

MARCH 31, 2024 ♥ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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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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.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am
9:30am-Praise & Worship
10am-Mass

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Monday-Friday: 10am-6pm

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WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun March 31	Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5: 6-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28: 1-10
Mon April 1	Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tue April 2	Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wed April 3	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thu April 4	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Fri April 5	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Sat April 6	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16: 9-15

OLC: WE OFFER PRAYERS TO THE LORD

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Shantel Holder , Jeanette Antoine , Imani Rashid , Jace Leacock, Elijah Dussaro , Hannah Penny , Jeffery Amaro , B. Anthea Lopez , Albert Lang Jr. Fr. Frank Black , Songhay Morris , Janice Mortley , Marcia Duncan , Ethan Agbontaen, Georgena Bland , Rene Campbell , Deryck Europe , Nicole Noel ,
We pray to the Lord.

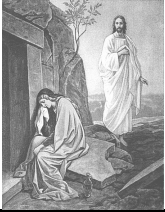
PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one,
We pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS :We pray to the Lord.


ALTAR BREAD : We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES :We pray to the Lord.

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS	
Holy Saturday, March 30th	8 PM Easter Vigil Mass for Marjorie Lopez, In Thanksgiving for Life & Birthday Blessings
Easter Sunday, March 31st	11:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass In Thanksgiving for the Sultan Family, Requested by Antonio Sultan
	Bread and Wine, In Thanksgiving for the Sultan Family, Requested by Antonio Sultan
First Friday, April 5th	10 AM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration for Jacques Tege, Sr., R.I.P., Requested by The Family
First Saturday, April 6th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Valri Corriette, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family

ST. MATTHEW: Mass Intentions	
Holy Saturday March 30	8:30pm – B’day blessings for Kristal Deraveniere by Mom, Dad & family
Sunday March 31 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> 	7:30am – Healing for Legion of Mary members by Legion of Mary
	9:30am – In loving memory of Joel Rosario by the Rosario family
	11:30am – In memory of Lionel, Dawn, Arthur & Una Joseph by Dawn Seales & family
	2:00pm – B’day blessings granddaughter Ireena Desdunes by Yvette Desdunes
Monday April 1	7:30am – R.I.P. Rosa Lino & Miguel Mena by Graciela & family
	9:00am – B’day blessings in heaven Pearl Shaw & B’day blessings Hazel Small by the Hinds family
Tuesday April 2	7:30am – For our deceased families & friends
	9:00am – For all who are hungry, homeless and depressed
Wednesday April 3	7:30am – Healing for our sick parishioners
	9:00am – For our deceased families & friends
Thursday April 4	7:30am – For peace in the world especially in Haiti, the Middle East and the Ukraine
	9:00am – B’day blessings grandson, Liam Johnathan Desdunes by Yvette Desdunes
Friday April 5	7:30am – For vocations to the priesthood, for our priests & those who serve
	9:00am – For our deceased families & friends
Saturday April 6	8:00am – In loving memory of Felicite Smith by Sabiana Smith

BREAD & WINE FOR APRIL

 **BREAD** - Birthday blessings & healing for Colina Francis requested by Lucrecia Francis

WINE - Birthday blessings & healing for Colina Francis requested by Lucrecia Francis

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, Sabrina Guess, Daphne & Golda Critchlow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie McCoy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, 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

WEEK OF SUNDAY 03/31/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

- + *No 9:30 AM Sunday school- In Session*
- + *10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal*
- + *11:30 AM EASTER SUNDAY Mass– (Live Stream)*
- + *CREDIT UNION-CLOSED*

MONDAY 04/01/24

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

FIRST FRIDAY 04/05/24

- + *10 AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration-Church*
- + *7:30 PM Bible Study via zoom*

FIRST SATURDAY 04/06/24

- + *4 PM Confession*
- + *4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals*
- + *4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-In Person*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
- + *5 PM Vigil Mass-Church*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - ST. MATTHEW

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, we will recite the Divine Mercy in Church at 3:00 PM. after the Haitian Mass

COIN CANS & EASTER GIFT

Please remember to bring in your coin cans and Easter Gift to my Church envelopes. Please remember that the coin cans are used to help the poor in our parish and in different parts of the world.

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass.

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. Third precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult in the United States the period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (February 14,2024) to the celebration of Pentecost (May 19,2024).

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration in the Church on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays after 9:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon.** Fridays from **7 P.M. to 9 P.M.** The Divine Mercy is recited during the reposition.

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world.

Let your adoration never cease."

-Pope John Paul II -

MARK YOUR CALENDAR @ ST. GREGORY

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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlWSDArUT09>

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 the Great – Religious Education

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

Registration fee: \$60 per candidate

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 6th & 7th

5pm Vigil Mass-Church

11:30am Mass-Church

CROCHET CLASSES

Join us starting Saturday, April 20th, 2024

If you would like to enhance your techniques and knowledge, come or the fellowship on Saturdays: April 20th, April 27th, May 4th, May 11th, May 18th, June 1st and June 8th.

Time: 3pm to 4:30pm – Place: St. Gregory the Great Rectory Hall located at 224 Brooklyn Avenue, corner of Sterling Place. Course Charge: \$25 donation to St.

Gregory's Building Fund

Please contact Ms. Catherine Abdullah at 718-864-7683 or Ms. Gemma Mejias at 917-293-0399 to register.

FREE SHREDDING hosted by North Crown Heights Association on Saturday, April 20th, 2024. St. Johns Place, corner of Brooklyn Avenue (in front of St. Gregory the Great Church) from 9 AM until 12 Noon.

COLLECTION 03/23—3/24/24

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	67	1,456.00	220.00	1,676.00
7:30 AM	183	5,036.00	626.20	5,662.20
9:30 AM	97	1,794.42	578.15	2,372.57
11:30 AM	148	3,075.00	1389.22	4,464.22
1:30 PM	62	813.00	277.38	1,090.38
L.I.R.	61	1,790.00	—	1,790.00
Total	618	13,964.42	3090.95	17,055.37
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		1,013.00		1,013.00

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	19	537.00	57.00	594.00
11:30 AM	52	1,521.00	441.38	1,962.38
Total	71	2,058.00	498.38	2,556.38
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		85.00		85.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10 A.M.	70	3,104.00	—	3,104.00
Total		3,104.00	—	3,104.00
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		40.00		40.00

Happy Easter! Felices Pascuas! Joyeuses Paques!



And Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of the Father, killed in his humanity, has risen from the dead. And we have risen with Him. We have risen from the stranglehold of the devil. We have risen from evil, from the empty promises of materialism, and from the idolatry of selfishness. We have risen to a new life, the life of baptism, the life of Jesus Christ, the life of the Trinity, the life of Easter. We are the Easter people. We have received the resurrected life of the Lord at our baptism.

Possessing the Life of Jesus Christ mandates that we strengthen the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Life. The Lord has called us out of this darkness and death and given every one of us the ability to make His Presence real for others.

Sometimes people will say that they live to go to heaven. That is insufficient. We live to know God, to love God and to serve God in this life. We live to give the world an experience of the Lord. We live to be the followers of Jesus Christ now. We live to bring a little piece of heaven to earth. (next side)

Happy Easter! Felices Pascuas! Joyeuses Paques!

More and more of our young people are giving their time to care for the poor and hurting both within our country as well as throughout the world. We have a large number, not a few, but a large number, of college students who set aside time every week, or months every year, to bring Christ to others by caring for them. Many of you, including our seniors citizens, are volunteers at soup kitchens and food pantries, hospitals and hospice homes, in schools and on athletic fields, not because you want anything for yourselves, but because others need you. They need your light. They need our light. They need the Light of Christ.

The three places where the cross was revealed are the three places where the Light of Christ is proclaimed. In a real sense, those are two aspects of one act. Joining Christ on the Cross, suffering with Him, results in living in His Light.

All of us are in pain in some way or other. But instead of focusing on ourselves, we unite our pain to Jesus' pain. Our concern is for others. Our own suffering, which could turn us into ourselves, instead, through the grace of God, leads us to care for those hurting more than us. This is how our union with the Lord on the Cross become our union with His Light, our union with His Life. Good Friday and Easter Sunday are manifestations of God's Love for us and our love for God.

What is your pain? Is it sickness? Do you still hurt over the death of a loved one?

Is your pain caused by a failed relationship, the marriage that didn't happen, or the marriage that should not have happened? Perhaps it is the adult child who rejects your love. Maybe the pain is the suffering caused by an addiction, yours or someone else's. Perhaps it is your work, or your inability to find a job. We cannot let our crosses go to waste. We need to unite the crosses to the candle. We need to live in a way that others can experience the Risen Life of the Lord. No matter what our challenges, or joys may be, we need to live for and with Jesus Christ.

The world needs us to live for the Lord. The world is in such darkness that it continually attacks people of faith. That same world needs to see in our faith the way out of darkness. The world needs to experience Jesus Christ.

It is all about Jesus, you know. Everything that matters in life reflects His Presence. Anything that does not exhibit the love of the Lord is empty, shallow, and dark. With Jesus Christ there is Light. With Jesus Christ there is Life.

The cross and the candle unite sacrificial love to eternal life. We pray today for the courage to bring His life to others. For that is what it means to be an Easter people.

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 @ the rectory.

Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____ Date _____

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, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one 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.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

School of Religion @ St. Matthew

Registration for school of religion is now **CLOSED**. If your child is already registered and you have not yet paid the fee, you may do so at the rectory or in the Parish Center.

MARRIAGE:

Marriage sacrament requires a time of spiritual preparation. Therefore, couples should make arrangements six months to a year before the planned date, by making an appointment with the parish priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or a loved one is near death or very ill and need a priest , we encourage you to call the chaplain of the hospital or call our rectory

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.