8 de febrero.

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.

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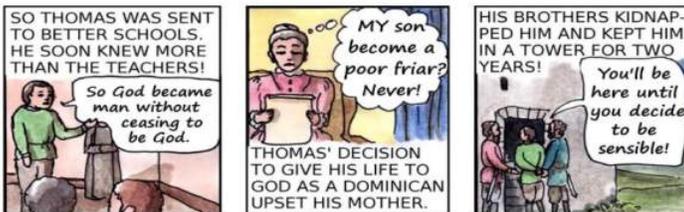
What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.

Saint Thomas Aquinas January 28



SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

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Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in _____
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _____ has shone.

You have brought them abundant _____
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _____,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the _____ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _____,
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks in the prophecy from today's first reading.

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