

St. Matthew Parish



St. Gregory, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Charity

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Fr. Frank Black

In Residence

Bishop Guy Sansaricq

Priests

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Mass Schedule:

Mon. -Sat. 8:30am; Sat. Vigil-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:00 pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Rosanne Barber Ext.100

D.R.E.: Monica Flemmings

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

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Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am
Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Steven Horka

Office Hours:

Monday:9:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:30am-7:00pm
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Saturday: 10:00am-7:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

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80-01 Metropolitan Ave.
Middle Village, NY 11379
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Freedom from Anger

I used to go on scuba diving trips to the Island of San Salvador, a small island of the Bahamas. There is just a little harbor on the island where the scuba boats leave from, but there are also three or four huge yachts there. The scuba boats were like little ants next to these ships. The yachts have everything. They cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each. Well, one year as we were leaving for a dive, one of the bigger yachts began pulling away from the peer. But there was a problem: someone forgot to untie one of the lines from the dock. The result was that the stern, the back of the ship, could not pull away until either the rope snapped or the stern got busted up. The rope won. The whole back of the ship, fiberglass, shattered. It cost that owner a pretty penny to fix his ship.

That ship had everything you could think of, but something was holding it back, something was causing it to destroy itself. That's what anger does to us. That's what the refusal to forgive does to us. It destroys us.

All of us have been done dirty by others. I have never met anyone who has not been offended by many people in many different ways. And we get angry. And we nurse that anger. We treasure that anger, maybe even to the extent of allowing it to become hatred. And do you know what happens?. Our anger, our hatred, our refusal to forgive holds us back.

"But, Father, you don't know what So and So did to me."

You are right, I don't know. Nor do you know what another So and So did to me. But how can I progress in Christianity if I refuse to let go of the dock that my anger is tied to? And how can you be a Christian if you would rather walk around with the ball and chain of anger instead of run free to love?

"Well, I am going to take this anger to the grave," an elderly lady once told me. That will really fix the person who hurt her, won't it? We cannot be good Christians and allow ourselves be tied down by our anger. Anger, the refusal to forgive, will consume us in the same way it consumed that servant who had been forgiven a great debt but who was still furious with another servant who owed him a mere trifling.

The third image I present to you is the cross. Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross is a reminder of the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. The cross is a reminder of the Gospel of the Lord. St. Paul tells Timothy, "If I do not preach the Gospel of Christ, then the cross loses its power." The Gospel of Christ demands forgiveness. Christianity is definitely not easy. It demands the sacrifice of that grudge that we actually enjoy harboring. The gospel of Christ demands forgiveness when we think we are justified in our anger. The gospel of Christ demands meaning what we pray when we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The gospel of Christ is not easy. It is out and out tough. But by putting our hatred to death, we give life to our love and more importantly, by putting our hatred to death, we give life to His Love. We need each other, and we need Jesus. And we have each other. And we have Jesus. We are the Body of Christ. We are the Church.

Is there someone whom you or I hate? Was there a situation from many years ago that has had a negative impact on our lives? Or maybe it is a recent offense that is gnawing at you or at me. Or maybe you hate yourself. Maybe you did something terrible many years ago and have now decided that you cannot forgive yourself. The gospel for today says, "Let go. Let go of the battle stories. Let go of the hatred." This hatred has turned our lives into a prison. It has been the rope that held us back. We have suffered enough from the past. We are called today into the joy of the Lord. We need to offer up our anger to the Cross. We need to unite our upset to His upset. We need to join Jesus in sacrifice and sacrifice that so called justified grudge. The result of your sacrifice and my sacrifice is to live in the freedom of the daughters and sons of the Lord, free from our worst enemy, free from that which we do to ourselves.

Free to Love.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration in the Chapel:

Monday – Friday

After 9:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon.

The Divine Mercy is recited during the exposition. Benediction every First

Friday at Noon

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)

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Sept 17	Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Mon Sept 18	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tue Sept 19	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wed Sept 20	1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thu Sept 21	Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9: 9-13
Fri Sept. 22	1 Tm 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3
Sat Sept. 23	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Lance Batson, Jabari Baker, Sharon Smith, Mildred Spellman, Clarisa Maloney, Kyle Douglas, Gerard Antoine, Shelly Daniel, Shawn Gardin, Aliyah Guess, Enrique Cobham, Claudine Noel, Ernice Noel,
We pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS Memorial mass for Rudy Walker and Myrtle Vincent, requested by Jean Walker
We pray to the Lord.

ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE: For the month of September is donated in memory of the Europe and Otumba families. **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.**

VICTIMS OF HURRICANES:

Sustain and comfort those in the United States and Caribbean. Direct all our efforts to attend the injured, console the bereaved, and protect the helpless. Deliver any who are still in danger and bring hope and healing that they may find relief and restoration. Through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ST. GREGORY: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 16th	8:30 AM Mass in Chapel for Iva Greenidge, R.I.P., Requested by Joan & Family 5 PM Vigil Mass for Julia Abruzzo, R.I.P., Requested by Eugene Thomas
Sunday, Sept. 17th	11:30 AM Mass for Rita King & Octivia Gladys John, Requested by Dianna Cobb-London
Saturday, Sept. 23rd	5 PM Vigil Mass for Monica Norde Norville, R.I.P., Requested by Her sister Claudette Norde

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Sept. 16	8:00pm – Thanksgiving for the Prayer group by the English Charismatic Group
Sunday Sept. 17	7:30am – R.I.P. Cynthia Beddeau & Neville Ferguson by Floe Patrick 9:30am – a. R.I.P. Julia Vasquez & Virginia Melendez by Gisela Lopez b. For the people of the parish 11:30am – In memory of Francis Franklin & Ewart Seales by the Seales family 1:30pm – In loving memory of Simone Mars by kids & grandkids
Monday Sept. 18	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Fr. Mark Itua by his mom. 9:00am – Special intention for Donica Dielingen by Angela Dielingen
Tuesday Sept. 19	7:30am – R.I.P. Millicent Morgan & Helen Scherer ,in loving memory by Diane Scott 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Daphne Deterville
Wednesday Sept. 20	7:30am –Blessings for Odina Joseph 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Janet Dunbar
Thursday Sept. 21	7:30am – Thanksgiving for St. Yves by Odina Joseph 9:00am – In thanksgiving for 4 evangelists by Jean Francois & Kerolle family
Friday Sept. 22	7:30am – R.I.P. Godfrey Smith by family 9:00am – Birthday blessings for Phoufoune Alert by Berenice Malique
Saturday Sept. 23	8:00am – Thanksgiving for Hasani Hippolyte by Joan & Hermenegild Hippolyte

Divine mercy transforms lives.

This is the miracle of divine mercy: It is available to all of us right now. It is a free and boundless gift from our Father. He has prepared a banquet hall for us, and he invites us all to come. With bold and eager hearts, not allowing unbelief to keep us away, we can enter in and receive all that he has for us.

God's mercy is a fresh, ever-rushing river. Jesus is inviting you today to immerse yourself in his cleansing tide. How great is the love that God lavishes on his children! His mercy is not earned but is given freely. So don't hesitate. Come and surrender to him and receive the freedom, healing, and transformation that spring from the heart of Christ!

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Carmen Allen, Armelle Amilcar, Monica Bain Lewis,
Viva Baker, Melona Barber, Wisel Barber,
Constant Barreau, Evelyn Barreau,
Ejannah Barrett, Catherine Bernard, Elma Figaro
Bernard, Mother Juanita Brathwaite,
Marjorie Brathwaite-Pierre, Silvester Brathwaite,
Ismay Brewster, Diandra Brown, Evelyn Brown,
Cadore & Allen families, Yolande Cadet
Virginia Caesar, Delcia Charles, Germaine Charles,
Amy Clough, Martha Cortez, Louisa Cummins,
Mother Veronica Dale,
Mother Jessey Danzy, Catherine DeLeon,
Carmen Desilva, Berard Desrosiers, Eulalia Diaz,
Deacon Roy Dudley, Lula Durio, John Edgehill,
Stella Emmanuel, Gloria Farley, William Forrester,
Mother Carrie Frasier, Lorna Fyffe, Angela Gabriel,
Cynthia Gairy, Muriel Gomez, William Grayson,
Violetta Hamilton, Estes Holder, Joie Horsford
Danielle Huie, Enid Huntley, Dorothy Irons-Reid,
Serge Jabouin, Annastal Jasmine, Antoinette Jones,
Kallel Joseph, Elaine King, Viola King, Roger Lewis,
Rhoda Lewis, Percival Lewis,
Sampson Lewis, Stephanie Logan, Francisco Lopez,
Carmen D. Lorenzo, Jocelyn Lynch, Barbara Manuel,
Darsen Marcellin, Virginia Marcellin, Theresa Marriott,
Mother Pearl Matthews, Dorothy Mazzio,
Vera McArthur, Leticia McDowell, Dylan Stephens-
McKee, Kerry Mills, Edson Mitchell, Isai Monroe,
Patricia Moorehead, Alicia Mungo, Nelson Munoz,
Patricia Nazire, Suzanna Neil, Wilmot Nedd, Mother
Dolores Olff,
Gabrielle Ortiz, Floe Patrick, Cynthia Pilgrim,
Lettuce Rayson, Catherine Richards, Carlos Rudas,
Fr. Robert Seay, Leonora Speid, Mary Thomas,
Mother Margaret Thompson, Martel Vendryes,
Russell Wilson.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR :

Vida Boyea, Kerry Mills, Oliver Joseph,
Simprina Auguste, Tresa Bascombe, Dawne Lewis,
Griffith, Sandiford, Lewis and Crockwell families. All
students, teachers and principals, President Donald
Trump & family, our Government, prayers and
petitions in our prayer basket, for all Priests especially
those serving at Charity, for Religious Vocations, and
an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and
women serving our country, the elders, all who are
incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers,
We pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY MEETINGS @ ST. GREGORY

WEEK OF SUNDAY 09/17/17 @ ST. GREGORY

+ 10 AM Service - *Marcus Garvey Manor*
+ 10 AM Choir Rehearsal (*Youth, Senior and Schola*)
Church

+ GIFTSHOP+ CREDIT UNION

TUESDAY 09/19/17

+ 7:15 PM Bible Study-*Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 09/20/17

+ 11 AM School Mass - *Holy Cross Church*
+ 7 PM Disciples In Mission-*Rectory Dining Rm.*

THURSDAY 09/21/17

+ After Mass Senior Bible Study-*Rectory basement*
+ 1 PM Rosary Society Board Mtg. - *Rectory basement*

FRIDAY 09/22/17

+ After the Mass - Recitation of The Seven Sorrows of
Our Blessed Mother w/The Rosary Society - *Chapel*

SATURDAY 09/23/17

+ 4 PM-Vigil Choir Rehearsal - *Church*
+ 5 PM Vigil Mass - *Church*
+ 6 PM Light Fest Prayer Group - *Church*
+ 6 PM Young Christian Ministry - *Rectory basement*

WEEK OF SUNDAY 09/17/17 @ ST. MATTHEW

+ 11:45am Legion nidi de la Presentation
+ 1:30pm Youth Ministry

MONDAY 09/18/17

+ 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
+ 7:00 PM Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 09/20/17

+ 11am- Senior Group

FRIDAY 09/22/17

+ 5 PM English Legion of Mary
+ 7 PM Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

SATURDAY 09/23/17

+ 4 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal
+ 4:15 PM Haitian Legion of Mary

O. L C WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

+ 1st, 2nd & 3rd, **Mondays** A .A Group 6pm—9pm
+ 3rd **Tuesdays** 7pm
Liturgy Meeting 7pm
AA Group 6pm-9pm

Thursdays A. A. Group 6pm—9pm
Praise & Worship Team 7pm

+ **Fridays** -Feather Men 5pm

2nd, 3rd & 4th **Saturdays**

Bible & Culture 10am—noon

+ **Every Saturday** Prayer Group 8 am-10

2nd & 4th **Saturdays** Liturgical Dancers

Every Saturday Feathers Meeting 5pm

Every **Sunday** after Mass- Choir Rehearsal

+ 3rd **Sunday**-Baptism

+ 1st & 3rd **Sunday** -Apologetics

ST. MATTHEW REVIVAL

Begins on Monday, September 18 at 7 PM nightly and ends on Thursday September 21st.celebrating St. Matthew Feast Day. Fr. Trevor Nathasingh from Trinidad & Tobago will be the celebrant.

HURRICANE HARVEY

In an effort to provide aid and comfort to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas we will take a collection on the weekend of September 24th.

The funds will be collected through the Catholic Charities National :Disaster Relief Collection, or sent directly to the affected dioceses. All checks should be made payable to the: **Compostela Fund of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn NY** . Thanks in advance for your generosity. @ **ST. MATTHEW**

FR. JOY'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

We will have Fr. Joy's farewell celebration on **Sunday, October 1st at 4 PM IN OUR Parish Center.** Anyone who is interested in donating a dish, money or refreshments, please contact the rectory, you can call or stop by to let us know what you are contributing. **It's very important** that we receive this information since we are working jointly with Our Lady of Charity and St. Gregory and there is a set menu. All are invited to say goodbye to Fr. Joy and thank him for his years of service.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Annual Christmas Raffle is back . This is our only major fundraiser so please make every effort to sell your tickets. Tickets are \$5 each. One book - \$25.00. Two books - \$50.00. If you sell 5 tickets the 6th one is yours free. There are also three consolation prizes

1st Prize— \$2,000.00,
2nd Prize— \$1,500.00,
3rd Prize— \$1,000.00

The raffle will be drawn at our annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 17th at 5:30 PM.
 @ **St. Matthew**

MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass book is now open. You can stop by and book your masses during office hours.
 @ **St. Matthew**

On Saturday, September 30th, 2017 you are all invited to join The ***Usher Board Annual Outing to Atlantic City Resort Casino.*** The bus will depart from St. Johns Place in front of the church at 7:30AM. Breakfast will be served. Tickets will be available for purchase. See the Ushers after Mass. Any questions or additional information, please see John Montanez

Cost: \$45 per person. Voucher: \$15

The Parish ***Fall Masquerade Ball*** will be on **Friday, November 3rd, 2017.** The event will take place at The Villa Russo 101-12 Lefferts Blvd., in Richmond Hill Queens and run from **7:30 pm until 12:30 am.**

There will be music, dancing and chances to win prizes. Included are Cocktail Hour, salad, pasta, one of five entrée choices, desert and open bar. Formal attire suggested. Tickets are **\$130 in advance.**

Weekly and bi-monthly payment plans are available.

Special Collection

The Weekend of September 24th we will take a ***special collection*** in effort to provide aid and comfort to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas wrought by Hurricane Harvey, in the Houston area and Louisiana. @**St. Gregory**

Missionary Appeal

On Saturday, September 31st, 2017 Fr. Romane from the Fathers and Brothers MARYKNOLL Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc. we will be the main Celebrant and Speaker at the 5 PM Vigil Mass to speak about their overseas mission efforts.

Rosary Society

On Sunday, October 1st, 2017 after the 11:30 AM Mass there will be an induction of New Officers for the Rosary Society. **Additional information is forthcoming.**

On Saturday, October 7th marks the **7TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY of the One Thousand Hail Mary Recited by the Rosary Society.** It will take place in the Chapel of the Rectory basement from 9AM-4PM.

On Saturday, October 14th, 2017 you are invited to join The Rosary Society at ***The Rosary Rally*** from 9:30AM to 4PM. Details will follow.

Food Pantry is every other Wednesday from 12-1PM. Sandwiches served Monday through Friday from 12-1pm @ **St. Gregory**

COLLECTION 09/09—09/10

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8 PM	79	1,932.50	319.00	2,251.50
7:30 AM	133	2,765.00	534.29	3,299.29
9:30 AM	65	880.00	377.10	1,257.10
11:30 AM	115	2,620.25	485.65	3,105.90
1:30 PM	59	890.00	150.00	1,040.00
L.I.R.	29	670.00	—	670.00
TOTAL	480	9,757.75	1,866.04	11,623.79

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collec- tion	Loose money	Totals
5:00 pm	16	380.00	103.09	483.09
11:30AM	52	1,345.00	341.30	1,686.30
Grand Total	68	1,725.00	444.39	2,169.39

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Enve- lopes Used	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Total
10am	75	2,531.00	58.00	2,589.00
Free Will	11	341.00	—	341.00
Grand Total	86	2,872.00	58.00	2,930.00

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God; for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess to you: Remember me, O Lord, when you shall come into your kingdom. Remember me, O Master, when you shall come into your kingdom. Remember me, O Holy One, when you shall come into your kingdom. May the partaking of your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body. O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and your life-giving Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL & OFFERING

Our generous parishioners, we are not nearly where we should be for our Annual Catholic appeal goals, please be sure that you are making your pledges and sending in your appeal envelopes. The determination of our diocese, our Church and the future of practicing our faith in the most meaningful way with the holy Eucharist depends on *all* of our generosity. Searching deep within to help those who are more needy than ourselves, helping to keep as many of our churches & schools open, helps ensures that our children can practice their faith in the same way that we do. Allowing Catholic Charities to continue to be a beacon for so many who are in need of food, clothing, & shelter are just some of the help that the appeal lends

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal: As we prepare for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, ***Live in Faith— Give in Love***, we need to remember the purpose of the yearly appeal: to continue to address some of the financial needs that remain unmet— both at the diocesan and local levels. The bulk of these needs remain our support of the core component of Catholic Charities, Catholic Migration Services, Vocation Support, Catholic Education, Faith Formation, Chaplaincies, Care for Retired Priests-and Parish Assistance.

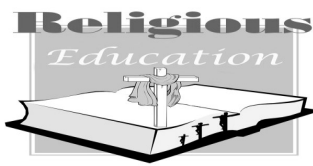
The diocesan goal for the 2017 Appeal has not been raised and remains at 8 million. The individual parish goal remains the same. Remember our goal is based on our assessment: based on your collections.

Our individual Parish goal for the 2017 Annual Catholic appeal is \$112,638.00. This is the goal for the entire Parish, this includes the 3 faith communities, St. Matthew R.C. Church, St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church and Our Lady of Charity R. C. Church. Knowing the goodness of our parishioners when we see the need, we respond! Again, this year, the Bishop has agreed to gift back all monies collected over the goal to the Parish. This will help us to meet some of the needs for our parish. We are counting on all of us to come together as a community and make the pledges to help sustain our parish and to help those who help shepherd us and those who help the poor.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for making the sacrifice to help out those that are in most in need. May God continue to bless St. Matthew Parish with its three faith communities.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION @ ST. MATTHEW



School of Religion @ St. Matthew
IS NOW CLOSED.

School of Religion @ Our Lady of Charity
Registration for school of religion is **ongoing**

School of Religion @ St. Gregory
Registration for Sacrament is **ongoing**

RECONCILIATION:

Confessions @ 7:30pm Saturday's or by appointment

MARRIAGE:

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

We urge everyone to register in the parish. Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months.
Please register @ the rectory.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

BAPTISM:

To have your child baptized in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, you must show:

1. Proof that you live in the geographical boundaries of the Church you wish to have the baby baptized. (e.g. electric bill). If you live outside the boundaries of the Church you wish to have your baby baptized, you must get a permission letter from the Catholic church closest to where you live granting you permission to have your baby baptized outside of the geographical area.
2. Your baby is allowed **one** god mother and **one** god father, each must be Catholic, practicing their faith (letter from the Church stating this), and have their confirmation certificate. The baby can be baptized with only one god parent.
3. One parent must be baptized Catholic and have their baptism certificate 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 the name we give to the process that guides people in their decision to enjoy full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA is offered in Spanish, Kreyol & English and are 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
- ◆ Want 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.