**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2020**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2020**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the people of the Parish

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Repose of the soul of Jean Baptiste and

 Joseph Dossou-Kitti – by Zephyrin

 Dossou- Kitti

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Speciales intentions pour Stephen Victor –

 par sa mere Sabrina Espert

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2020**

7:30 AM Repose of the soul of Rose Francine Bony-

 by Yvette and Yolande

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 Joshua Ivan Gouin – par Izabelle et Evens

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace de Keth & Hans Apollon –

 par Julienne Apollon

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2020**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour ses bienfaits

 occasion anniversaire de naissance de

 Maude Beaussejour – par sa fille Katherine

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

Agatha Bristow, Luis Culajay,Sarilia Cernier,Josephine Patricia Cummings, Rita Darius, Emery Emanus, Elysee, Christine Frederick, Cecil Gilbert, Marc Jean, Josephine Jones, Sylfise Joseph, Ivianne,Levine,Sister Marie ElzaVallery, , Rita Tuzinowski,Stephen Victor

***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:***

Jean Enoek Louis

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 In a world of kings and emperors and governors and rulers, how can someone get access to the “big man at the top?” He has many guards. He lives in a mighty place. You have to know the right people even to get a glimpse of him. Ordinary folks just cannot get access to the “Boss.”

 In the same way, the Israelites revered God, the Holy One, as unapproachable, mighty, pure, and majestic, the “biggest (boss) at the top.” They believed that you would die if you saw God. Their reverence was rich and deep. Even Moses, who was the greatest of prophets, only saw where God had passed by. Thus they wondered, how do we get access to the Divine?

 How did they solve that "access" question? If you wanted to get to Jerusalem, you followed the road to Jerusalem. If you wanted to get to the God of purity, you followed the road that led you to become pure, for the Most Holy could not look upon sin. How do you become pure? By following the laws of purity. What we may not understand from our vantage point is that observing the law meant everything to the religious people of Jesus' day-not for the sake of "the law" itself, but because they wanted to be able to approach God. They wanted to come to God with a clean heart. The law was their way to get access to the Most High God.

 Jesus understood that theology. When Jesus said that he didn't come to destroy the law but to fulfill it, he understood their longing: they wanted access to God. That was admirable. Jesus honored that. Moving forward from the written law, he offered *himself* as the road to the Father: "I am the way."

 Jesus, you have promised us that you are the way of access to the Father. We live in that hope. Help us not to be presumptuous about purity, thinking that we can live any way we choose and you will blithely forgive us. Help us to be perfect as you are perfect, pure as you are pure. We cannot do this on our own. We come through you who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lead us to the One who is Unapproachable Radiance!

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

**Sunday, February 9th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,277

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference 4,248**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used354

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,646

Ten 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.**

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, February 17, 2020** in observance of Presidents’ Day

**Palms Are Needed**

Please remember to bring your palms from last year to the Lower Church during the weekend Masses by Sunday, February 23rd, 2019.

**Ash Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday, February 26th**, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, which prepares us for Christ’s glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses:

* 7:30 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (English)
* 9:00 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Creole)
* 7:30 PM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Trilingual)

**Ashes will not be given in the Rectory during office**

**hours**. **To receive ashes, you must attend Mass**. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** for those ages 18-59 and a day of **abstinence from meat** for those ages 14 and up.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

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. You may request a maximum of 10 Mass intentions at once.

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**Readings for the Week of February 17th, 2020**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on **Friday, February 28th,** and on every Friday of Lent:

* **Stations of the Cross**: Upper Church: 7 PM
* **Le Chemin de la Croix**: Lower Church: 7 PM
* **El camino de la cruz**: Upper Church: 8 PM

Please note that those age 14 and up, who are of sound body, are called to **observe the tradition of** **abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent.**.

**2019 Tax Letter**

Tax season has officially begun and the rectory will be providing tax letters based on your 2019 contributions. Please be mindful that **only** parishioners who have given **$300 or more** dollars will be eligible to receive a letter. Parishioners have the options of having their letters mailed to them or picking them up on the Friday after the request is made. For more information, call **(718) 462-0223** between the hours of 9:30am-12noon with your name **and** envelope number.

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**Married Couples Celebration**

All married couples are invited to take part in the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebration on **Saturday, May 16,2020** at **11am** at ***Mary’s Nativity Church*** (**46-02 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, NY 11355)**. Those celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries will receive special recognition. It is encouraged that all couples bring their families. A fee of **$35** per couple is collected. To register, please call Martha Hernandez at **(718)-281-9540 or email mhernandez@diobrook.org**.

**Annual Black History Month Mass**

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns & The Rockville Centre Office of Multicultural Diversity will be holding their annual Black History Month Mass at **Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston (7200 Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston, NY 11362) on February 16,2020 at 4:00pm.** The Guest Homilist is Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min. A bus will be leaving Our Lady of Victory (**583 Throop Ave, Brooklyn, New York between Macon & McDonough Streets at 2:30pm**. The roundtrip cost is **$15.00** per person.

For more information: Call: **(718)-774-3806** or email:**blackcathlicconcern@diobrook.org**

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**Church’s Website**

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[**www.stjeromercchurch.org**](http://www.stjeromercchurch.org)