

St. Matthew Parish



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

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St. Gregory the Great

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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

Our Lady Of Charity

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries-

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Middle Village, NY 11379

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Third Sunday of Lent: He Understood Them Well

He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

He understood that it did not take long for people to turn the magnificent new temple, a wonder of the ancient world, into a marketplace. Money was there to be made. People were required to provide a sacrifice for various reasons. To be sure that the animal was worthy of being sacrificed, only those animals that the Temple would provide could be sacrificed. And, of course, they were sold at an exorbitant price. And to add extra to the profit from selling the animals, only the Hebrew shekel could be used to purchase them. But the currency outside of the Temple was the Roman denarii. Therefore, first the devout Hebrew would have to go to the money changer, which, conveniently, was located right there in the Temple. He would have to exchange his Roman currency for shekels, paying the money changers' rates and commissions. Then he would go to the animal merchants. The more he paid for the animal, the greater the sacrifice. There was money to be made. It was easy to turn the worship of God into a cash cow, both figuratively and literally.

There were people who used the Temple worship to make money. There were and are people who use religion to make money. It is said that a visitor to the Vatican was overwhelmed with the beauty of the Basilica of St. Peters. He asked a priest he saw walking in St. Peter's square, "What did this cost?"

The priest answered, "Northern Europe."

The determination to raise money to build the basilica led money grubbing preachers to sell indulgences at a nifty price.

In Germany the preacher, Johann Tetzel, promised release from purgatory for buying a dispensation to support the building of St. Peter's. Departed loved ones could be freed. "As the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory," he and many others like him proclaimed. He even promised release from punishment due to the buyer's personal sin, even sins that the buyer had not yet committed. The indulgence sellers raised quite a bit of money for the building, for themselves, and for all up the ladder to the papal coffers. As you know, the selling of indulgences tipped Martin Luther off. He challenged the Church on this issue and ninety four others and began what became known as the Protestant Reformation.

Northern Europe ended up becoming Protestant.

Now, do not get the idea that the reformers were so pious and pure in their intentions. Leaving the Roman Catholic Church gave kings, and dukes and earls and counts the opportunity to seize the property of the Church. There were vast monastic lands that supported the local towns and villages. They were taken. A great deal of money was made by the nobility of Northern Europe in the name of what they called true religion.

Jesus knows how people can twist the sacred commands of His

Father into a money making scheme. He looks on so many from televangelists to priests who have found ways to make a profit on religion. He sees how some people could transform a valid charity, such as caring for the poor, into an opportunity to make money for themselves. How sad it is that charitable organizations in the United States

are given star ratings by some rating systems if only over 65% of the money they take in is spent on program activities. On the same token, how wonderful it is that these same non-Catholic rating agencies give Catholic Relief Services a 89% rating and three stars. Catholic Relief Services, or CRS, , spends very little on advertisement and administration and sends 94% of the money it collects directly to the poor. Some years back, during a famine in Africa, the government of the United States set aside money to relieve the suffering. To be sure the money got to where it was intended our government called on Catholic Relief Services to administer the funds.

Now Jesus had to be looking at that and smiling.

Some say that this is a dog eat dog world. They say that you can only succeed by preventing others from succeeding. They say that people reach the top of the ladder by climbing over others. The Lord knows human nature. He sees this. But he also sees so many people who work hard to succeed in an honest way, a way that cares for others, a way that does not take advantage of others. The Lord sees so many so many of you folks who have succeeded the right way, the honest way. He sees how generous you are to those who need help. He sees how you have turned against the instinct to make money on the backs of others. For so many people Number One is Jesus Christ. When they hear the saying, "Take care of Number One first," they do not see themselves as the reason for their work. They see Jesus Christ present in the needs of their spouse, their children, their families and all those who are hungry, thirsty, or in need of any sort.

Jesus cleansed the Temple because people had turned it into an abomination, a marketplace, not a place to worship. The Jews, and by that the Gospel of John means the leaders of the Jewish people, asked him to give them a sign that he is called by God to do this. They wanted a miracle. He responded, "Destroy this Temple and I will raise it up in three days." He was speaking about the Temple of his body that would be raised up in three days after they attempted to destroy him. They would receive their miracle. It would be an empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

The empty tomb. The resurrection of the Lord is a call to faith, faith that there is infinitely more to life than the physical, the here and now. The empty tomb is a call to the spiritual. It is a call for all who follow Jesus Christ to join Him in eternal life. And so rich and poor alike, and all in between, are called to live only for the Lord. This is difficult for the rich because they have so many distractions from what they really need.

This is difficult for the poor because their poverty can lead them to envy others, and to long for that which they really do not need. And it is difficult for all of us because we continually have to reorganize our priorities in life.

The great blessing of the Season of Lent is that it calls us to take a close look at ourselves. How well are you and I living for God?

He know us all. He does not need anyone to testify about human nature. He knows the direction the world tries to point us. And he knows how hard we fight to walk a different way than the way of the world. He knows how hard we fight to walk in His Light.

May this Lent guide us in the journey of our life.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Mar 3	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19-26,39, 40-42
Mon Mar 4	2 Kgs 5:1-15 ; Lk 4:24-30
Tue Mar 5	Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wed Mar 6	Dn 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thu Mar 7	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Fri Mar 8	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Sat Mar 9	Hos 6: 1-6 ; Lk 18:9-14

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Socia Romain , Prince Gittens , Heaven Scott , Tarajee Saleem Amily James , Clifford Rojas , Claudine Phillip , Madison Diggs , Caden Noel , Jessica Lozada , David Romain, Kazz Archibald , Kayla Archibald , Ernesha Noel,
We pray to the Lord

PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one,
We pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS :We pray to the Lord.

ALTAR BREAD : We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES :We pray to the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Mr. & Mrs. , We pray to the Lord.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT : , We pray to the Lord.


ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

First Saturday, March 2 nd	5 PM Vigil Mass for Alvin Milburn, R.I.P., Request by His sister Theresa Milburn
Sunday, March 3 rd	11:30 AM Mass for St. Martin Fontenelle, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Saturday, March 9 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Meta Sangster-Haven, R.I.P., Requested by The Family


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 2	8:00pm – Thanksgiving to God by Marie A. George
Sunday March 3 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	7:30am –The Altar Rosary Society & B'day blessings for Patricia Alexander 9:30am – I.L.M. of Janet Gomez & Julian Pena by La Cominida Spanish b. I.L.M.of Paula Julia Gonzalez by Carmen Gonzalez c. R.I.P. you will always be in our hearts, Regina Chaklan by Ines Sanchez 11:30am –I.L.M. of Mr.& Mrs.Kole Ramos & Mr.& Mrs. Clatius Ogunnaike by Mr.& Mrs. Ramos & family 1:30pm –For all priests by Marie Coeur Altidor b. Birthday blessings for Lea Eugene
Monday March 4	7:30am – God's guidance on doctors for a successful surgery for Aisha Morain by the Morain family 9:00am – Repose of the souls of Leonard Leger & Elvire Cazeau by Grazia Nazon
Tuesday March 5	7:30am –For my family & friends by Letitia Pavy 9:00am – I.L.M. of Nirmala Rani, sister in law of Fr. Ted
Wednesday March 6	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Velencia Pierre by Amir & Pierre family 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Patricia Alexander
Thursday March 7	7:30am – R.I.P. Cynthia Gairy & Early Mae Cole 9:00am – I.L.M. of Wilhelmina G. Mendez by daughter, Myrna Mendez
Friday March 8	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Phoenix Hinds by family 9:00am – B'day blessings for Gregory Jack & Sharon Andrews
Saturday March 9	8:00am – Repose of the soul of Occilhomme Edmond by Marie Edmond

CANDLE FOR March 3– March 9

 R.I.P. Michelle Thorne requested by Helena O'Brien

BREAD & WINE FOR MARCH

 Birthday blessings for Sharon Andrews

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Loraine Quash-Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Recy Brown, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden Cecilia Clovie, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Carrie Frasier, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Bruno Henry, Beverly Hillyer, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Janice & Orson Hutchings, Kerlyne Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Nellie James, Diane John, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mamita, Barbara Manuel, Judith Matthew, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanne Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Olf, Keena Ollivierre, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharon Perry, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Melody Pink, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Melissa Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Cornelia Robergeau, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Violet Sylvester, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Amparo Torres, Malik Wellington, Hazel Williams, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, James P. Young

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR : Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Maura Chisam, Danielle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Lisa Colone, Christine Hudson & family, Conrad Lord, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Isabella Bugett, Sabrina Guess, Daphne & Golda Critchlow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Hannah Penny, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer all families represented here today,

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under employed, end to gun violence and for world peace, **We pray to the Lord.**

WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 03/03/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

- + 9:30 AM Sunday school- In Session
- + 10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal
- + 11:30 AM Sunday Mass – (Live Stream)
- + CREDIT UNION-OPEN

MONDAY 03/04/24

- + NO Choir Rehearsal-Church
- + 6:45 PM Recitation of the Rosary
- + 7 PM Parish Mission with Fr. Trevor Nathasingh

FRIDAY 03/08/24

- + 7 PM Stations of The Cross-Church
- + 7:30 PM Bible Study via zoom

SATURDAY 03/09/24

- + 4 PM Confession
- + 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals
- + 4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-Rectory Dining Room
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

- + 5 PM Vigil Mass - Church- (Live Stream)

COLLECTION 02/24- 02/25/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	33	1,949.00	221.50	2,170.50
7:30 AM	85	2,730.00	537.00	3,267.00
9:30 AM	41	878.89	342.46	1,221.35
11:30 PM	63	1,448.00	426.00	1,874.00
1:30 PM	43	912.00	123.90	1,035.90
L.I.R.	20	470.00	—	470.00
Total	219	8,387.89	1,650.86	10,038.75

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	29	592.00	59.00	651.00
10:00AM	21	478.00	506.00	984.00
Total	50	1,070.00	565.00	1,635.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	63	2,370.00	—	2,370.00
Total	63	2,370.00	—	2,370.00

FAITH DIRECT:

February 1st – 27th, 2024 - \$1,445.00

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

	<u>Apr - Jul 20</u>	<u>Apr - Jul 19</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Income			
Collections	168,288.50	344,182.28	-51.11%
Rent	199,829.29	217,167.84	-7.98%
Programs	0.00	10,369.20	-100.0%
Donations/Fundraising	1,366.00	18,115.47	-92.46%
Other	25,491.52	24,792.07	2.82%
Total Income	394,975.31	614,626.86	-35.74%
Expense			
Employee Compensation	302,582.87	291,549.37	3.78%
Maintenance	69,276.57	33,706.71	105.53%
Office Expenses	28,460.39	19,601.93	45.19%
Programs	3,351.36	6,028.70	-44.41%
Altar Supplies	6,099.33	16,602.28	-63.26%
Utilities	28,261.46	27,878.02	1.38%
Miscellaneous Expense	2,032.03	3,230.79	-37.1%
Total Expense	440,064.01	398,597.80	10.4%
Net Income	(45,088.70)	216,029.06	-120.87%

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

St. Gregory the Great **BIBLE STUDY** with Catherine Abdullah @ 7:30PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) every week on

FRIDAYS

Bible Study is beginning The Gospel of John

Link for Bible Study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodllWSDArUT09>

To Join Zoom Meeting please use Meeting ID: 854 9887 5775
Passcode: 374738

On tap mobile

Dial 929 205 6099 using Meeting ID and the passcode

Bible Study (All Are Invited) Meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.

LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP (ALL ARE WELCOME!)
Meet-In-Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every FIRST SAT-URDAYS of the month in the Church's dining room. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room from 8PM to 9PM. The zoom link is

mentioned above. Please contact any member for information for telephone number and pin number to access this prayer line. (This enables us to discuss confidentiality protocols to New Participants)

**UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

MARCUS GARVEY SERVICE ONCE A MONTH ON
THE SECOND SUNDAY AT 2PM

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

Sunday school is in session. Time: 9:30am.

Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Gregory the Great Parent Support Group Good

Friday's Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays on:

March 1st, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM

March 15th, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM

Good Friday Special Time 12Noon-3PM

COST: \$15.00 for KING FISH Dinner

\$15.00 for SALMON Dinner

PLEASE CALL MS. LORNA GILKES at 718-964-

6926 OR MS. ESTELA CAESAR at 347-268-32-62

The Faith Communities of St. Matthew Parish presents 2024 Lenten Mission with Fr. Trevor Nathasingh at three locations starting Monday, March 4th at St. Gregory the Great Church at St. Johns Place (corner of Brooklyn Ave); Tuesday, March 5th at Our Lady of Charity at 1669 Dean Street; Wednesday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 7th at St. Matthew Parish at 1123 Eastern Parkway.
Time: 7PM. Beginning with the Rosary at 6:45PM.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All are welcome! Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register in the rectory.

BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized in the

Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, you must show:

1. Proof that you live in the geographical boundaries of the Church you wish to have the baby baptized.(e.g. electric bill). If you live outside the boundaries of the Church you wish to have your baby baptized , you must get a permission letter from the Catholic church closest to where you live granting you permission to have your baby baptized outside of the geographical area .
2. Your baby is allowed **one** God mother and **one** God father, one must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with one Catholic god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate, First Communion or Confirmation as proof.
4. Once these requirements are fulfilled, we encourage you to call and set a date. Children 7 & under can be baptized w/o CCD classes.

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

RCIA is offered in Spanish, Kreyol & English and is for people who:

- ◆ Were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or First Confession
- ◆ Were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to join the Catholic Church
- ◆ Were never baptized & wish to fully worship in the Catholic Church
- ◆ Wants to know more about what it means to be Catholic?

The sessions begin in October. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the rectory.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

School of Religion @ St. Matthew

After receiving First Holy Communion, It is essential for your child to continue each year in our program, until they complete their initiation with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For more information about registration requirements or other questions you might have, contact us: Phone: 215-576-4124; email: stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

Después de recibir la Primera Comunión, es esencial que su hijo continúe en nuestro programa cada año, hasta que complete la iniciación con la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación.

Para más información acerca los requisitos para registración u otras preguntas que usted pueda tener, comuníquese al Tel: 215-576-4124; email: stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

***ENSKRIPSYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A
BATÈM, PREMYE SENT KOMINYON AK KONFI-
MASYON.***

Pouplisenfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon ou swalòtkek-
syon ou ta genyen kontaktenounan: Phone: 215-576-4124;
email: stmatthewreledu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

REHEARSAL DATES FOR THE DRAMATIZED STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY:

Sunday March 3rd at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday March 10th at 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday March 26th at 7:30 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal)

ENGLISH LENTEN MISSION

Monday March 4th - St Gregory the Great

Tuesday March 5th - Our Lady of Charity

Wednesday & Thursday (March 6th & March 7th) -

St. Matthew Parish

Mission begins at 6:45 pm with the Rosary.

Fr. Trevor Nathasingh will be the celebrant

HAITIAN LENTEN RETREAT

Will be held in the Church on Saturday March 9th starting at 10 A.M. Fr. Ralph Theodat will preside.

SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

Will be held on Tuesday March 19th and Wednesday, March 20th starting at 7:30 P.M

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Eucharistic Revival will take place in the Louis Armstrong of the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing Meadow ,on April 20,2024.We are only allocated 50 tickets, so it must be done on a first come basis. There will be a coordinator who will collect the name, telephone number and email of those attending.

Our Coordinator is Althea Pierre

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

This year the Diocesan Lenten pilgrimage where people can visit different parishes has an app. The app is available on both the App store and the Play store. Enter in the search bar LENTEN PILGRIMAGE. The steps are simple.

1. Download the app
2. Create an account
3. Use the app to scan the QR code at each Station Church. This will be the check in.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 10TH

The revenue from this collection will be used to support the Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, pastoral care for Migrants and refugees and the Catholic legal immigration Network. It also helps people in African countries, such as Kenya and Zambia, how to grow nutrient rich foods and rehabilitate water systems.

LENTEN REQUIREMENTS

In our preparation for Easter , the Church invites us to observe the penitential and grace filled season of Lent which commences on February 14,2024 with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

Abstinence– All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting - All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special permission in the United States the period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period from the First Sunday of Lent (February 18,2024) to the celebration of Pentecost (May 19,2024).

The Solemnity of St. Joseph: The Solemnity of St. Joseph should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

Reconciliation Monday: Our diocese will once again celebrate **Reconciliation Monday on March 25,2024**, the Monday of Holy Week. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.,

The following should also be noted:

Music: The Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments may only be used during Lent and the Paschal Triduum to give necessary support to the singing.

Decorations: The Church should not be decorated with flowers during Lent. Exception is the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19)

Holy Water: Holy water is not removed from the fonts during the season of Lent. Holy water is removed from all fonts immediately before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's supper. They are refilled with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in Church every Friday @ 7:00 pm to journey to Calvary with Jesus



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Church on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** after **9:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon.**