

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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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

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Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

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10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

Secretary: Patricia Romain

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Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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Fourth Sunday of Lent: Goodbye Fear, Hello Joy

This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare is Latin for joy. This celebration is actually different from the celebration we have we have the Third Sunday of Advent. That is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice, prepare to rejoice in the glory of the Lord coming on Christmas. The word Laetare that we use for this Sunday refers to the type of joy that is light hearted. Think of floating for joy. Think of the feeling you experienced when you first held your first child. You were floating for joy. This floating with the joy of the Lord is in stark contrast to the deep, heavy, grief we feel at on Good Friday. When the disciples learned that Jesus had risen from the dead, they were so full of joy that they proclaimed Alleluia in such a way that they were almost hyper-ventilating.

This Sunday we are reminded of how much we are loved. The people of the first reading were suffering. They had been brought into exile by the Babylonians. Their Temple had been wrecked. Their palaces burned. They brought all this on themselves. The reading details how they committed one abomination after another. The psalms tell us that they even committed child sacrifice. God punished the people, or allowed the Babylonians to punish them. In exile in Babylon, the Jews were completely helpless. They had no army. They had no political clout. But what they did have was their determination to return to follow God. They became adamant in the practice of their faith. They formed a way of life, a system where they expressed their determination to live for God. And God had mercy on them. They were, after all, his people.

He loved them. Before the exile as the Babylonians were gaining power, the prophet Jeremiah had said that although they would be taken into exile, after seventy years the people would be released. And they were. God did this through a pagan, Cyrus of Persia, who conquered the Babylonians and then sent the Hebrews back to their country to rebuild it and to rebuild their Temple. Imagine the joy, the light heartedness of the Jews as they left Babylon for Judea and Jerusalem.

In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that by grace we have been saved. We did not earn salvation. God saved us because He loves us.

And this is the main teaching of that Gospel reading we have heard so often. God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. Jesus did not come to condemn us. He came to save us.

Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead. Those who are determined to reject His Life will suffer the most terrible consequence, loss of union with God. That is hell. All the pictures of the tortures of hell like the lower part of Michelangelo's Last Judgement, all the scenes of hell depicted by Dante in the Inferno, and by so many others are trivial next to the loss of union with God. Jesus came to restore our union with God. He called us to walk in the light, His light. Light-hearted Sunday is the Sunday that emphasizes the joy we have when we walk in the Light of the Lord.

We really need the reminder that we live in the joy of the Lord. This has been a heavy year. There are wars throughout the world, mostly notably in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza. There are continual concerns on how to treat immigrants to our country with dignity while at the same time upholding our laws. And to make matters worse, this is a presidential election year. That would make any year difficult. Yet, through it all we still have the joy that the Lord sees, the Lord knows and the Lord heals.

I like to listen to contemporary Christian music. I notice that so many of the songs speak about defeating fear. "We are no longer slaves to fear," Bethel music proclaims. "Fear you don't own me" Francesca Battistelli adds in the Breakup Song. "Fear Not," says Christine de Marco, and "Not today, fear," Hillsong United proclaims. Zach Williams really nails it when he sings, "Fear is a liar". Fear tells us that we are not good enough. This is the negativity fueled fear which the devil uses to incapacitate us. We do not need this type of fear. Our God loves us as a people and as individuals. This is our joy."God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, and love and self control." 2 Timothy 1:7.

But how about "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," that Psalm 9 proclaims? The type of fear this refers to is the action that leads us to reverence God. This is not an incapacitating fear. When we reverence God, we are freed to be all that we can be. St. Irenaeus of Lyon, an early doctor of the church, is credited as writing "The Glory of God is man fully alive." Human beings are the summit of God's creation. When we reverence the Lord with all that we are, when the fear of the Lord becomes the core of our lives, then we become all God has created us to be. We are fully alive because we are not just physical. We are physical and spiritual. Again, St. Irenaeus, "The Glory of God is man fully alive."

And we are loved. We are loved by God. The love of God is deeper than the love a husband and wife have for each other. The love of God is stronger than the love parents have for their children. The love of God is so powerful that it leads us to conquer anything that is attacking us, outside of us, among us, or within us.

As we come to a deeper understanding of how much God loves us, we experience joy. In fact, we are floating with the joy of the Lord. Laetare. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. He sent him for all of us, and he sent him for each of us. We are loved. Laetare. Float with joy. Be lighthearted and know your God.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Mar 10	1Sm 16:1, 6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38
Mon Mar 11	Is 65:17-21 ; Jn 4:43-54
Tue Mar 12	Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed Mar 13	Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thu Mar 14	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri Mar 15	Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat Mar 16	Jer 11:18-20 ; Jn 7:40-53

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

Saturday, March 9 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Meta Sangster-Haven, R.I.P., Requested by The Family
Sunday, March 10 th	11:30 AM for Gregory R. Jack, In Thanksgiving for Life
Saturday, March 16 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Triston Roberts, Birthday Blessings, Request by The Gilkes Family


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 9	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for Bernadette Watts by Cita Ferguson
Sunday March 10 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	7:30am –For members of Holy Name Society 9:30am – I.L.M. of Maria Soca by Nancy Valdez 11:30am –B'day blessings in heaven Olive Seales by the Seales family 1:30pm –R.I.P. Jean Andre Dauxy by the Dauxy family b. R.I.P. Marie Carmen & Marie Laurine by Lise Bozil c. Thanksgiving to St. Matthew, St. Peter & St. Mark by Lavinia Delva
Monday March 11	7:30am – Thanksgiving & B'day blessings for Lawrence Felix & Craig Goddard 9:00am – B'day blessings in heaven for Jean Andre Dauxy by the Dauxy family
Tuesday March 12	7:30am –Healing for all suffering from cancer 9:00am – R.I.P. Michelle Thorne by Helena O'Brien
Wednesday March 13	7:30am – For peace in the Middle East, Africa & the Ukraine 9:00am – R.I.P. Alejandro Gonzalez by his wife
Thursday March 14	7:30am – Blessings for Althea & family 9:00am – Repose of the soul of Norma Smith, may she rest in peace by Martinez Francois
Friday March 15	7:30am – The Johnson family 9:00am – Thanksgiving for Diana Hutchinson & Theresa Edwards by Aerolyn Edwards
Saturday March 16	8:00am – Birthday blessings for Erma Lynch & Terry Smaltz by Floe & family

CANDLE FOR March 10– March 16

 In loving memory of Jean Andre Dauxy requested by the Dauxy family

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, 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, Jean Thornhill, 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 Critclow, 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 03/10/2024 @ 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 03/11/24

- + **7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church**

FRIDAY 03/15/24

- + **7 PM Stations of The Cross-Church**
- + **8:30 PM Bible Study via zoom (During Lent)**

SATURDAY 03/16/24

- + **4 PM Confession**
- + **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
- + **4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-via zoom**
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)
[pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)
- + **5 PM Vigil Mass - Church- (Live Stream)**

COLLECTION 03/02- 03/03/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	22	700.00	174.00	874.00
7:30 AM	112	4,252.00	563.00	4,815.00
9:30 AM	85	1,245.00	393.06	1,638.06
11:30 PM	82	1,959.40	447.26	2,406.66
1:30 PM	49	687.00	116.00	803.00
L.I.R.	12	445.00	—	445.00
Total	362	9,288.40	1,693.32	10,981.72
<i>Black & Indian</i>		540.00		540.00

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	6	764.00	29.00	793.00
10:00AM	44	2,063.00	267.07	2,330.07
Total	50	2,827.00	296.07	3,123.07
<i>Black & Indian</i>		85.00		85.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	44	2,665.00	—	2,665.00
Total	44	2,665.00	—	2,665.00
<i>Black & Indian</i>		50.00		50.00

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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIiWSDArUT09>

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 SATURDAYS 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

St. Gregory the Great Parent Support Group Good Friday's Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays: March 15th, 2024 – 4:30PM-7PM

Good Friday Special from 12Noon-3PM

COST: \$15.00 for KING FISH & SALMON Dinners

PLEASE CALL MS. LORNA GILKES at 718-964-6926 OR

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

2024 Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24th

10:45am Procession to Eastern Parkway-Blessing of Palms with St. Mark Episcopal Church

11:30am Palm Sunday Mass-Church

Day of Reconciliation- Monday, March 25th

2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm-Church

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7pm Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of Feet-Church

Good Friday- March 29th

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion;

7pm "Seven Last Words"-Church

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8pm Easter Vigil Mass-Church

Easter Sunday, Sunday, March 31st

11:30am Mass of the Resurrection of The Lord-Church

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 6th & 7th

5pm Vigil Mass-Church

11:30am Mass-Church

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 10th at 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday March 26th at 7:30 P.M. (Dress Rehearsal)

SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

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

EASTER SCHEDULE

ST.MATTHEW

Palm Sunday– March 24- Regular Mass Schedule except Haitian Mass is **at 2 P.M.**

Reconciliation Monday - March 25 –
Confession **2-6 PM .**

Holy Thursday– March 28– Mass of the Lord’s Supper—**7:30 PM.**

Good Friday – March 29 -
9:30 AM – Morning Prayer

10:30 A.M. Dramatized Stations of the Cross.
3PM- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion.

Holy Saturday– March 30–Easter Vigil **@ 8:30pm**

Easter Sunday–March 31 - Regular Mass Schedule except Haitian Mass is **at 2 P.M.**

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Palm Sunday– March 24– Mass **@ 10 A.M.**

Reconciliation Monday - March 25 –
Confession **2-6 P.M.**

Holy Thursday– March 28– Mass of the Lord’s Supper—**7:30 PM.**

Good Friday – March 29 -
3PM- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion.

Holy Saturday– March 30–Easter Vigil **@ St. Matthew**

Easter Sunday–March 31, Mass @ 11 A.M.

ST. GREGORY

Palm Sunday– March 24– Mass **@ 11:30 AM**

Reconciliation Monday - March 28–
Confession **2-6 P.M.**

Holy Thursday– March 28–
Mass of the Lord’s Supper—**7:00 PM.**

Good Friday – March 29 -
3PM- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion.

7:00 P.M. – 7 Last words

Holy Saturday– March 30–Easter Vigil—**8:00 PM.**

Easter Sunday–March 31 - Mass **@ 11:30 A.M.**

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.,



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.**

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. If you are interested in attending, please contact the rectory and leave your name, telephone number and email.