

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

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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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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:

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9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Fifth Sunday of Lent: Our Hour

The days are coming when I will write my law deep within their hearts. All of them, from the least to the greatest will know that I am their God. In the first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah spoke about a time when God's people would be so united to God that they would know within themselves how to serve Him. That time is now. God's law is written deep within each of our hearts. We don't need anyone to tell us what we should do. Deep within ourselves we know if we are true to God or not. Some people will argue with that. They will say, "It's OK to get drunk, to try this, to do that." They will argue that all the bad things that people of all ages get into is really normal behavior. We know that is a lie. Everything within us, deep within us, tells us that this is a lie. We know that we cannot behave immorally and face our God. So much of what the world tells us to do conflicts with the life deep within us. We have to recognize that what some call normal behavior is for us Christians, abnormal behavior.

This is our time. This is our hour. We have the choice to stand for Christ and live in peace with God and with ourselves, or to turn towards that which is popular and sinful and live in turmoil. See, that is what sin does to us. It puts us in turmoil. We make believe that we are OK with whatever is happening, but we aren't. Sometimes we even have a hard time looking into the mirror. We can't stand looking at ourselves because we can't stand the person we are becoming when our actions contradict all that is within us.

Jesus spoke about time in today's Gospel. He called it His Hour. When Andrew and Philip told him that people were asking Him to go to the Passover Festival in Jerusalem, Jesus knew what was going to happen. He did not run from it. He embraced it. This was His Time. It was what He was put on earth to do. He would stand against evil.

We all have hours, and we have our hour. We have many times in our lives when we have to stand up for God and be whom we are. All during Lent we have been asking ourselves, "Am I the person that God wants me to be? Do I try to reflect the image of God within me, or am I untrue to my very self. There are many temptations, many ways that we are tempted to hedge on our commitment to Christ. The cost of being true to the law written within our hearts can sometimes be quite heavy. We might find ourselves excluded from that society, that sport, or those people with whom we really want to belong. It hurts to have someone say, "What, are you too good to join us?" But the peace of Christ surpasses all things. Nothing is more important than living in this peace, then living united to the Lord.

We all have our hours, and we have our hour. There are continual choices for God that we make throughout our lives. Those are our hours. There is also that one choice that is the reason why God placed us on earth. That is our hour. Our hour is the action that expresses whom we are deep within ourselves. It is the fundamental expression of our Christian life. For some people that hour is a public affirmation of Christ in the face of death.

Little St. Agnes was probably only 12 when she refused to embrace paganism and was tortured to death. Old St. Ignatius of Antioch was probably in his 70's or 80's when he would not let his friends bribe the Romans to save him from being thrown to the wild animals in the Roman Colosseum.

When we read about the saints, we learn about people who chose to suffer rather than deny Christ. But these are people about whom we read or heard. There are others whom we do not know. There is that girl with the unexpected pregnancy. It is her hour. Does she stand for Christ and bring this baby into the world regardless of what would happen to the plans she had for her future, or does she walk away from her hour and walk into that abortion clinic? There is that elderly man who chooses to care for his slowly dying wife because he could and because she wanted to stay at home. It is his hour. We know many others who are confronted with the choice of their lives, their hour, and embrace the law written within their hearts.

On April 20, 1999 our country was shocked by the horrible massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Twelve students and a teacher were killed. Twenty-four others were injured as they tried to escape. One of the teenagers killed was Cassie Bernall. She was 17. The story, which many people have affirmed, is that Cassie was known to be a devoted Christian. One of the gunmen put a gun to her head and told her to deny Christ. She refused and was killed. Michael W. Smith went to Cassie's funeral and was overpowered by the stories of her faith as well as the faith witness of her parents. He wrote a song about this called, "This is your time." In it he sings that the time was clear for her to embrace the mystery of all she could be.

How did she get there? How did she get to that point of her life that she was ready for her hour? She did it by choosing Christ at the various moments, the various hours of her life. She was prepared. Cassie was ready when her hour came.

Maybe something so radical will not happen to us. Perhaps our hour will only be the sum total of the choices we have made in our lives which we present to the Lord when this life is over. The big question is: Are we ready? Are we ready to embrace the moment of our lives when all of our existence proclaims our union with Christ? Are we ready at all times to embrace all that we can be? All the little yeses we make to Christ, all those times that we deny ourselves what others say we should have or do, all these affirmations of our Christianity strengthen us for the total affirmation of our life, strengthen us for our hour.

Now, listen again to the conclusion of today's Gospel:

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

I am not soft-selling religion to you. I am not telling you to do this or that and everything will be easy and wonderful in your lives. No, instead I proclaim to you what our Gospel is teaching us. We are called to live and die for Christ. This is our time. This is our hour.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Mar 17	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Mon Mar 18	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Tue Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Wed Mar 20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thu Mar 21	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri Mar 22	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 8:51
Sat Mar 23	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Laird Daniel, Tobiah Coerbell, Christian Layne, Dolores Olf, Joseph Lyles, Josephine Gittens, Akil Grubb, Meicah Bertrand, Don Brathwaite Jr., Sarah Gittens, Sparkle Mitchell, Malik & Bryton Holas, Sudan Ausby, Stephen Mc Mullen, Marjorie Moore, Fr. Edward J Smith, Rhonda Slocombe, Trevor Mc Gilvery , **We pray to the Lord**

HOME BOUND: Mother Carrie Frasier, Mother Veronica Dale, Mother Dolores Olf, Pamela Smith, Mother Roberta Jennings, Gwendolyn Harding, Marcella De Sandies, Hillary Amarosa, Una Europe, **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 16 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Triston Roberts, Birthday Blessings, Request by The Gilkes Family
Sunday, March 17 th	11:30 AM Mass for Samuel Thomas & Joel & Mervin Lendore, R.I.P., Requested by Maria Clouden
Saturday, March 23 rd	5 PM Vigil Mass for Helen Cummings, R.I.P., Requested by Marjorie Lopez


ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16	8:00pm – In memory of Julia & Claudia Williams by Edmund Williams
Sunday March 17 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	7:30am –Thanksgiving to God by Nidia Vergara 9:30am – Birthday blessings in heaven for Elizabeth Rivera by Joyce Prescott 11:30am –Birthday blessings Chris Chasteau & Chris Jr. by The Chasteau family 1:30pm –Repose of the soul of Jean Andre Dauxy by the Dauxy family
Monday March 18	7:30am – For the Parish 9:00am – Rest in peace Andre Saincyr by Grazia Nazon
Tuesday March 19 <i>St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:30am –Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Electra Andrew 9:00am – Tiendrebeogo Andree Marie for blessings by Tiendrebeogo
Wednesday March 20	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Marie Pierre by Amir & Pierre families 9:00am – Healing & blessings for Princess Frank
Thursday March 21	7:30am – Healing for my aunt Merle Richards 9:00am – Thanksgiving to God for all He has done
Friday March 22	7:30am – Thanksgiving for (Mizza) Victoria & Nathaniel Rudolph Compas 9:00am – In loving memory of Bojina Joseph by Grazia Nazon
Saturday March 23	8:00am – Rest in peace Mathurin Michel by Ariane Michel

CANDLE FOR March 17– March 23

 Rest in peace Pascual Rodriquez by spouse Dawn Seales and family

BREAD & WINE FOR MARCH

 Birthday blessings for Sharon Andrews

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, 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, Wilma Maynard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Marcelina Morales, 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 Prescot, 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, Allison Thorpe, 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, Vilma Zuniga

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 03/17/24 @ ST. GREGORY

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

MONDAY 03/18/24

+ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Church

FRIDAY 03/22/24

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

SATURDAY 03/23/24

+ 4 PM Confession
+ 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals
+ 4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass - Church- (Live Stream)

COLLECTION 03/09– 03/10/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	19	597.00	233.00	830.00
7:30 AM	59	2213.00	294.92	2507.92
9:30 AM	55	1352	162.27	1,514.27
11:30 PM	51	1378.00	581.00	1959.00
1:30 PM	36	550.00	104.50	654.50
L.I.R.	—	—	—	—
Total	220	6090.00	1375.69	7465.69

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	11	428.00	16.00	444.00
10:00AM	29	953.00	150.75	1103.75
Total	40	1381.00	166.75	2475.75

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	42	2106.00	—	2106.00
Total	42	2,106.00	—	2106.00

FAITH DIRECT:

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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09>

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:

Wednesday March 27th 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 P.M .

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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.