

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 10:00am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

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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Catholic Cemeteries-

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time: The Dynamic Presence

This week we come to the climax of John 6. It is not the last Sunday that we have this reading. Next week we'll consider the disciples suggestion that Jesus "tone down" his teaching. That's the conclusion. Today we have the climax.

John 6 is about sustenance. It is about eating. It is about nourishment. It is about the Eucharist.

It is not eating like we normally eat. Normally, when we eat, we assimilate the food. Forgive my simplification, but basically, our body breaks down the food, takes the nutrients it needs, and feeds our cell system. In a sense, the food becomes part of us, although not as much of us as the guy who eats so much chicken that he starts growing feathers. I guess I should qualify that, because I have met a large number of people who share my Italian heritage who look like they have been turned into meatballs. Still, eating is about what we do with the food. We assimilate the food.

But that is not what happens when we receive the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist, the food assimilates us. When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus transforms us. Instead of the food taking on our life, we take on the life of the Lord. We just heard: "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

The attraction of the Eucharist is dynamic. Jesus is dynamic. When we receive communion or when we come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, we don't just kneel before a static object. It is not a crucifix or a statue that reminds us of something. This is Jesus. The One Who Is. When we receive communion or come to adoration, we come before the dynamic, powerful Presence who speaks to us through the life He has given us.

How great is our God. He has found a way for each of us to have continual, intimate encounters with Him. Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the Eucharist is the Dynamic Presence that grasps us and makes us His Own.

The fundamental action of Jesus's life, the reason why He became one of us, was the gift of Himself in His passion, death and resurrection: the Paschal Event. The gift of His sacrificial love re-established our union with God and our capacity to share in his immortality. Or to put it simply: because He died for us we can live forever with him.

When Jesus gave us his Body and Blood the night before he died and when he gives us his Body and Blood every time we receive communion, the Lord gives us the total sacrifice of himself to his Father. "This is my Body which shall be given up for you. This is the cup of my Blood, the new and everlasting covenant that shall be shed for you and for all until the end of time." When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus is present as the Servant of God who in his sacrificial death is saving us all. Right here,

right now. Today's Gospel states: "The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal." In the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist we receive Jesus saving his people.

When we receive communion, we receive Jesus saving us now. We receive Christ strengthening us and transforming our joys and sorrows into prayers to his Father. Our union with Christ in the Eucharist is union with Christ in passion, death and resurrection. Sometimes we are full of the joy of the Resurrection, sometimes the sorrow of the Passion, but always we are strengthened by the one who gives us his body and blood. The Lord is always in action. His Presence is dynamic.

The first reading speaks about the Wisdom of God. God has built a house and invited us to a dinner. "Come and eat and drink and live forever," He says. He gives us the dream of living in peace and happiness totally united to Him for all eternity.

In the beginning of the second reading we heard about our human failures. And all of us can be overwhelmed by our humanity. We desire union with God. This union is given by Jesus in his Paschal triumph, His passion, death and resurrection. We give thanks to God for all that He has done for us.

And it is God who has done great things for us, not us for God. Sometimes we treat Union With God as just another item on our "to do" list. It is as though we come to Church to keep God happy. He does not need us. We need Him. We may come to Church with the attitude that we are winning our salvation, as though we were capable of usurping the power of God. We think that we decide what God can and cannot do to effect our salvation. That's the beginning of today's gospel. It is a Pelagian attitude. That was a heresy we all share a bit in that says "I can cause my own salvation." No, it is not about me. It is about Jesus. Everything that matters is about Jesus. He saves me, and He does it for only one reason: He loves me.

The marvelous paradox of our Eucharistic relationship with Jesus is that the more we have Him, the hungrier we are for Him. Only, God in His Infinite Wisdom could find a way to satisfy our hungry hearts while leaving us hungry for Him. We can't get enough of Him. We never will until we are fully united to Him in heaven.

Today we pray for the Gift of the Holy Spirit called Reverence. May we revere the Dynamic Presence that assimilates Us into Himself every time we receive His Body and Blood.

Msgr. J. Pellegrino

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Aug 18	Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Mon Aug 19	Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22
Tue Aug 20	Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wed Aug 21	Ez 34: 1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thu Aug 22	Ez 36: 23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Fri Aug 23	Ez 37: 1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Sat Aug 24	Rv 21: 9-14; Jn 1:45-51

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Horace Mathis Jr. , Kayle & Kamille Sabio , Ethan Alexander Burtel Batson Jr. , T Shana Mitchell , Cassandra Douglas , Jenesis Jacobs , Arlene Lee , Travis Clement , Harmony Scott , Patricia Mortley , Cecil Bowen , D Andre Reid ,
We pray to the Lord


TODAY'S MASS : We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of August is donated by the Haynes family

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Mr. & Mrs. Winston Robin , Mr. & Mrs. Prince Gittens,
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.**

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

	Sanctuary Lamp for Carl Callender, R.I.P., Requested by The Callender Family
Saturday, August 17 th	5 PM Mass for Jahnya Gilkes, In Thanksgiving for Life, Requested by The Gilkes Family
Sunday, August 18 th	10 AM Mass for Arthur Jack, R.I.P., Requested by The Family
Monday, August 19 th	Funeral Arrangements for Mrs. Catherine DeLeon Viewing: 5pm to 7pm Funeral Mass: 7pm
Saturday, August 24 th	11:30 AM Memorial Mass for Bishop Guy Sansaricq, R.I.P., Requested by The Haitian Apostolate & 5 PM Vigil Mass for Alford Corriette, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 17	8:00pm – Anniversary of Ordination for Fr. Mark Itua by his Mom
Sunday August 18	7:30am – 80th birthday blessings for Carlotta Holder 9:30am – Birthday blessings in heaven Pablo Enrique Garcia & Marco Antonio Amaya by the Rochez family 11:30am – Birthday blessings in heaven Theresa Hewitt by Sylvia Hewitt & family 1:30pm – I.L.M. of Immacula Michel by Marie Coeur Altidor
Monday August 19	7:30am – I.L.M. of Miguel Mera Francisca Anzu by Gracela Arana & family 9:00am – Birthday blessings Emile L. Desdunes by grandma, Yolette Desdunes
Tuesday August 20	7:30am – Healing for my aunt, Merle Richards by Letitia Pavy 9:00am – I.L.M. of Rosa Villafranco Simiona Lina by Gracela Arana & family
Wednesday August 21	7:30am – Thanksgiving to God by Josephine Blanchard 9:00am – Wedding anniversary blessings for Sherwin & Monefa Delauney by family
Thursday August 22	7:30am – God's healing blood on Daniel David Mendez 9:00am – R.I.P. Elenora Anthony by Shelly & family
Friday August 23	7:30am – That the blood of Christ & the intercession of the Blessed Mother heal & strengthen Sylvia St. Louis 9:00am – Peace, love, joy, happiness & healing for our parishioners
Saturday August 24	8:00am – I.L.M. of Beverly Mitchell by the Mitchell family.



CANDLE AUGUST 18-24



In loving memory of my dad, Constant Barreau requested by Evelyn Barreau

BREAD & WINE FOR AUGUST



In loving memory of Pascual Rodriguez requested by the Dorsinville family

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Hillary Amarosa, 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, Isabella Bugett, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Eslyn Canning, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden, Cecilia Clovie, Mahalia Clunis, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Golda Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Marcella Desandies, 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, 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, Roberta Jennings, 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, Daniel David Mendez, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Oloff, Keena Ollivierre, Margaret Otumba, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharonie 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, Elizabeth Rivera, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Fr. Robert Seay, 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, Malik Wellington, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, 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, Conrad Lord, Christine Hudson & family, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrina Guess, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Golda & Daphne Crithlow, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Hermelene Thomas, Marge Holas, 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, **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 08/18/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

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

+ **10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)**

+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

MONDAY 08/19/24

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

FRIDAY 08/23/24

+ **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (Studying the Book of Exodus)**

SATURDAY 08/24/24

+ **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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

[pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

COLLECTION 08/10– 08/11/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	26	1,357.00	186.00	1,543.00
7:30 AM	77	2,321.00	417.00	2,738.00
9:30 AM	53	1,096.46	337.25	1,433.71
11:30 AM	58	1,407.00	521.20	1,928.20
1:30 PM	40	657.00	158.00	815.00
L.I.R.	9	685.00	—	685.00
Total	263	7,423.46	1,619.45	9,142.91

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	17	700.00	137.00	837.00
10:00AM	25	633.00	262.00	895.00
Total	42	1,333.00	399.00	1,732.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	43	1,445.00	—	1,445.00
Total	43	1,445.00	—	1,445.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,000.00 collected
August 1 to August 13, 2024

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY,
GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD, MERCI
POUR VOTRE GENEROSITE**

***YEARLY EXPENSES FOR
ST. MATTHEW ;OUR LADY OF
CHARITY AND ST. GREGORY —
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S
BULLETIN***

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 Book of Exodus
(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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlWSDArUT09>

. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 782362442148 and pass code 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.) (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

(SEE CHANGE) LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP Meets In Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every "**SECOND SATURDAY**" 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.

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.

St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church Worship Site of St. Matthew Parish **BUILDING REPAIR RAFFLE**. Drawing September 8th, 2024 on The Feast of Saint Gregory the Great after the 11:30AM Mass. Donation: \$25.00 – Checks payable to St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church. **ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD. PLEASE RETURN TICKET STUB** with necessary information requested along with MONEY by August 19th, 2024. If you decide that you would support our efforts in another way, you may send a contribution to St. Gregory the Great Church with memo "Building Fund".

Thank you for your continued support.

Grand Prize: \$1,000.00;

1st Prize: \$300 and 2nd Prize: \$100.00

You are all invited to attend a **MEMORIAL MASS for Bishop Guy Sansaricq** for the Repose of His Soul 3 years of his passing hosted by The Haitian Apostolate on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 at 12 Noon here at St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church.

ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING

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

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

Heritage Committee of St. Gregory the Great Luncheon on October 19th, 2024 at St. Teresa of Avila Church located at 555 Sterling Place (Franklin & Classon Aves.) Time: 12pm to 5pm Tickets Adults: \$40 and Kids: \$20. **There will be music by DJ Page, our very own Ms. Nicole Davis and the Internationally Renowned Opera and Concert Singer, Mr. Everett Suttle**

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.

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Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

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.

C'est la préparation de Ceux qui ne sont pas catholiques mais qui veulent le devenir. RCIA prépare ces personnes à recevoir le sacrement de baptême.

Es el proceso para preparar los no católicos que están interesados en pasa a ser miembros de la iglesia católica. También prepara católicos para completar el sacramento de la iniciación.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIACION

- ◆ Saturday 7:30PM-8:00PM or anytime by appointment in the Rectory.
- ◆ Samedi 7:30PM-8:00PM ou du moins appelez du presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- ◆ Sábados de 7:30PM-8:00PM o cualquier otra hora por cita.

MARRIAGE/MARIAGE/MATRIMONIOS

*Arrangements must be made AT LEAST six (6) months in advance

*Contacter le presbytere au moins (6) l'avance.

*Arreglos deben ser hechos por lo menos seis (6) meses por adelante.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/LES MALADES/LOS ENFERMOS

- * Sick & Homebound can receive the sacrament of anointing from a priest and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory
- * Ceux qui sont très maladies et ne peuvent pas sortir de leur maison jeu vent recevoir le sacrement d'extrême onction d'un prêtre de la paroisse, la sainte communion d'un ministre de l'eucharistie appelle au presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- * Puede recibir el Sacramento de los enfermos por un sacerdote. En tiempos regulares puede recibir Sagrada Comunion de uno de nuestro ministros de la Comunion Favor notificar la rectoria.

BAPTISM/BAPTEME/BAUTISMO

- ◆ Registration and preparation in our baptismal class is required. Please contact the Rectory for date and time of our next class.
- ◆ Tous ceux ou celles qui voudraient recevoir le baptême doivent se faire enregistrer au presbytere pour prendre part aux cours avant la réception de ce sacrement. Pour plus d'information, composez le 718-774-6747
- ◆ Registracion y participacion en nuestras clases bautismal es un requisito para el bautismo. Favor de encontrar el diacono Cruz para fijar la fecha y clases

GIFT SHOP

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

VOCATIONS

“I will raise him up on the last day” If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ 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 and
First Fridays from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.**

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.”

(Pope John II)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 1st - We will have our regular Mass Schedule: 7:30—ENGLISH
9:30—SPANISH
11:30—ENGLISH
1:30—KREYOL**

Monday September 2nd - Labor Day— One Mass @ 9 A.M. followed by procession onto the parkway. If you are going onto the parkway with us you must purchase a T-shirt from the rectory. The cost of the T-shirt is \$15. We also have caps and golf towels on sale

+ First Friday, September 6th - Exposition after the 9 A. M. Mass to Noon & 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

+ Friday September 13th - Exposition, Praise & Worship from 7 P.M. to Midnight

+ Saturday, September 14th - Holy Name Society Bus Trip

+ REVIVAL—Tuesday, September 17th—Thursday, September 19th

+ PRAYER BREAKFAST - Saturday, September 21st @ 9 A.M.

WHAT IS CONSECRATION?

Consecration is to devote yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to carry out His will on this earth. It is an act of unconditional surrender to God. through the act of consecration, we dedicate ourselves abundantly, wholeheartedly, and completely to the will of God, surrender our distractions and selfishness and promise to faithfully respond to God’s grace in our lives.

In the Book of Exodus, after the incident with the golden calf, Moses realized that the people had lost their way, and so he called them together and said, “Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord... that He may bestow upon you a blessing this day.” (Exodus 32:39)

In the first Book of Chronicles, after God chose his son Solomon to lead, David gave everything he had over to God and the people of Israel. And then he asked, “Who else among you will contribute generously and consecrate themselves to the Lord this day?” (1 Chronicles 29:5)

In the book of Joshua, God’s chosen people entered the Promised Land after wandering in the desert for 40 years. Joshua asked people to carry the Ark of the Covenant before the people and said, “Consecrate yourselves to the Lord, for tomorrow He will do wonders among you.”(Joshua 3:5) For the Jewish people, the Ark of the Covenant was God’s dwelling place on earth. God’s presence among them.

The Eucharist is God dwelling among us. And so, today I say to you with Moses, David, and Joshua: “Consecrate your selves to the Lord that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.”

“Who else among you will contribute generously and consecrate themselves to the Lord this day.”

“Consecrate yourselves to the Lord for tomorrow he will do wonders among you.”

Catholics have consecrated themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Saint Joseph, Saint Raphael, Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint Anne, the Holy Spirit, the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mediatrix of all Grace, Our Lady of Fatima , Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our lady of Sorrows, and to the Holy Trinity.

I believe its time we consecrated ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist—it is time for Eucharistic Consecration.

Excerpt from Matthew Kelly