**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2020**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2020**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 En memoire de Christiane Aristide

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Repose of the soul of Marie Lucienne

 Britout – by the Britout and Delice families

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos des ames de Monique Jean et Frantz

 Jean Thelemarque – par Rosette Jean

**MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2020**

7:30 AM Repose of the souls of Gerard and Gabriel

 Duverglas – by their children

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 de Espa et Patrick Robens Elysee –

 par Espa Elysee

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Eugene Elysee par –

 Anna, Julienne & Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement a Dieu en l’honneur de Saint

 Joseph – par Serge Delice

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2020**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

Remember to shop through **WWW.SHOP.COM/STJEROMECHURCH.**

St Jerome’s receives a donation every time you shop!

**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:***

Lionel Rene

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A canticle from Isaiah sings that we shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Water bookends our readings and our lives of faith. The Israelites grumble in their thirst. Moses cries out to God in exasperation. God gives the people water from a rock. An extraordinary event makes known that the Lord is in their midst.

 Jesus gives a Samaritan woman more than water by ordinary means – dialogue and presence. The story is not ordinary. Why? Jews considered Samaritans to be less than human. Men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman in a public place. His request, “Give me a drink,” put himself in need of her and began a conversation that satisfied her deeper thirsts for God and acceptance. Transformed, she returned to the people she tried to avoid and shared her experience. She led the people she tried to avoid to Jesus. Their encounter with him transformed them. They came to know that the Savior, the Lord, was in their midst.

 When we were baptized the Holy Spirit was given to us and we became one with Jesus Christ. By his gift of self on the cross, Jesus gave us living water and offered us the wellsprings of salvation. God quenches our thirst when we are willing to be vulnerable, like the woman, and empty ourselves of whatever keeps us from believing that God’s love can transform us. Reflect on that love. Give thanks for the times that Christ has quenched your thirst and empowered you to bring his presence to others. Ordinary acts can open up the wellsprings of salvation for us and for others. Extraordinary!

 Loving God, your love for us is so great that Jesus died for us while we were sinners. Help us believe in your love. Let the living water poured out on us in baptism quench our thirst and empower us to proclaim that you are here, in our midst.

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

**Sunday, March 8th :**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,056

 **Donations**  0

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**Total Contributions and donations** 6,056

****Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference 4,469**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used343

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,657

Fourteen 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.**

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. How will you help?

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on **Friday, March 20th,** 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.

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all
the days of my life. Therefore, I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. We ask all parishioners to contribute towards the Catholic Appeal. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Our In-Pew Sundays will be **May 2nd-May 3rd and 16th-17th.** This year our parish hopes to raise approximately **$44,000.**

 Please remain assured that your gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* **cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose**.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2020 ACA video online at: CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

**Lenten Retreat Schedule**

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| **Spanish Retreat****Saturday, March 28th** at 12:00pm in the Lower Church |
| **English Retreat****Wednesday-Thursday, March 25th-26th at 7**:00pm in the Upper Church | **Haitian Retreat****Saturday, March 21st ,Sunday, March 22nd, and Monday, March 23rd** at 7:00pm in the Upper Church  |

**Donations for Easter Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the rectory office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 **EMT Training**

Kings Borough Community College has opened registrations for EMT training. The training course begins on **March 26th** and runs through **July 16th.** The class meets on **Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6pm—10pm**. Tuition is **$995** and **$15** for the course material. Those applying must have a high school diploma, be fluent in English, be 18 years or older prior to registering, pass a prescreening placement exam, purchase the CPR health care providers booklet (**$20**) and study prior to beginning the class.

For more information, visit:

**www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce**

**Readings for the Week of March 16th, 2020**

**Monday**: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38