

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

Office Staff

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

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

Our Lady Of Charity

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries-

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: God Gives the Growth

When, in today's first reading, Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would take a sprig from a tree and turn it into a noble cedar, the people recognized in this prophecy that growth is always in God's hands. He would do more for them than they could imagine. Israel, a nation in exile at the time of this prophecy, would become the nation that the whole world would look to with respect. For from Israel would come the Savior. Every kind of bird, all the nations, would live under the tree of Israel.

The people who heard Jesus tell the parable in today's gospel, the Parable of the Farmer's Life, also shared the wonder of the soil. The farmer works hard during the day, but he cannot make the seed grow into a plant, and the plant produce fruit. God causes the growth. Jesus' point is that like the plants, the Kingdom of God is in God's hands. The workers in the Lord's fields must do their best to create the proper environment for growth, but God causes the growth. The parable comforted the people of the early Church in face of discouragement when their efforts did not seem to be getting them anywhere. Remember, early Christianity grew as a development of the Jewish faith, but the Christians were rejected by the Jews. It must have been difficult for them to explain to the pagan gentiles how Jesus was predicted by the Jewish prophets when the Jews had rejected Him and them. Early Christians were mocked and persecuted by the pagans. They witnessed Peter, Paul and many of their leaders martyred. Persecuted on every side, the early Christians had to trust God to give growth to His Kingdom.

And He did. And He still does. The Church lives on despite the persecution from the Romans, despite the internal dogmatic fights and debates of the second through fifth centuries, despite the Fall of Rome and conquest of the barbarians, despite the corruption from within during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, despite the Christian fratricide of the Reformation, despite the onslaught of rationalists in the last two centuries, despite the clergy sex abuse scandal, despite the attacks on Christians by various radical groups particularly in Asia and Africa, despite those people within the contemporary Church that would turn us against each other, and despite two thousand years of martyrdom aimed at destroying the faith, the Church still lives on, and grows. God gives the growth. He does wonders with our feeble efforts. He turns that which is insignificant into that which is substantial.

We need to recognize God's work in the faith lives of our children, our nation and in our own faith lives. There are many of people reading this who are very upset because you did everything you could to raise your children in the faith. However, your children stopped practicing the faith when they left for college. Then they got married, outside of the Church, and now you have grandchildren who haven't even been baptized. So you ask, "Where did I go wrong?" Well, you did not go wrong. The world got to them. You need to continue to pray that your children will be open to the faith. That seed that you planted may

may spring into a marvelous tree, but only after a long period of time. I have witnessed many people in their forties and fifties returning to the faith of their youth and then becoming devoted Catholics. Ask their parents, "How did this happen?" They would respond, "We planted, but God gave the growth." Dom Hubdert von Zeller, an English spiritual writer, wrote, "The problem is, we want everything settled at once. We want God to do what we would do if we were God." But God works his wonders in His time, not our time. "In the fullness of time, God sent His Son." That means that He waited until the time was right to send Him.

Many people are upset by the recent survey that showed a decline in the number of Catholics in the United States. Well, first of all, the report fails to consider the continual impact of migrants to our country from the Catholic countries of Latin America. That mistake aside, we should be concerned, but our concern should be tempered by the large number of young Catholics devoted to the faith.

We also need to recognize the wonders of God's hand in our own lives. Does our faith mean more to us today than it did twenty years ago, or even ten years ago? I think most of us would say, "Yes" to that question. Well, how does it happen that we are more determined to live our faith now than we had been? It happens because God continues to give growth to the faith.

We are members of the greatest society the world has ever seen. We are members of the Kingdom of God. We are members of the Church. No matter what the media may say, we are part of the only truly relevant organization in the world. We give meaning to the whole purpose of existence. The Church continues to grow; for the Lord, not people, gives the growth.

When we are confronted with those who compare the numbers of priests and priest-less parishes and the numbers of Catholics to figures of sixty years ago, we need to remember that the Church will exist until the Second Coming of the Lord. The Church will adjust and flourish in the future just as it has in the past. And it will grow, for God gives it growth.

And when we are confronted with immorality on all sides, when we are convinced that the world will soon be coming to an end because so many people are behaving so poorly, we need to remember that the Church not only lives on through the muddle and the mire of the world, it actually grows. You and I also grow as long as we do everything we can to stay united to the Church. For in the face of turmoil, outside us and within us, God gives his Church growth.

St. Paul wrote in today's second reading: we walk by faith, not by sight. We need to be strong members of the Church, and God will work the miracle of His growth.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun June 16	Ez17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Mon June 17	1 Kgs 21: 1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tue June 18	1 Kgs 21: 17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wed June 19	2 Kgs 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu June 20	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Fri June 21	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Sat June 22	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Recy Brown , Shevawn Hutchinson , Stephanie Jacobs , Pauline Joseph , Brenda Crockwell , Patricia Griffith , Helen Daniels ,Destiny Judah , Sandra Jackson Sr., Tahliah King ,
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 : For all Fathers and fathers to be that they will have a relationship with God the Father , God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,
We pray to the Lord.

ALTAR BREAD : For the month of June is donated by
We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of June in 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, June 15th	5 PM Vigil Mass for John B. Casey, Sr., R.I.P., Requested by Margaret Mary Casey
Sunday, June 16th	11:30 AM Mass for Jeannette Sultan, R.I.P., Requested by Antonio Sultan
Saturday, June 22nd	5 PM Vigil Mass for Fabian & Bernard Milburn, R.I.P., Requested by Theresa Milburn

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 15	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for Wilhems Desdunes by mom, Yolette Desdunes
Sunday June 16	7:30am –For our sick parish members by Floe Patrick 9:30am –I.L.M. Felipe Gomez by wife, Milagros Gomez 11:30am –In memory of Simeon & Glenroy King by the Seales family 1:30pm –I.L.M. of Immacula Michel by Marie Coeur Altidor
Monday June 17	7:30am – Healing of all kinds for Theresa Smart & child 9:00am – Thanksgiving to God by Ida Wilson
Tuesday June 18	7:30am –Birthday blessings for Josee Ambroise 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Sharon Lewis
Wednesday June 19	7:30am – For living & deceased fathers 9:00am – Thanking God for his blessings & protection while serving in the military for over 20 years by Emmanuel Ambroise
Thursday June 20	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Cracker 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Cracker
Friday June 21	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Myrna Mendez by family 9:00am – For living & deceased fathers
Saturday June 22	8:00am – Merci Notre Dame by Loseille D. Altigrace

CANDLE JUNE 16TH—JUNE 22nd

Birthday blessings, for Betty Ferguson requested by Cita Ferguson

BREAD & WINE FOR JUNE

BREAD : Thanksgiving to God requested by Evelyn Barreau

WINE: Birthday blessings for Mardochee Norzea requested by Evelyn Barreau

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 Bel-fon, 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, Ian Fox, Carrie Frasier, Sherwin Fung, 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, Tai Lambert, 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, 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, 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, Sabrinia Guess , Daphne & Golda Critchlow , Gwen & Helena Pugh, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson , Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling ,Judith Prosper ,Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Marge Holas, Hermelene Thomas, Althea Gordon, Maureen Walter, Khalilah Saleem, Quarless family, Kato Pollydore 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, 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 06/16/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

+ **9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED –Will resume in October**

+ **10:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal**

+ **11:30 AM Mass (Father's Day) – (Live Stream)**

+ **After Mass - HOSPITALITY**

+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

MONDAY 06/17/24

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

FRIDAY 06/21/24

+ **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (About to start the Book of John)**

SATURDAY 06/22/24

+ **4 PM Confession**

+ **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**

+ **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**

+ **8 PM Light Fest Prayer Group-Via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>

COLLECTION 06/08– 06/09/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	31	1,084.00	161.00	1,245.00
7:30 AM	95	3,350.00	415.50	3,765.50
9:30 AM	70	1,045.00	280.50	1,325.50
11:30 AM	57	1,542.00	517.86	2,059.86
1:30 PM	45	682.00	123.00	805.00
L.I.R.	12	1,065.00	—	1,065.00
Total	304	8,768.00	1,497.86	10,265.86

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	20	880.50	68.00	948.50
10:00AM	21	627.00	200.00	827.00
Total	41	1,507.50	268.00	1,775.50

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	44	1,598.00	—	1,598.00
Total	44	1,598.00	—	1,598.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$970.00 collected
June 1 to June 11, 2024

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

	Apr - Jul 20	Apr - Jul 19	% Change
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%

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

ALL ARE INVITED to join St. Gregory the Great BIBLE STUDY meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM with Catherine Abdullah Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Bible Study is beginning the Gospel of John

(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)

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

(ALL ARE WELCOME!)

(SEE CHANGE) LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP Meets In Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every **"SECOND SATURDAYS"** of the month in the Rectory'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

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

Sunday school Closed. Will resume October, 2024

Parents we encourage the children to attend Mass on Saturdays or Sundays during the break, unless they are traveling.

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

ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING

Saturday, September 28th, 2024 to Atlantic City Resort's Casino.

Bus leaving at 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE CHANGE: The Parents Support Group will host **HOSPITALITY HOUR** on **Sunday June 30th, 2024** after the 11:30 AM Mass.

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, June 23RD at 4PM. THEME: "RETURN TO THE LORD"

VENUE: St. Gregory the Great Church, entrance on St. Johns Place, corner of Brooklyn Avenue

Donation: \$30 – Adults \$15 – Children

Tickets are available of purchase by Senior Choir Members

Evenings of Inquiry scheduled for men that are interested in the Diaconate-Fall 2024

Brooklyn: Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 7PM
St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

& Queens: Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 7PM
Holy Family at 175-20 74th Avenue, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

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: stmatthewredu@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: stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

***ENSKRISYON YO AP FÈT KOUNYE A
BATÈM, PREMYÈ SENT KOMINYON
AK KONFIMASYON.***

Pou plis enfòmasyon sou kondisyon enskripsyon oswa lòt keksyon ou ta genyen, kontakte nou nan: (215) 576-4124
Email: stmatthewredu@stmatthew-brooklyn.org

PARISH REGISTRATION

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Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

Today's Date _____

ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

GIFT SHOP

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

VOCATIONS

“Here are my mother and my brothers.” Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single - hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? .Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

ST. MATTHEW GROUP OF HOPE

Is hosting their annual Bake Sale, Raffle and BBQ on Sunday, June 23rd.

Time: Bake sale starts after the 7:30 A.M. Mass
BBQ starts after the 11:30 A.M. Mass

Place: In front of the Church (1123 Eastern Parkway)

Raffle: One Grand prize of \$500.

Price of a single ticket is \$5 and the raffle drawing is at 5 P.M.

Bake sale and BBQ sold separately

Tickets can be purchased from members of the group or in the rectory

RETREAT

The Haitian Community will have a mini retreat on Saturday, June 22nd in the Parish Center starting at 10A.M.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration forms for the School of Religion for new and returning students are now available at the doors of the Church, in the Parish Center & in the Rectory. For new students, please attach a copy of your child’s baptism certificate, if not baptized attach a copy of their birth certificate.

RECTORY CLOSING

The rectory will be closed on Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19th. We will reopen on Thursday, June 20th.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

A Father's Day Prayer of Hope

Dear God, We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life.
We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever,
Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real.

We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy.

We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way.

We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say “no” to what is wrong, and to say “yes” to what is right.

We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives.

We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else.

Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you, God, that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today, we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

(by [Debbie McDaniel](#))

*Happy Fathers’ Day
Joyeuse fête des Pères
Feliz Día del Padre*