**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2016**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2016**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Remerciement à Dieu- anniversaire de

 naissance de Edna Fero- par son amie, Emie

 Francois

9:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Birthday blessings for Suzanne Weinstein -

 by sister Norma

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

No Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Marie Thérese Antoine - par

 son fils, Eddy Antoine

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM En l’honneur de l’Immaculee Conception -

 par Idovica

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2016**

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for a special grace -

 Sharon Taylor and family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2016**

8:00 AM Repose of the soul of Marie Therese Marcel

 - by the Family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Readings for the Week of December 4th, 2016**

Monday: IS 4:2-6/MT 8:5-11

Tuesday: IS 11:1-10/LK 10:21-24

Wednesday: ROM 10:9-18/MT 4:18-22

Thursday: IS 26:1-6/MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday: IS 29:17-24/MT 9:27-31

Saturday: IS 30:19-21, 23-26/

 MT 9:35B-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sunday: IS 11:1-10/ROM 15:4-9/MT 3:1-12

**Please Pray For The Sick, specially:**

Marie Guerda Andre, Carmen Avilés, Maria Avilés, Lourdes Divers, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Marie Fenelus, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Luisa Jimenez, Christopher Louis, Glen Millien, Miraclea Pierre, Ashley St. Fort, Cassandra St. Fort, Edith St. Fort, Bianca St. Vil

second SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Strong words invite attention and almost demand a response. Such are John’s words to the Pharisees and Sadducees, “You brood of vipers!” (Matthew 3:7). Such are Isaiah’s words to the Israelites, “On that day” (Isaiah 11:1). The desired response? Produce good fruit, Pharisees and Sadducees. Show the spirit of the Lord, Israelites. Judge by fact, not hearsay. Be just, that is, live in right relationship with God and all creation. Befriend enemies. Keep the most vulnerable safe. Remove ruin and harm from God’s holy mountain. These signify that the sprout of Jesse’s root, the Messiah, has come. The second reading adds harmony, hospitality, and inclusivity to the list of desired responses.

 Words like these can instill fear in us or inhibit us or they can invite us to change our ways. Change offers hope. We can be counted among the gathered wheat rather than the burning chaff. The gifts of the Holy Spirit named in Isaiah today and bestowed in the sacrament of Confirmation do make a notable difference: enemies speak to each other, adversaries join hands, people seek to meet together, love overcomes hatred, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord becomes mutual respect, to paraphrase *Eucharistic Prayer II for* *Reconciliation.* Living these words gives flesh to our psalm response: “Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.” Hear God use the name your parents used to call for attention. God invites the change that hope, healing, and justice offer. Respond by following the One who has given us the Holy Spirit and the fire of God’s love, Jesus Christ.

 Merciful God, each Advent you renew your call to the presence of your Son in my life. Deepen your Spirit within me so that I can live in right relationship with you and with all creation.

**YOUR** **WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, November 20th:**

****Regular Contributions** $ 6,599

 **Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –3,926**

**Collection for Catholic Campaign $500**

 Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

 Number of Envelopes Used360

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,640

**T**en parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**YOUR** **WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, November 27th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,761

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –3.764**

**Monthly Maintenance $1,065**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used389

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,611

Fifteen parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

A Mass for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be heldon **Thursday, December 8th** at **7:30pm** in the **Upper Church**. All are invited.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A Mass for the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be heldon **Monday, December 12th** at **7:30pm** in the **Lower Church**. All are invited.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

Mass Intentions and Bread and Wine offerings are still available for the remaining month of 2016. A Mass intention or Bread and Wine offerings can be requested for a loved one (living or deceased), or for a friend, or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted etc. The 2017 Mass Book will be available on **Monday, December 5th**.

**Christmas Concert**

Join **Témoins du Christ** for aChristmas Concert **on** **Sunday, December 18th** at **6pm** **in the Upper Church.** This concert will feature Frère Bénédict Lamartine with special performances by Les Jeunes Disciples De Jésus, Choeur D’Hommes and La Grande Chorale. **Donation is $20.** All proceeds will benefit Hurricane Matthew’s victims in Southern Haiti and help rebuild the Church of St. Anne & Joachim of Camp-Pérrin.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Cuba**

Join Bishop Octavio Cisneros on a Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to Catholic Cuba on March 24-31, 2017 aboard the Celestyal Cruises with visits to: Our Lady of Cobre, Havana, Punta Frances, Cienfuegos. For a Brochure call Lucille at Regina Tours (800) CATHOLIC ext. 208.

**Futures In Education**

Join Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and Futures In Education in support of Catholic Schools at the **Spirit of Christmas Concert** at **Lincoln Center** on **Monday, December 12th at 8pm**. For tickets contact Lincoln Center at (**212) 721-6500**.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

 

**Save-the-Dates: Spiritual Retreats for Advent**

-**English:** Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm

**-Creole:** Tuesday, December 20th-Thursday, December 22nd at 7:00pm

**Reconciliation Monday**

On **Monday, December 19th**, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebration Reconciliation Monday for the season of Advent. On this special day, all parishes of our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be offered at St. Jerome from **4:00pm to 8:00pm in the Lower Church**, in preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOEL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas / Noël / Navidad** | **New Years / 1er Jan. / 1 De Enero** |
| Sat., December 24**NO Morning Masses** | Sat., December 31**NO Morning Masses** |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsSat., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | Adoration English & SpanishSat., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassSat., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassSat., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| Chant de NoelSat., December 24, 11 PM Upper Church | Adoration HaïtienneSat., December 31, 11 PM Upper Church |
| Messe de MinuitSun., December 25, 12 AM Upper Church | Messe de MinuitSun., December 31, 12 AMUpper Church |
| Christmas DaySun., December 25, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule | New Year’s DaySun., January 1, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule |
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