

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Fr. Hilaire Belizaire, Pastor**

**Fr. Jean-Augustin Francois, Parochial Vicar**

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**Parish Office / Parish Center Hours:**  
**455 East 29th Street. Brooklyn, NY 11226**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday:**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

\*Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00PM\*

2:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**Tuesday & Thursday:**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

\*Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00PM\*

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

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**ASH** FEBRUARY 18  
**WEDNESDAY**  
MERCREDI DES CENDRES  
MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA  
*Lent Begins*

**Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses.**

**7:30 AM- English**  
**9:00 AM- Creole**  
**7:00 PM – Trilingual**  
**(English, Creole & Spanish)**

***In the Upper Church!***

**ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH**  
2900 NEWKIRK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226

# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES  
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Remerciement a Dieu pour Ses bienfaits  
pour Sonia Plaisir
- 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**  
For the people of the Parish

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2026

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2026

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2026

- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

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### 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.

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#### Monthly Intentions for 2026

Les Intentions du mois / Intenciones mensuales



#### February: *For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sixième dimanche du temps ordinaire  
Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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

In a world of kings and emperors and governors and rulers, how can someone get access to the "big man at the top?" He has many guards. He lives in a mighty place. You have to know the right people even to get a glimpse of him. Ordinary folks just cannot get access to the "Boss."

In the same way, the Israelites revered God, the Holy One, as unapproachable, mighty, pure, and majestic, the "biggest (boss) at the top." They believed that you would die if you saw God. Their reverence was rich and deep. Even Moses, who was the greatest of prophets, only saw where God had passed by. Thus, they wondered, how do we get access to the Divine?

How did they solve that "access" question? If you wanted to get to Jerusalem, you followed the road to Jerusalem. If you wanted to get to the God of purity, you followed the road that led you to become pure, for the Most Holy could not look upon sin. How do you become pure? By following the laws of purity. What we may not understand from our vantage point is that observing the law meant everything to the religious people of Jesus' day—not for the sake of "the law" itself, but because they wanted to be able to approach God. They wanted to come to God with a clean heart. The law was their way to get access to the Most High God.

Jesus understood that theology. When Jesus said that he didn't come to destroy the law but to fulfill it, he understood their longing: they wanted access to God. That was admirable. Jesus honored that. Moving forward from the written law, he offered *himself* as the road to the Father: "I am the way."

Jesus, you have promised us that you are the way of access to the Father. We live in that hope. Help us not to be presumptuous about purity, thinking that we can live any way we choose and you will blithely forgive us. Help us to be perfect as you are perfect, pure as you are pure. We cannot do this on our own. We come through you who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lead us to the One who is Unapproachable Radiance!

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### VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 2/15/2026

“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.” Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

Marianie Pyrrhon and Andre Jean-Bart



# MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	150
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	115
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	50
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	115

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

**Monday, February 16, 2026** --- Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026** --- Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026** --- Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 19, 2026** --- Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 20, 2026** --- Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 21, 2026** --- Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 22, 2026** --- Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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, February 16th** in observance of the President's Day. Holiday



## STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join your parish family for Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 21st, and on every Friday of Lent at 7 PM in the Upper Church.

Chak Vandredi nan sezon Karèm nan, komanse 21 Fevriye, nap gen Chemen'd Kwa a 7è diswa nan Legliz Anwo a. Tout moun envite vin pran rout Kalvè ak Jezi, dekwa pou selebre kè kontan rezireksyon-l nan fèt Pak la

Únase a su parroquia para el Vía Crucis el viernes 21 de febrero y todos los viernes de Cuaresma a la 7 p. m. en la Iglesia Superior.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**FEBRUARY 2026**

**A CENTURY OF GOD'S GRACE  
 IN BLACK HISTORY**  
 Celebrating 100 Years of Faith and Heritage

**ST. JEROME RC CHURCH**  
**Saturday, February 28**  
 Mass: 5PM (Upper Church)  
 Cultural Celebration and Fellowship follows in the Gym

**ST. JEROME RC CHURCH**  
**FOOD PANTRY  
 OPENING**

**SATURDAY**  
**March 14, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

We are opening our Food Pantry to serve our brothers and sisters in need. All are welcome, and all help is a blessing.

**DONATION REQUEST**  
*Pasta, Canned Goods,  
 Oatmeal & Monetary Donations*  
 Your generosity will help nourish both body and spirit.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food."  
 - Matthew 25:35*

*Together, let us be the hands and heart of Christ  
 in our community*

**We've Moved!**

The St. Jerome RC Church  
 Parish Office & Parish Center  
 are now located at:

**455 E. 29th Street,  
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We look forward to welcoming you at our new space!

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**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 Parish office if you are new to the parish.

**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



**Parish Donation Statements**

We gratefully thank you for your generosity to our parish throughout the past year. Parishioners whose total contributions for 2025 were \$250 or more may request a donation statement by calling the Parish office at 718-462-0223. We are truly thankful for your continued support and all that you do for our parish community.

## 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.

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH




**125<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION**

FEAST DAY MASS  
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026

PARISH JUBILEE GALA  
SEPTEMBER, 2027

**SAVE THE DATE**

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## Ash Wednesday



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to Word-Find: "you will be blessed"

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15th, 2026



Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets... Whoever obeys and teaches the Commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?*

**Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!**

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