

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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Office Hours:

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

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22nd Sunday : Religion, Being Tied to God

In today's first reading, from Deuteronomy Moses teaches the people to recognize the great gift they have received, the Law of God. It might seem strange to us to consider this a gift, but to the Hebrew people the law demonstrated God's love for them. They knew what they had to do to be His people. They knew that God was close to them. They had experienced His Power whenever they called upon Him. He had led them out of Egypt.

He had given them water and food in the desert. He had defeated the Egyptians and would go on to defeat their other enemies. The Law tied them to God. This was their religion. The word religion comes from the Latin word *ligare* which means to be tied to something or someone.

The Pharisees were determined followers of the Law. But, instead of using the law as the way to honor God, they used it as a way to attack others. Some Pharisees declared that common every day people could not possibly follow all the statutes of God and thus would be condemned. They constructed guard rails around the law, additional laws to prevent the law from being broken. For example, the third commandment, Keep Holy the Sabbath, had the guard rail around it that no work could be permitted on the Sabbath. Around this were additional guard rails defining work; so taking more than forty steps to a well for water would be work. These guard rails became the traditional way of life for the Hebrew. Jesus quoted the prophet

Isaiah:

This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.

What then is religion? How should people be tied to God. In today's second reading, The Letter of James answers this question: Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The orphans and widows had no one to care for them. They were vulnerable. Pure religion cares for those who are vulnerable.

Who, then, are the vulnerable in our society? Who are the people that have no one to care for them? Widows and orphans, certainly, but there are so many more people who are vulnerable. Those who are physically or mentally challenged are vulnerable. If we are determined to be religious, then we need to care for these people. We need to establish hospitals for the sick, treatment centers for those who are mentally challenged. Did you know that the Roman Catholic Church is the largest non-government provider of health care services in the world? It has around 18,000 clinics, 16,000 homes for the elderly and those with special needs, and 5,500 hospitals, with 65 percent of them located in developing countries. The Roman Catholic Church is religious.

Who else are the vulnerable in our society? Children. They are being preyed upon by the porn industry. The Church has been determined to fight this blight to save our children. The Church is religious. Children need protection. They trust their parents, their teachers and all who have authority over them to keep them safe while at the same time helping them reach their potential. The History of Catholic Education in the United States extends from the early colonial era in Louisiana and Maryland to the parochial school system set up in most parishes in the 19th century, to hundreds of colleges, all down to the present.

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Who else are the vulnerable of our society? Those who secular society has placed on its fringes. People who are struggling with their gender identity, people who are forced to leave their homelands to support their families, people who cannot work and are thus homeless, and many, many more are all vulnerable. The Catholic Church has continued to reach out to all these people.

The Catholic Church is religious.

Do you and I recognize the vulnerable around us? Do we see those who need our help and respond to their needs, or do we just put them out of our minds? Are we religious? Are we tied to God?

A great blessing of my many years as a pastor is witnessing so many parishioners reaching out to those with needs. Anytime I have asked people to care for others, there has been an overwhelming outpouring of time, talent and treasure. You respond because you are religious. You are tied to God.

At the end of today's gospel, Jesus speaks about those things that defile a person. He lists the negatives within the hearts of sinful people. The Lord also recognizes the opposite, those things within a person that lead him or her closer to God. For within a person there are truth, beauty and love. Within a person there is the determination to live for God. All these are really gifts of grace planted within a person by the Lord. They show their presence when that person is generous, truthful, kind, empathetic, and wise, to name a few virtues. When we treasure that which is within us, the very presence of God, we cannot help but serve His presence in others.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The symbol of the Christian is the Cross. The cross is both a reminder of the sacrificial gift of the Lord and a call to join the Lord in the unique and only true love that exists, sacrificial love. By reaching out to others, by sacrificing ourselves for others, we take steps out of our selves and leap into the Love of God.

Religion is not difficult. All that is required of us is for us to take a close look at our interior attitudes and then let our external actions be a reflection of whom we are, followers of Jesus Christ, religious people, people tied to God.

| WEEKLY READINGS | |
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| Sun Sept 1 | Dt 4:1-6,6-8, Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 |
| Mon Sept 2 | 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tue Sept 3 | 1 Cor 2: 10-16; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wed Sept 4 | 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thu Sept 5 | 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Fri Sept 6 | 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Sat Sept 7 | 1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5 |

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Christina Jordan , Enid Johnson , Omoye Gabrielle Warren , Peaches Hayling , Randy Lewis , Michael Phillips , Mother Robera Jennings , Gabrielle Pearson , Jamal Campbell, Louis Leysath , Shernise St. Rose , Camille Brown , Gillian Hillaire , Monique Hunter , Bonita Jones ,
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 :
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

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| Saturday, August 31st | 5 PM Vigil Mass for Jason Hutchings, Jr. & Cheron McLean, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Janice Boyce-Hutchings |
| Sunday, Sept. 1st | 11:30 AM Mass for Curtis Smith, Jr., Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Life, Health & Strength, Requested by Maria Clouden |
| First Friday, Sept. 6th | 10 AM Mass for Cornelia Robergeau, R.I.P., Requested by The Family & 4 PM to 7 PM Viewing & Wake Service for Iyanna Gilkes |
| First Saturday, Sept. 7th | 10:15 AM Funeral Mass for Iyanna Gilkes & 5 PM Vigil Mass for Linda Norde Champagne, R.I.P., Requested by her aunt Claudette |

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday August 31 | 8:00pm – Thanksgiving & healing for Jaylen Almarales Ferdinand & Rosalind Almarales Charles by Tricia Almarales |
| Sunday September 1 | 7:30am – Altar Rosary Society 9:30am –a. I.L.M. of Diego Antonio Amadiz by Clara Amadiz b. R.I.P. Teresa Antonio by Agustin Garcia c. Wedding anniversary blessings for Nicolas & Odeth Sevilla 11:30am –For the people of the parish 1:30pm –Thanksgiving for Aniya Imaree Pierre by Marie Coeur Altidor |
| Monday September 2 Labor Day | 9:00am – For the West Indian/American Day Carnival Association, for safety and for our efforts at evangelization. |
| Tuesday September 3 | 7:30am – Thanksgiving to God by Lawrence Felix 9:00am – Thanksgiving to St. Matthew by Carmen Edouard |
| Wednesday September 4 | 7:30am – Blessings for my children & grandchildren by Miranda David 9:00am – Healing for Aron Mahon by Lawrence Felix |
| Thursday September 5 | 7:30am – Birthday blessings for Althea Pierre 9:00am – Blessings for Miranda David |
| Friday September 6 | 7:30am – Birthday blessings Nicholas A. Springer by mother, Myrna Mendez 9:00am – Blessings & thanksgiving for the entire community by Althea Pierre |
| Saturday September 7 | 8:00am – Birthday blessings for Tasha Hinds by St. Matthew Staff |



CANDLE SEPTEMBER 1-7



For those who are in need of food, shelter, clothing & health care

BREAD FOR SEPTEMBER



Birthday blessings for Uphita Clarke

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, John Daniel, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, all families represented here today.

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under employed, end to gun violence and for world peace,

We pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 09/01/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

- + **9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED -Will resume in October**
- + **11:30 AM Mass – (Live Stream)**
- + **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

MONDAY 09/02/24 – LABOR DAY- RECTORY

OFFICE CLOSED

- + **9 AM Labor Day Mass – St. Matthew Church-Parade immediately following on the Parkway**
- + **NO 7:30 PM Rehearsal-Church**

FIRST FRIDAY 09/06/24

- + **10 AM Mass and Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel – Rectory basement**
- + **7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom (Studying the Book of Exodus)**

FIRST SATURDAY 09/07/24

- + **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 08/24- 08/25/2024

ST. MATTHEW

| Mass | Envelopes | Envelope Collection | Loose money | Totals |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8:00 PM | 21 | 792.00 | 219.00 | 1,011.00 |
| 7:30 AM | 86 | 2,731.55 | 348.00 | 3,079.55 |
| 9:30 AM | 67 | 1,083.58 | 376.10 | 1,459.68 |
| 11:30 AM | 63 | 1,442.00 | 410.00 | 1,852.00 |
| 1:30 PM | 30 | 460.00 | 168.00 | 628.00 |
| L.I.R. | 18 | 667.00 | — | 667.00 |
| Total | 285 | 7,176.13 | 1,521.10 | 8,697.23 |

ST. GREGORY

| Mass | Envelopes | Envelope Collection | Loose money | Totals |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 5 PM | 12 | 492.00 | 110.00 | 602.00 |
| 10:00AM | 19 | 622.00 | 113.00 | 735.00 |
| Total | 31 | 1,114.00 | 223.00 | 1,337.00 |

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

| Mass | Envelopes | Envelope Collection | Loose money | Totals |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 10:00AM | 49 | 2,247.00 | — | 2,247.00 |
| Total | 49 | 2,247.00 | — | 2,247.00 |

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,530.00 collected
JULY 29 to August 28, 2024

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

| INCOME | Jan – June 2024 | Jan-Jun 2023 | CHANGE |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| COLLECTION | \$ 463,241 | \$484,004 | (20,763) |
| RENTAL INCOME | 280,457 | 260,410 | 20,047 |
| DONATIONS/ FUNDRAISING | 58,690 | 30,214 | 28,476 |
| OTHER | 17,060 | 1,622 | 15,438 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 819,448 | 776,250 | 43,198 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| SALARIES | 380,494 | 411,038 | 30,089 |
| MAINTENANCE | 82,778 | 97,198 | 14,419 |
| OFFICE EXPENSE | 68,823 | 69,626 | 803 |
| PROGRAMS | 2,408 | 6,396 | 3,988 |
| ALTAR SUPPLIES | 9,655 | 14,393 | 4,738 |
| UTILITIES | 127,757 | 93,675 | (34,083) |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE | 192,841 | 181,601 | (11,240) |
| TOTAL 3 EXPENSE | 865,212 | 873,296 | 8,714 |
| NET INCOME LOSS | (45,764) | (97,675) | 51,912 |

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=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodlIWSDArUT09>

. 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

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,**

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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 presbytère 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 presbytère 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 presbytère 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 rectoría.

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 presbytère pour prendre part aux cours avant la réception de ce sacrement. Pour plus d'information, composez le 718-774-6747
- ◆ Registracion y participación 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

“He willed to give us birth” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is he inviting you to follow him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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 - Our Lady of Charity Caribbean Sunday & book bag giveaway after their 10 A.M. Mass. to 4 P.M. Children must be present to receive a book bag

+ 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 Diocesan T-shirt from the rectory. The cost of the T-shirt is \$10. The rectory is closed on Labor Day.

+ 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

+ Friday, September 13th - We will start reciting the 1,000 Hail Mary's after the 7:30 A.M. Mass. We will stop for the 9 A.M. Mass after which we will Resume praying the 1000 Hail Mary's .

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

Saturday, September 21st— Come celebrate our Feast Day with Mass at 8 A.M. followed by the Prayer Breakfast at 10 A.M

JUST PASSING THROUGH—DAY ONE

For thousands of years, men and women of all faiths have been making pilgrimages. These sacred journeys are powerful experiences that people make in search of God, His will and His favor Most of all, these sacred journeys remind us that life itself is a pilgrimage, and that we are just passing through this place we call Earth.

The wisdom of the young and innocent is unmatched . My five year old son came in to my study to say goodnight. I gave him a huge hug and a kiss and said, “you are delicious Ralphie. I love you for two forever.”

“No Daddy”, he replied.

“What do you mean?” I inquired

“There is only one forever, Daddy”, he said with great Confidence.

“Really?” I questioned again.

“Yes, this life is not forever. We are only passing through this world. The only forever is in heaven with God.”

Lets take a moment and sit with that. This is coming from a five year old. “This life is not forever. We are just passing through this world.

We are pilgrims. Life is a pilgrimage but sometimes we need a pilgrimage to rediscover life. Sacred journeys focus our hearts, minds, bodies and souls on what matters most.

This journey from confusion to clarity allows us to live more fully than ever before with passion and purpose. Are you going to be a pilgrim or a tourist? Tomorrow we will discuss the difference between pilgrims and tourists.

We are pilgrims. Life is a pilgrimage. It is a sacred journey toward a very specific destination. But we forget this or have never been taught it or we get distracted and fall into thinking we are tourists.

Today let us be mindful that we are setting off on a journey together. A journey to the Holy of Holies, to the soul of Christ, to Eucharistic Glory.

Just as the Jewish people ate manna from Heaven during their forty years of wandering in the desert before entering the Promised Land we too eat manna from Heaven during our wanderings on this earth before entering the ultimate promised land in the next life.

The Eucharist is this manna from heaven. The Eucharist is nourishment for the soul, spiritual food for the journey, that connects us to Heaven. Each time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity- we touch heaven. It is this Eucharistic Glory that gives us the patience and courage we need for the sacred pilgrimage we call life.

Trust. Surrender. Believe. Receive.

Lesson: life is a pilgrimage. We are just passing through this world.

Virtue of the day:

Patience: The virtue of patience deepens your ability to meet life's challenges. It is a form of suffering. Though often mild, it does refine character and soul. You can discipline yourself to be patient. This is what the wise and happy do.

Excerpt from Matthew Kelly