

# St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fifth 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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## 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 meet on Saturdays at 10:30AM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center
- **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 L'eglise en bas

## ACTIVE GROUPS/ GROUPES ACTIFS/ GRUPOS ACTIVOS

- Troupe Éclat meet on Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Upper Church
- Témoins du Christ meet on Sunday following the 1:15 PM Mass in the Lower Church
- Les Jeunes disciples de Jesus meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month in the Lower Church following the 1:15 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 1:15 PM Mass
- Choeur d'Homme meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center
- Ushers meet every 2 months of the 4th Sunday of at 3:30pm in the convent.
- Grande Chorale choir meet on Saturday from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the Lower Church.

## OTHER MINISTRIES

- OCIA English meet every Tuesday at 7:30 PM online
- OCIA Spanish meet on Sundays following the Spanish Mass
- OCIA pour les Haitiens vous pouvez contacter le Parish at 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, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Repos de l'ame de Christiane Aristide
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
For the repose of the soul of Curtis  
Henderson Francis
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Serge Dostaly &  
Carl Dostaly nan okasyon anivèsè nesans yo

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Marie Lourdes  
Morisseau nan okasyon anivese nesans li

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2026

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 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.

#### 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cinquième dimanche du temps ordinaire  
Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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

One sure proof that the “now” is so different from the “then” is the presence of so many blue screens in our world and what you see on them. While they are small on smart phones, they grow a bit larger on various “pads.” But they reach the ultimate on those like the billboard-size screens available in stadiums and even in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican.

Technology is so much with us that we must scratch our heads to remember when it was not. Watching a toddler imitate his elders fingering the keys of a phone can make you laugh at first, and then perhaps later make you ponder what technology lies ahead for that tiny human being. “AI” may be antique by then.

It becomes a necessity to think about the place of religion in all of this, and of our place in the world as believers. The changes that will inevitably come our way might scare us into thinking faith and religion will become obsolete.

No worries! Once you come back to reality you will quickly notice that an awful lot of our fellow travelers are in dire need. That not limited to luxuries. The plain truth is that, as humans, we all need more than the basics of food, clothing, and shelter. Science cannot provide love. That is precisely where God and true religion enter the scene. Nowadays we realize that there is a type of human pain that stretches beyond the obvious. Well, past material needs. Sometimes that need is no more mysterious than having a fellow human being nearby who will listen to us. That is one way that we become salt and light in the world as the Lord Jesus would have us be.

What is our energy source? The “battery,” if you will? It is the love and grace of God, coming to us through the Holy Spirit that never gets outdated. We cannot neglect being “charged by Love.” We need to “think large.”

When James Garfield, later to become for a short time the President of the United States, (and the subject of a current TV series) was the principal of Hiram College in Ohio, one father asked him if the course of his son’s studies could not be shortened, so that his son might be able to complete his studies in less time. “Certainly,” Garfield replied. “But it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak, He takes one hundred years. When He wants to make a squash, He requires only two months.”

God love you and give you, His peace.

# MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	210
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	170
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	100
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	136

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

**Monday, February 9, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 12, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 13, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 14, 2026** --- 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 15, 2026** --- Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## 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



## Miércoles de ceniza / Mercredi des Cendres

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday.**  
Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses.

7:30 AM- English Mass  
9:00 AM- Creole Mass  
7:00 PM – Trilingual Mass  
*In the Upper Church*



## STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in 3 Languages in the Upper Church.

## VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 2/8/2026

“Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto: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.

# World Day of Marriage

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church:

look with kindness on them.  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of  
your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
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 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.

# We've Moved!

The St. Jerome RC Church  
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to welcoming you  
at our new space!

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## 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2025  
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The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is being closed. If you didn't finish paying your pledge, consider doing so now. Remember every extra dollar we collect beyond the goal will return to the parish. We express our deepest gratitude to those who have paid their pledge fully. Again, thank you for the continued love and support you show to our parish

Frè-m ak sè-m yo, Kanpay Katolik 2025 lan ap rive nan bout li nan fen mwa sa. Si ou te promèt pou sipote kanpay la, ou poko fin peye. Tanpri fè sa anvan yo fèmen. Pa bliye, tou sa nou ramase anplis de Objektis pou dyosèz la ap tounen jwenn nou pou fè travay nou bezwen fè yo nan pawas la. Yon gran mèsi pou tout moun ki fin peye promès yo te fè-a. Mèsi pou nou tout ki toujou sipote pawas la.

La Campaña Anual Católica de Apelación 2025 está finalizando. Si aún no ha terminado de pagar su promesa, considere hacerlo ahora. Recuerde que cada dólar adicional que recaudemos más allá de la meta regresará a la parroquia. Expresamos nuestra más profunda gratitud a quienes han pagado su promesa en su totalidad. Una vez más, gracias por el continuo amor y apoyo que brindan a nuestra parroquia.

**ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH**

*A Century of*  
**GOD'S GRACE**

**IN BLACK HISTORY**

Black History Month will be celebrated on Saturday, February 28th at St. Jerome Church, Brooklyn, NY.

The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00 PM in the Upper Church, followed by a vibrant cultural extravaganza in the gymnasium featuring food, music, poetry, cultural presentations, and dance.

*Join us as we honor history, embrace culture, and rejoice together as one community.*



**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*

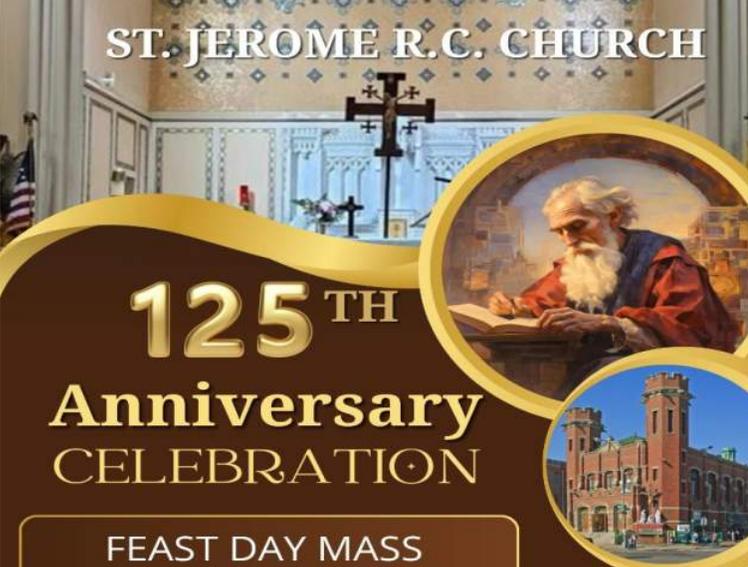
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**125<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION**

FEAST DAY MASS  
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026

PARISH JUBILEE GALA  
SEPTEMBER, 2027

**SAVE THE DATE**




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**PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

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