

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH

Brooklyn, New York 11226



FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORATION EUCHARISTIQUE/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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455 East 29th St. 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

BAPTISM/ BAUTISMO/ BAPTÊME

Baptism registration takes place Monday to Friday from during office hours.

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIONES

By appointment.

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PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Immacula Faustin
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
Birthday Blessings for Jacqueline Farquhar
- 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, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marriane Pyrron Hudson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marriane Pyrron Hudson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace en l'honneur de l'enfant Jesus Christ de prague Pour Chantal Doreu

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marriane Pyrron Hudson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marriane Pyrron Hudson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026

- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Benoit Carl Hyacinthe

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.

Monthly Intentions for 2026

Les Intentions du mois / Intenciones mensuales

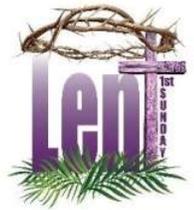
February: *For children with incurable diseases*

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Premier Dimanche de carême

Primer Domingo de cuaresma



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The battle here described by Matthew did not have the scope of the D Day invasion of France. Nor was it as well known as the duel between Hamilton and Burr, mostly because there were no outside observers. St. Matthew, I presume, had the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to record the truly significant battle between the “father of lies” and the total Truth, as the devil set about tempting Jesus our Lord. It was unique and consequential for all human history. Along the way, we can derive encouragement for our personal battles and struggles.

As we reread the well-known gospel, there is a certain tension we can almost feel. Satan displays his complete knowledge of what “makes us tick.” He knows precisely where our weaknesses lie as he confronts Our Lord with the top three temptations, we all face: fame, power, and wealth. That is a helpful reminder to us of what we have to tackle so often in life, at different seasons, and wearing different disguises. L. “takes off the gloves” as it were, and if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit our helplessness without the help of our powerful and loving Lord to be victorious.

Who among us potential saints have not been profoundly grateful for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, as it was formerly known? Genesis is blunt about our origin. Corinthians posits our backup in describing Christ’s obedience. We know Jesus was and is “like us in all things...but sin.” That guarantees comfort. That is the sendoff for the next 6 weeks. It is a challenge sent our way to be as per” as we can be in our courage and effort.

During World War II, when the Nazi were in almost every country of Europe, King Christian of Denmark stubbornly resisted the Nazis. His country was quite insignificant compared to powerful Germany, and the king knew he could not win on the battlefield, but he put up a valiant moral struggle.

One day he observed a Nazi flag flying above one of his public buildings. He reminded the German commander that this was contrary to the treaty between the two nations, and said, “The flag must be removed before twelve o’clock. Otherwise, I will send a soldier to remove it.” At five minutes before noon, the flag was still flying, and the king announced that he was sending a soldier to take it down. “The soldier will be shot,” the Nazi officer said. Then King Charles calmly said, “I think

I should tell you that I will be that soldier.”

VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 2/22/2026

“The Kingdom of God is at hand.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	230
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	150
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	103
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	255

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

Monday, February 23, 2026 --- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 --- Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 --- Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 26, 2026 --- Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 27, 2026 --- Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 28, 2026 --- Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 1, 2026 --- Gen 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join your parish family for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Upper Church

Chak Vandredi nan sezon Karèm 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 familia parroquial para el Vía Crucis todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia Superior.

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 PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Felix Compere



Have you ever thought about what Lent really is?

Many of us think of Lent simply as:

- Giving something up
- Fasting on certain days
- Eating less
- Adding a few extra prayers

But Lent is more than a season on the calendar. It is more than a rule. It is more than a tradition. Lent is a journey.

The Church gives us forty days. Forty days that echo the forty days of Jesus Christ in the desert.

Forty days of prayer. Forty days of fasting. Forty days of almsgiving.

But here is something important: Lent is not about punishment. It is about preparation. It is not about proving something to God. It is about opening ourselves to God. It is not about losing chocolate. It is about losing sin. It is not about dieting. It is about dying to selfishness.

The Church does not hand us Lent as a burden. She offers it as a gift. Because love requires effort. Growth requires discipline. Conversion requires intention. During Lent, the Church gently asks: “What has a hold on your heart?” “What distracts you from God?” “What needs to change?”

And then she gives us tools:

Prayer — to draw closer.

Fasting — to grow stronger.

Almsgiving — to love deeper.

Lent is spiritual training. It is the soul going to the desert. It is clearing out noise. It is making room for grace. The world says: “Indulge yourself.” Lent says: “Examine yourself.” The world says: “Take more.” Lent says: “Give more.” The world says: “Follow your desires.” Lent says: “Follow God.”

And this journey leads somewhere. It leads to the Cross. It leads to sacrifice. It leads to surrender. It leads to hope. And finally — it leads to Easter. Lent matters because resurrection is real. Joy is coming. But first, the heart must be ready.

So Lent is not just a season. It is a decision.

A season of return.

A season of renewal.

A season of courage.

A season of grace.

You are not just observing Lent.

You are walking with Christ.

You are confronting yourself.

You are choosing again.

Lent is not about rules. It is about relationship. Not about restriction. But about freedom.

Not about obligation. But about love Lent is not meant to be endured.

It is meant to transform you.

Now you know.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2026

**A CENTURY OF GOD'S GRACE
 IN BLACK HISTORY**

Celebrating 100 Years of Faith and Heritage



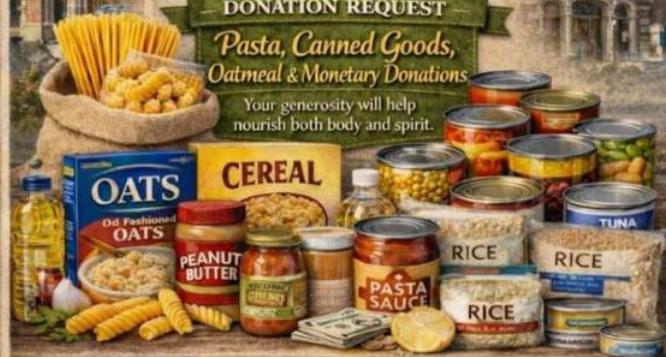
ST. JEROME RC CHURCH
Saturday, February 28
 Mass: 5PM (Upper Church)
 Cultural Celebration and Fellowship follows in the Gym

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*

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.

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH




**125TH
 Anniversary
 CELEBRATION**

**FEAST DAY MASS
 SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026**

**PARISH JUBILEE GALA
 SEPTEMBER, 2027**

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