



*Honoring the Life  
and Legacy  
of*

*Herma Katherine Lafayette*

Sunrise February 15, 1926 – Sunset June 17, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026  
Mass at 10:30AM

**Saints Philip and James Catholic Church**  
1160 E 213th St, Bronx, NY 10469

# *Order of Service*

## **Introductory Rites**

Greeting  
Sprinkling with Holy Water  
Placing of the Pall  
Placing of Christian Symbols  
Opening Song (**Blessed Assurance**)  
Opening Prayer

## **Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading: Book of **Wisdom 3:1-6,9**  
Psalm 23 (**The Lord is My Shepherd**)  
Second Reading: **St Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**  
Gospel: **Luke 12:35-40**  
Homily  
Intercessions

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Offertory Song (**Precious Lord**)  
Continuation of the Mass as usual  
Communion Song (**Gift of Finest Wheat**)  
Meditation (**Break Every Chain - played**)  
Prayer after Communion  
Eulogy

## **Final Commendation**

Invitation to Prayer  
Incensing: (**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**)  
Song of Farewell  
Prayer of Commendation

## **Recession Song (I will Fly Away - played)**

Procession to the Place of Committal (to the cemetery)  
Grave Side Hymn

## **Interment**

St. Raymonds Cemetery  
2727 Lafayette Ave, Bronx, NY, 10465

# Obituary

**Herma Katherine Lafayette** was born on February 15, 1926 to Emily Wilson and August “Gus” Weston, in Charleston, South Carolina. Herma was called Home to our Lord on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

She attended seamstress school in Charleston, South Carolina Where She developed her skill and later became a dressmaker for Joseph Love, Inc. located in Harlem, New York.

Herma met and married the love of her life Alphonso B. Lafayette on May 1, 1948. They had their loving son Kenneth on December 30, 1952. Their newly expanded family resided in Harlem New York until 1956 where they purchased their home on East 211th Street and resided there until 2024.

Herma was known for her cooking and baking. She always welcomed family, friends and neighbors to share a good meal with her. She loved her home and kept it spotless most of the time. Herma traveled extensively and visited many countries.

Herma was a devoted practicing catholic. She was born a Baptist, but converted to Catholicism when she married Mr. Lafayette. They were active members in Saints Philip & James Catholic Church. Herma was devoted to the Blessed Mother and took every opportunity to recite the rosary.

Herma was preceded in death by her loving husband Alphonso, brother Luther, and a sister, Frances Monroe. She leaves behind a grateful, grieving and loving family including her son, Kenneth, daughter-in-law Vanessa, grandchildren, Gabriel, K.J. Lafayette II; and 8 great grandchildren, Alexis, Natalie, Trinity, Khamaria, Kalaysia, King, Keziah, and Kayla, nieces Shirley, Emily, Terry, Sandra, Linda, and Margie, nephew David, godchildren, Bernadette Smith, Carmen Smith, and Anthony Smith, devoted neighbors, who she considered her daughters, Deborah A. Simmons, M.D. and Beverly A. Simmons, and a host of cousins and friends.

# *The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*

Eternal Father, I offer You  
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity  
of Your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for  
our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, have mercy on us  
And on the whole world.



## *Acknowledgements*

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