**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2019**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2019**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de toutes les ames du purgatoire –

 par Germaine Bellamy

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Birthday blessing for Sophia St. Louis –

 by her mother Yvette St. Louis

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

En l’honneur de Notre Dame du Perpetuel

 Secours – par Georgette Charles

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Jean Robert Bissainth –

 par son epouse Alberte Cadet

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de Frere

 Joseph Francois – par Mirlande David

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos des ames de Hugo et Katia

 St. Victor – par Marie Jacqueline St.Victor

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2019**

8:00 AM Birthday blessings for Dennese Reddie

 Fraser – by Dennese Reddie Fraser

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

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**Readings for the Week of December 9th, 2019**

**Monday**: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
**Tuesday**: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
**Wednesday**: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
**Thursday**: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
**Friday**: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
**Saturday**: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
**Sunday**: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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

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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.

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

**Sunday, November 24TH:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 7,622

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -2,903**

**CCHD 481**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used410

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,590 Seventeen Parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

**YOUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, December 1sr**

 **Regular Contributions $ 7,579**

**** Weekly budget 10,525**

 **Difference -2,946**

 Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used327

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,673 Nine Parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

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**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others--educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today’s second collection.

**Reconciliation Monday**

**Monday, December 16th** our Parish will have Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear your confession from 4**:00pm to 8:00pm in the Lower Church**.

**PARISH TRILINGUAL ADVENT RETREAT**

**English**

Come and experience three uplifting nights of prayer, praise, worship and inner healing from God with renowned Father, Richard McAlear, OMI, from the Hope and Healing Ministry.This year’s theme is Faith*, Hope, and Charity The* parish retreat will take place in the **Upper Church**.

**Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:30pm**

**Thursday, December, 12th, at 7:30 pm**

**Friday, December 13th, at 7:30 pm**

For more information, call: **(718)-462-0223**

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**Spanish**

Come and join the Spanish Community for an afternoon of prayer and worship after the Spanish mass on **December 15, 2019** in the **lower church**.

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**Haitian**

The Haitian Community invites you to join them for three days of prayer and worship in St. Jerome’s **lower church.**

**Monday, December 16, at 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00pm**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire”.Work to ensure your marriage bears good fruit by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be on **December 13-15,2019** in Duxbury, MA and the weekend of **September 18th-20th,2020** in Huntington, NY. For more information, call (**877) 697-9963** or visit https://bq-wwme.org/.

**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** |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsTues., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | English & SpanishEucharistic Adoration Tues., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassTues., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassTue., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| CreoleChant de NoelTues., December 24, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivie par la Messe de Minuit | Adoration - CreoleTues., December 31, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivie par la Messe de Minuit |
| La Messe de Noël Wed., December 25, 12 PM Upper Church | English and Spanish New Year’s Day MassWed., January 1, 9:30 AM Upper Church |
| English Christmas Day MassWed., December 25, 10 AMUpper Church | CreoleMesse 1er Janvier Wed., January 1, 11:30am Lower |
| SpanishChristmas Day MassTues., December 25, 10:30 AMLower Church | Haïtian Independence Day MassWed. January 1,3:00 PMHoly Family9719 Flatlands Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11236 |
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**Church’s Website**

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