

St. Matthew Parish



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First Friday 10:00am

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Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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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

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Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

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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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9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

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Second Sunday of Easter: Our Doubts and His Mercy

This week's Gospel presents us with Doubting Thomas and our annual reflection on doubts and faith.

First of all, in this context, I am not considering faith as a compendium of dogmas, but faith as the belief in the very basis of our religion. By this I mean the core, the fundamentals: belief in God's existence, belief in the Trinity, belief in the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ, belief in the spiritual and our sharing in the spiritual, belief in the presence of God in the Word of Scripture and in the Sacraments, belief in our salvation by the Lord, belief in the presence of the Spirit of the Father and the Son in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

A young lady who had become a Catholic in high school and was in college once asked me, "Why does the priest say during Mass, 'The Mystery of Faith' and the people respond with an acclamation that includes some of the articles of our faith?"

She was stuck on the word mystery. Perhaps she had only seen that word used in the context of a murder mystery like an Agatha Christi whodunit. I explained to her that when we use the term mystery at Mass we are referring to that which we believe that is beyond our minds' grasp. In the early Church the sacraments were called the mysteries.

All of us would be quick to affirm the mystery of faith. Still, that does not mean that we do not go through periods of doubt. It is quite normal for people to doubt, in fact, it is part of the human condition. It is normal for people to question themselves. It is normal for people to question the depth of their faith or even if they have any faith at all. I really do not believe that a person with doubts has lost faith. He or she is rather searching for faith.

Maybe we can understand this better if we consider two of the ways that doubt enters our lives.

First of all, most of us entered into periods of doubt as we grew up. Many times we were quite vocal about this. A pre-teen or teen might question a religion teacher: How do I know that God exists? How do I know that all this Jesus stuff isn't just made up by a bunch of people who want other people to give them money?

Those questions, often asked with the lack of tact that only a young person can get away with, are not as confrontational as they might seem. Consider the young person's perspective, or consider our own perspective when we were young. We had experienced religion in a story-telling manner, or whatever way that it could be possible to communicate the faith to children. Our most intense lessons came when we prepared for First Communion, at the ripe old age of 7 or 8. But, at 13 or 14, perhaps in confirmation class, we were looking for ideas that relate to our growing intellectual capacities. In school, we had graduated from arithmetic to algebra, but in our understanding of our faith, we were still somewhere around 8 years old. The vast majority of the time teenagers who challenge the faith are not really questioning faith, but questioning a childish understanding of faith. That is why experiences like youth ministry are so important to their faith life.

They can now relate to the faith according to their level of maturity.

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There is another type of doubt that is far more difficult to deal with. That is the doubt that enters our lives when things go wrong, very wrong. It is one thing to be a person of faith when all is wonderful in our lives. It is another thing to have faith when a loved one gets sick or dies, or when we are afflicted with a serious illness, or when our life plans are destroyed by the malicious actions of another, perhaps a former spouse. It was easy for the Disciple Thomas to believe in Jesus when he experience his healing, and when the words of the Lord burned within his own heart. It was difficult for Thomas to believe when his own world appeared to fall apart on Good Friday. Thomas doubted the Resurrection because he could not get pass the crucifixion.

It is often the same with us. We are so torn up by many crises in our lives, that sometimes we cannot get pass those crises to an experience of the new life of Christ that is offered on Easter.

We can be so torn up by the physical events of our lives that we close the door to the possibility of the spiritual. That is essentially what Thomas did. That is what we tend to do. It is a normal human reaction to suffering. It really does not mean that we do not believe in God. We are not even questioning his goodness, even when we shake our fist at heaven and shout, "How could you?" We just are being held back by the pain of physical life from recognizing the joy of the spiritual life.

Many people persecute themselves for having these thoughts and wonder if God will forgive them. When you love someone, you are more concerned about their pain then you are about the way they express their pain. God loves us too much to be concerned with anything other than our pain. At the same time, he tells us to give him our pain and take a step out of physical suffering and a step into spiritual joy.

That is really what Easter is about. Easter is all about entering into the spiritual. Easter is about the conquest of the physical by the spiritual. Easter is about life conquering death, love conquering hate, Jesus rising from a tomb, and us taking a step out of the physical and into the spiritual.

Doubting is part of the human condition. It will exist in all our lives to some extent or other until the time that we see our God face to face. At that time the whole concept of doubt will be pointless. But until then, we recognize our humanity and we humbly ask God to admit us as we are, human beings with human limitations, into his divinity.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun Mar 24	Acts 4: 32-35;1 Jn 5:1-6 ; Jn 20:19-31
Mon Mar 25	Is 7:10-14,8-10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-3 8
Tue Mar 26	Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3: 7- 15
Wed Mar 27	Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3: 16- 21
Thu Mar 28	Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3: 31- 36
Fri Mar 29	Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6: 1- 15
Sat Mar 30	Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6: 16- 21

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLE : We pray to the Lord

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 3rd	11AM Funeral Mass for Elena Maria Ellis
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
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th	11:30 Divine Mercy Mass for Carmen Cherubin, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Saturday, April 13th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Rona Jack, R.I.P., Requested by The Family

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 6	8:00pm – B’day blessings for Jia & Tai Lambert by Cita Ferguson
Sunday April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	7:30am –Altar Rosary Society 9:30am –a. R.I.P. Pablo Enrique Garcia by the Rochez family. b. I.L.M. of Prisca Ayala by familia Marin Ayala c. R.I.P. 4th yr. anniversary for Manuel & Leonardo Minaya by Nidia Minaya 11:30am –I.L.M. of Yvette John by Charmaine Noel 1:30pm –Blessings for my nieces & nephews by Marie Coeur Altidor
Monday April 8	7:30am – For our deceased family & friends 9:00am – R. I. P. Maria Hernandez by Maria Osorio
Tuesday April 9	7:30am –For our deceased family & friends 9:00am – God’s healing blood on all suffering from cancer
Wednesday April 10	7:30am – For our deceased family & friends 9:00am – Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Africa & Haiti
Thursday April 11	7:30am – That Jesus will keep us safe from all evil by Letitia Pavy 9:00am – Repose of the soul of Felicite Louisy by Phillippa Louisy
Friday April 12	7:30am – For our deceased family & friends 9:00am – In loving memory of Mary Moise by Marie A. George
Saturday April 13	8:00am – For our deceased family & friends

CANDLE FOR April 7– April 13



For those in prison, those who are addicted to drugs or filled with despair & think God has forgotten them

BREAD & WINE FOR APRIL



BREAD & WINE- Birthday blessings & healing for Colina & Thaddeus 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, Jahonah Brown, 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, Sherwin Fung, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kelvin 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 Oloff, 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, Robert 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 Critclow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, 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 - 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 04/07/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

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

MONDAY 04/08/24

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

FRIDAY 04/12/24

- + **7:30 PM Bible Stud- via zoom**

SATURDAY 04/13/24

- + **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)
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- + **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**

COLLECTION 03/30– 03/31/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	64	1,576.00	786.99	2,362.99
7:30 AM	113	3,288.00	922.37	4,210.37
9:30 AM	81	1,252.50	595.60	1,848.10
11:30 AM	92	2,690.00	1,554.55	4,244.55
1:30 PM	40	853.00	358.00	1,211.00
L.I.R.	64	2,049.58	—	2,049.58
Total	454	11,709.08	4,217.51	15,926.59
Holy Land– Good Friday		3,101.00		3,101.00

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	25	980.00	193.00	1,173.00
10:00AM	46	1,186.00	751.33	1,937.33
Total	71	2,166.00	944.33	3,110.33
Holy Land– Good Friday		837.79		837.79

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	86	3,778.25	—	3,778.25
Total	86	3,778.25	—	3,778.25
Holy Land– Good Friday		360.00		360.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$975.00 collected Mar 4 to Apr 3, 2024

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 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**

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**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
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.

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

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).

BAKE SALE

The English Charismatic Prayer Group will have a bake sale on the weekend of **April 27th and 28th. They would also have a retreat to Mt. Alvernia on the weekend of May 24th to the 26th. The cost of the trip is \$275 for the weekend and \$75 for the bus.**

FAMILY MASS

We will have our monthly family Mass on Saturday, April 20th at 5 P.M.

VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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.



What is Divine Mercy? How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

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

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

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

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen