



# ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH

Brooklyn, New York 11226



I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 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

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORATION EUCHARISTIQUE/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

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

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#### PARISH OFFICE / PARISH CENTER

455 East 29th St. Brooklyn, NY 11226

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday:**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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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

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## PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES  
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Action de grace a Dieu pour Jocelyne Gaudin Nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li.
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**  
For the repose of the soul of Joseph Farquhar
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**  
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**  
Repos de l'ame de Jacques Yvon Verna et Viergina Jean

### MONDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2026

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTION
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Apalius Menard

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2026

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTION
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Apalius Menard

### FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTION
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Audain Loussaint

### SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026

- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTION

## MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE  
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

**"The Eucharist is the heart of our faith."**

— St. Pope John Paul II

We invite you to offer a Mass for your special intentions. The Mass is our most powerful prayer of thanks and hope. It is a beautiful way to:

- Celebrate an anniversary or birthday.
- Give thanks for healing or a special blessing.
- Remember a loved one who has passed away.

Bringing your intentions to the altar is a meaningful way to honor those you love.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Quatrième dimanche de Pâques*

*Cuarto domingo de Pascua*

I saw a touching gesture Pope Leo made back on the Feast Day of St. Agnes January 21. He was finishing the blessing of the lambs whose wool would be used to make the pallia (band of wool worn over the vestments of metropolitan archbishops to show their connection to the pope) The little animals were nestled in baskets festooned with colorful flowers. The pope reached down and gently patted the heads of the little baby animals as they made their bleating noises.

We urban and suburban types do not think of lambs or sheep very much. But the bible does because it comes to us from a simpler time and place. The little we do know about sheep usually describes them as gentle creatures, not given too much display. Responsive to their shepherd in every way. That is not a generally welcome description of one of us. We prefer to be known as wildly independent, generally sharp-eyed and keenly aware of our position. So, there is a hesitation to accept the command from the Lord to be like sheep before their Shepherd. Are we not better understood as soldiers, or disciples, or missionaries? Perhaps. But there is a dimension to a sheep's behavior that underscores the beautiful virtue of docility. It cuts through any of our outward bravado before the challenges of life in this world that makes us think we're in charge and not God.

This docility, better understood perhaps as willingness or amenability, is a quality we can all strive to develop as followers of Christ and members of His Church. The same is true when we consider our individual calling, or vocation in life. Today the Church asks us all to pray for vocations to be given to our Church, especially those of the priesthood and the consecrated life. There certainly is a need, and we have a role in fulfilling it. We know that Jesus cares. He will not leave the Church bereft. But we must do our part to pray to Him for the vocations needed. We also need to encourage any young person who expresses an interest in priesthood or religious life. Sheep will always need a shepherd. No AI substitute please.

Sometimes our best efforts fail, and we must accept that and try another. Eight-year-old Billy often said he wanted to be a priest, but he was not very energetic in performing chores about the house. In truth, he was somewhat lazy in his way. One day mom asked him to carry out the garbage. Billy gave his usual protest; "Mom, I'm tired." Mom gave him a little lecture: "Billy you can't be a priest if you are lazy. Priests must work hard." "I know, I know," replied Billy, "that's why I'm resting now." God love you and pray for vocations to the priesthood a consecrated life.

## VOCATION / VOCACIÓN

4/26/2026

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me." Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

# MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Mass Time:	Number Of attendees:
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	270
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	175
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	92
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	200

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

April 27, 2026	Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18
April 28, 2026	Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
April 29, 2026	Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
April 30, 2026	Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20
May 1, 2026	Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
May 2, 2026	Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
May 3, 2026	Sunday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

## Monthly Intentions for 2026

Les Intentions du mois / Intenciones mensuales

April: *For priests in crisis*



Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## 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, Gertrude Flowers, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Marie Jean Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, and T Perard

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” – Philippians 4:6*

## BLESSING FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER’S DAY

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, is Mother’s Day. We invite all mothers and mother figures to attend Mass and receive a special blessing.

Dimanch, 10 Mé, 2026 se Fèt Manman. Tanpri mennen tout Manman yo vini legliz pou resevwa benediksyon.

El domingo 10 de mayo de 2026 es el Día de la Madre. Invitamos a todas las madres y figuras maternas a asistir a la Misa y recibir una bendición especial.

## MOTHER’S DAY CONCERT

Youth Commission of  
St Jerome Presents

*Honoring our Mothers  
Concert*

Join us for a powerful and uplifting evening as we celebrate the incredible mothers and mother figures in our lives through music, praise, and love.

“Her children arise and call her blessed....” –Proverbs 31: 28

**SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 At 6PM**

2900 Newkirk Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

**Donations \$25**

For more information contact  
Cestane: (917) 459-0667  
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“All are welcome - bring your family and friends!”

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

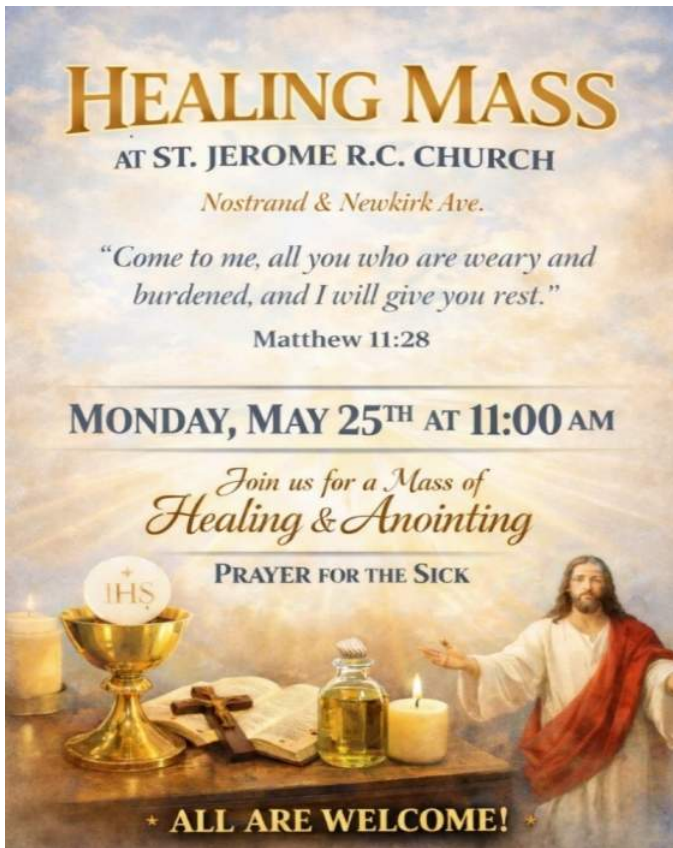
This Sunday, 4/26/26, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Please give generously in today’s second collection.

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

*In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;  
deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest. Amen.*



## HEALING MASS



**HEALING MASS**  
AT ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH  
*Nostrand & Newkirk Ave.*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*  
Matthew 11:28

**MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM**

*Join us for a Mass of Healing & Anointing*  
PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**\* ALL ARE WELCOME! \***

## VISITE DE NOTRE DAME DU CAP



Visitation of  
**Notre Dame du Cap**  
St. Jerome RC Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Saturday, June 6, 2026  
5:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of  
Prayer, Devotion,  
and a Candlelight Procession.  
Bring family and/or friends.

Pase yon moman nan lapriyé, devosyon,  
ak pwosesyon ak flambo.  
Envite fanmi w ak zanmi w.

## 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. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223.

## PARISH FOOD PANTRY

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Parish Food Pantry continues to serve families in need, and we invite parishioners to support this ministry by donating non-expired dry goods and canned foods. Donation boxes are available at the back of the church, or items can be dropped off at the Parish office during office hours.

### GET INVOLVED: PARISH PRAYER GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

#### English

- Legion of Mary — Saturdays at 10:30 AM

#### Spanish

- Legion of Mary — Sundays at 12:30 PM

#### Haitian

- Charismatic Prayer Group — Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- Legion of Mary — Saturdays at 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM

### ACTIVE GROUPS

- Troupe Éclat — Saturdays at 6:00 PM
- Témoins du Christ — Sundays after the 1:15 PM Mass
- Les Jeunes Disciples de Jésus — 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
- Feu d'Amour — 2nd Sunday of the month after the 1:15 PM Mass
- Chœur d'Homme — Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Ushers — 4th Sunday every 2 months at 3:30 PM
- Grande Chorale — Saturdays from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

### OTHER MINISTRIES

- RCIA (English) — Tuesdays at 7:30 PM (online)
- RCIA (Spanish) — Sundays after Mass
- RCIA (Haitian) — Contact the Rectory: 718-462-0223
- Altar Servers — Saturdays at 11:00 AM (Upper Church)
- English Bible Group — Contact: 718-462-0223

**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.

Please register at the Parish 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 God
- ✚ For proving that you attend church
- ✚ For support of your church
- ✚ For tax purposes
- ✚ To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation



The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at **St. Jerome**. Our parish goal is **\$53, 240.00**. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at **718-462-0223**

L'Appel annuel catholique contribue au financement des ministères essentiels du diocèse et soutient les initiatives paroissiales de **St. Jerome**. Notre objectif paroissial est de **\$53, 240.00**. Une fois cet objectif atteint, chaque dollar supplémentaire sera reversé directement à notre paroisse. Pour en savoir plus ou faire un don, veuillez contacter le secrétariat paroissial au **718-462-0223**

La Campaña Anual Católica ayuda a financiar ministerios esenciales en toda la Diócesis, además de apoyar las iniciativas parroquiales aquí en **San Jerónimo**. Nuestra meta parroquial es de **\$53, 240.00**. Una vez alcanzada, cada dólar recaudado por encima de la meta se entrega directamente a nuestra parroquia. Para obtener más información o hacer una contribución, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al **718-462-0223**

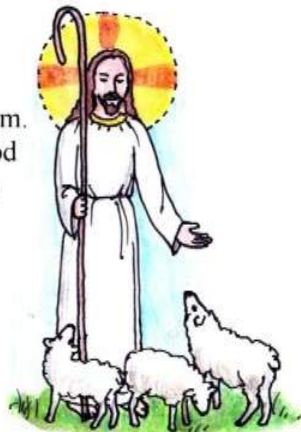
# The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

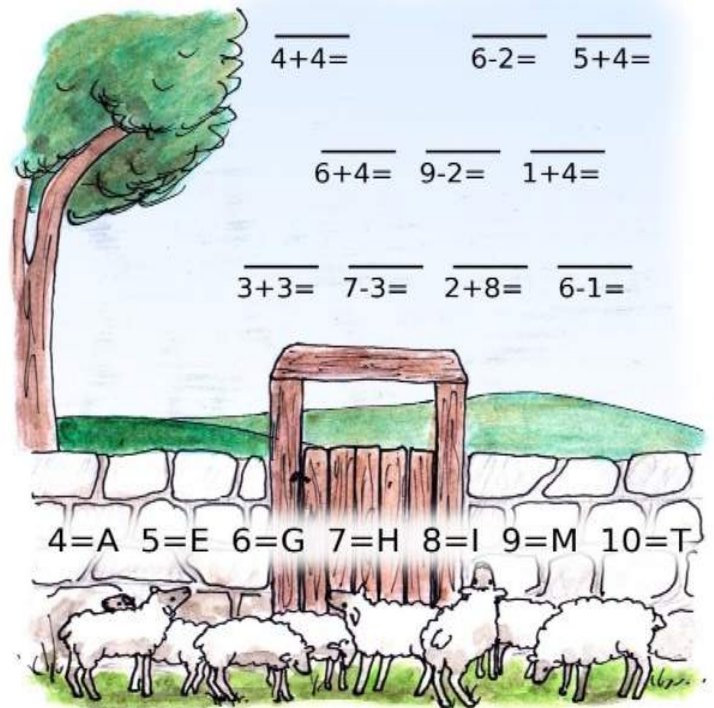
Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



Answer to puzzle on front page:  
I am the gate.  
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:  
know his voice.

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26th, 2026



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?  
Figure out the math questions and then fill in the blanks with the letters the numbers represent.

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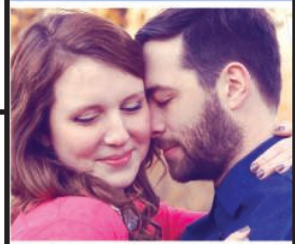
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