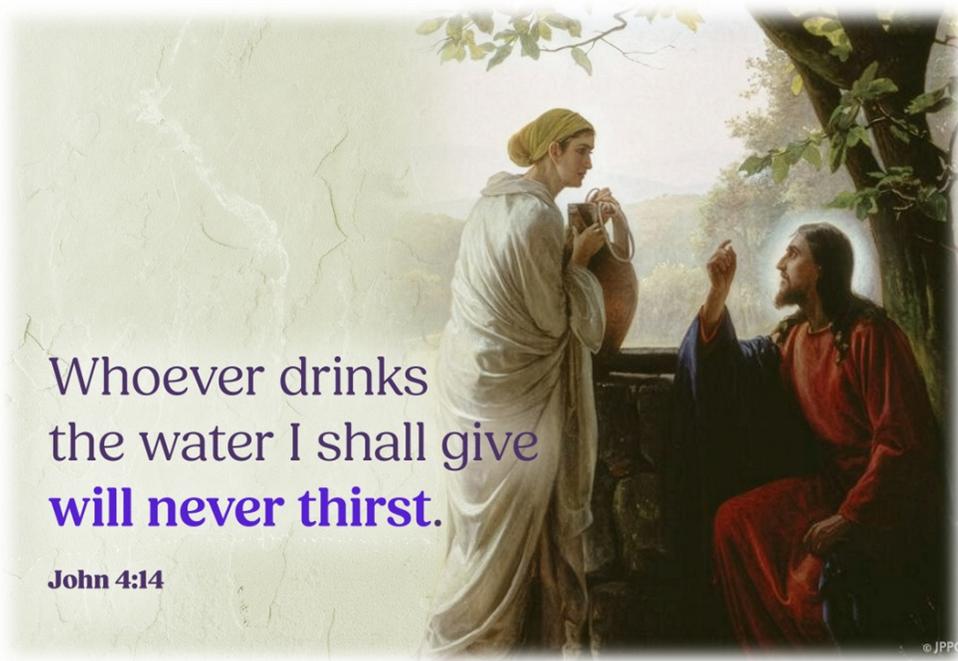


# ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH

Brooklyn, New York 11226



Whoever drinks  
the water I shall give  
will never thirst.

John 4:14

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### PARISH OFFICE / PARISH CENTER

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2:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
**Tuesday & Thursday:**  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 8, 2026

### 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

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# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES  
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Troisième dimanche de Carême  
Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma



### SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et de Marie  
Gracieuse Zephyr
- 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**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Rosette  
Jean nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li

### MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2026

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2026

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2026

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2026

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2026

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 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



#### March: *For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

The phrase "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" is arguably one of the most recognizable lines in the English language, instantly conjuring images of the classic fairy tale, Snow White, but beyond its fairy tale origins, the phrase has permeated our culture, becoming a symbolic representation of vanity, self-perception, and the elusive search for objective truth.

We remember how the evil Queen asks the mirror who is the fairest in the kingdom. She reveals both her vanity and insecurity. The mirror's response dictates her emotional state, highlighting the dangerous dependence on external validation that many people experience. There is something of the queen in the main character Jesus met that day at Jacob's well when He stopped there for a rest. The unnamed Samaritan woman. She meets more than a mirror, but the very embodiment of all Truth in Jesus.

The dialogue between them makes for good drama. She plays little games with Jesus in her responses, but He will not allow it to go on before He confronts her with the whole truth of her present existence. But He does so with loving purpose. He wants to offer her a whole new way of being free from shame and half-truth about herself. She ultimately responds with the comfort and joy of knowing that Jesus is indeed a special Person, and one who loves her into being more of a person herself.

Allow me to choose just one conclusion from this story, namely that our Loving Lord always sees the possibilities in us, and never "writes us off" unless we choose to walk away. In that way, He is like water in the desert to slake our thirst for truth and a sense of purpose in our lives. We do ourselves no favor if we insist on griping about the trials of our lives, or blame God for their occurrence instead of either on sin in the world or our own failure to call on the grace of God readily available through prayer and the sacraments, especially in the Holy Mass.

God never holds up a magic mirror calculating how best to salve our occasional insecurity. Rather does He let us see the scars left behind on His loving Face from thorns that once dug into His skin. Or those left by nails and sword on His hands, feet, and side. Then we can note our part in His pain at the same time we experience His loving forgiveness. Meanwhile, so live that when the priest has ended his remarks over your grave, those present will not think they have attended the wrong funeral.

*God love you and give you an honest self-perception.*

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

Odette Cayo Birotte



# MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	258
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	190
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	83
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	180

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

**Monday, March 9, 2026**--- 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday, March 10, 2026** --- Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026** --- Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday, March 12, 2026** --- Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23 **Friday, March 13, 2026** --- Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday, March 14, 2026** --- Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 15, 2026** --- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## 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

## Donations For Easter Flowers



The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the Parish office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 3/8/2026

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)



## STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join your parish family for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM in the Upper Church

Chak Vandredi nan sezon Karèm nou gen Chemen'd Kwa a 7:30 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 7:30 PM en la Iglesia Superior.



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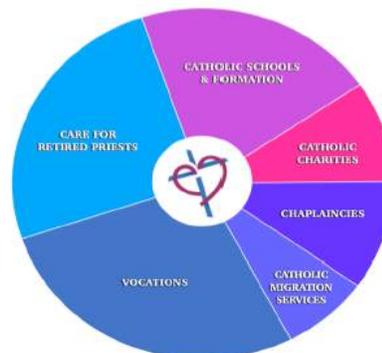
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# Lenten Retreat

Retrièt Karem / Retiro de Cuaresma

✦ CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD ✦

*Renew a right spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:10

## CREOLE / KREYÒL

Wednesday, **3/18** & Thursday, **3/19**, at 7:30 PM

Friday, **3/20**, at 7:00 PM

Speaker: **Fr. Dimitri**

## ENGLISH

Saturday, **3/21** at 3 PM

Speaker: **Fr. Augustine Umeatuegbu**

## SPANISH / ESPAÑOL

Sunday, **3/22** after the 11:30 AM Mass

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