**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21st and SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2020**

* Repos des ames de Jean Enock Louis et

 Madame Solange Louis – par leurs

 Enfants

* For the People of the Parish
* Repos de l’ame de Soeur Marcelle Fils-

Aime – par Yolande et Yvette

**MONDAY, MARCH 23rd, 2020**

* Remerciement a tous les saints – par Marie Fernande Francois

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2020**

* Repos de l’ame de Patrick Daniel –

 Myrtha Daniel

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2020**

* Action de grace a L’enfant Jesus de Prague – by Chantal Doreus

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2020**

* For the sick and vulnerable affected by COVID-19.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2020**

* Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de Anne Marie Pierre

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2020**

* Repose of the souls of Jeannine Solage – by

 her children and St. Jean Moise Family

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**Readings for the Week of March 23rd, 2020**

**Monday**: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
**Tuesday**: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
**Wednesday**: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
**Thursday**: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
**Friday**: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
**Saturday**: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
**Sunday**: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**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:***

Marie Jean Baptiste

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent sharpens our vision by inviting us to look into the heart and see as God sees.

 Jesus saw more than the surface in the man born blind. Jesus sees both a person and an opportunity to make the works of God visible through him. Ordinary clay, saliva, and washing heal the man’s physical blindness. His openness frees him to do as Jesus asked and so he gains physical sight. As the story unfolds, he also gains insight into who Jesus is: naming him prophet, from God, and Son of Man. He also gains the courage to speak truth to the Pharisees, blinded by seeing only what they wanted to see. By their refusal to look into the heart and really see Jesus and the healed blind man, they choose sin. To sin one must know that something is wrong and choose to do it.

 Our union with Christ gives us light to distinguish truth from falsehood, right from wrong, light from darkness. His light helps us see beyond mere appearance and preconceptions into the heart. Are we willing to see as God sees? Or does fear of rejection or change keep us blind, like the man’s parents and the Pharisees? When we look into the heart, we see others and ourselves as God does, people of light and darkness, whose darkness, when named, can be healed. Turn to the light and ask the Divine Physician to open your eyes.

 Jesus, who heals all ills, open my eyes to see as you see. Fill me with your light so that I choose to see your goodness in others, the world, and myself. Heal the self-righteousness that keeps me blind.

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

**Sunday, March 15th :**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 4,605

 **Donations 1,000**

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**Total Contributions and donations** 5,605

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

 **Difference 4,923**

Number of Registered Parishioners2 ,000

Number of Envelopes Used287

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,713

Eight 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.**

**LITURGIES FROM OUR DIOCESE**

Parishioners are invited to read the following update from the Diocese of Brooklyn regarding the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies:

 All public Masses are suspended. This ruling is in effect until further notice. The parish’s Mass intentions will be satisfied. In addition, all Stations of the Cross gatherings

are suspended.

As you are aware, Bishop DiMarzio has already issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. Consequently, you are urged to maintain a prayerful attitude through personal and family prayer as to fulfilled the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.

You are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV, as well.

The celebrations of the Eucharist are scheduled as follows:

**Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)**

**Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)**

**Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)**

**NET-TV can be seen in the New York City are on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48).** Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.

The Diocese has requested that “we continue to pray, especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who are sick, for medical personnel, and for all people as we confront this challenge”.

More information will be forthcoming to you as updates are received from the Diocese.

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**Weekly Donations**

Please remember to support St. Jerome’s financially during this time: since there will be no public Mass, please send your donations via mail.

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**Church’s Website**

**Please visit the church’s website at**

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

 **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.

 **Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer**

God our Creator, Giver of all good gifts, we praise and glorify you. Teach us to acknowledge always, and with enduring gratitude, the many blessings your infinite love has showered upon us. Widen our vision and enliven our generosity, as we seek to support the pastoral and charitable works of our diocese in Brooklyn and Queens.

All-loving Father, Fountain of Mercy, we honor and adore you. Open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit, who enables us to *live in faith and give in love*, so that the joy of the Gospel may penetrate every heart in our local communities.

Open our eyes and stir up in us your compassion, so that all may come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, now and forever. 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 **April 4th –April 5th.**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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Prayer for Victims of COVID-19**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. **Amen**.

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