**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, August 29nd, 2020**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 2020**

7:30 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 de Rose Marie Pierre-Louis – par Rose

 Marie Pierre Louis

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’ame de Sr. Jeanne lambert – par

 Joseph Francois

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Birthday blessings for Hakim Hill by his

 parents

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el Eterno Descanso de el alma de

 Silvestre Cordova En sus dos anos de

 fallecido – pedido por su familia

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the people of this parish **MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST , 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Edeline Dupont – par

 Elizabeth Decime

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st , 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2020**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Marlene Champagne –

 par Lisa Champagne et Daphney Gilles

 Champagne

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 2020**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Readings for the Week of August 31st, 2020**

**Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30**

**Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37**

**Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44**

**Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11**

**Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39**

**Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5**

**Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20**

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

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

****TWENTY-second SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 “Why do bad things happen . . . to me, to those I love, to good people, in the world?” How often I’ve asked and heard others ask this question. We prefer life without suffering, sadness, or hardship, an ultra-gentle-baby-shampoo, a no-tears life. However, life does include hardship. “It is what it is,” as some say. I ask, “What really is?” Jesus proclaims that suffering, pain, evil, and death do not have the last word; the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory and repay all according to their conduct.

 How do we conduct ourselves to share in this promise? We take up our cross. We accept life’s mortifications, afflictions, contradictions, and troubles and find God right there. To find life we need to be willing to lose it as we know it. There is no way around that reality. Jeremiah knew this all too well. His message was not popular. People opposed him, yet he could not stop speaking God’s word. It was a fire burning in his heart, a fire of love. He fell in love with God and could do none other than be God’s prophet, even in the face of opposition and hardship. Had God’s love not duped him, he’d probably have given up. So would we.

 Paul’s advice to the Romans applies to us: Be transformed by deepening your relationships with God every day and conform your ways to God’s ways. Then “discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2). There we discover God’s presence even in difficulty, the courage to take up our cross, and are washed in a love that brings life through the tears that are part of what is on life’s journey.

 O God, the God whom I seek, thank you for your faithful love. Help me to remember your love when the hardships and difficulties of life overwhelm me, so I might continue to seek you, have the courage to be faithful to you, and always find joy in the shadow of your wings.

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

**Sunday, August 23rd:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,048

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference 4,477**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used290

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes **1,710**

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.**

 **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

We need your help. Our Annual Catholic Appeal’s network of services has had to be flexible in this unprecedented time, and we anticipate we will need to maintain this response to meet the growing demand for support. Your partnership is critical as we navigate this situation. Our mission remains the same, but COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our annual needs.  As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. If you have not made a pledge this year and are able to do so, I ask that you join me in demonstrating that **WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER** by considering a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You may make your gift online at [**annualcatholicappeal.org**](http://annualcatholicappeal.org/) or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255**or call **718-965-7375** ext. **1602** and have a pledge card mailed to your home.  We thank you in advance for making a gift commensurate with your means and circumstances!

 **Up-Dating the Sick List**

Please help us to keep the sick list up-to-date by calling the rectory office at **(718)-462-0223** to add or remove a name. On **Sunday,** **September 6th, 2020,** we will purge the sick list and start a new one. This list will be updated twice a year.

**UPDATING YOUR PARISH FILE**

Also, we **need** to update your information in order to better communicate with you during this crisis. Please text your full name, address, and e-mail address at **347-293-3824** so we can update our files or call our rectory office at **(718)-462-0223**

**Alternative Offerings**

Your generosity is what allows us to sustain our parish during this time. Please consider mailing your envelopes or using our convenient electronic giving method. You can access our E-giving page at https://givecentral.org/stjbrooklyn .

Or simply text the word **SUNDAY** to

**917-905-2031**. Parishioners are also permitted to drop their offerings using the rectory mail slot.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2020**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**September-** **Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

As we enter a time of so much uncertainty it is imperative that we now more than ever exercise our right to vote**.**

* Deadline is October 9
* All New York voters are eligible to vote by mail this November
* SIGN UP TO VOTE BY MAIL
	+ Online: [nycabsentee.com](http://nycabsentee.com/) or By Phone: 1-866-VOTE-NYC
	+ Select “temporary illness” on the application
	+ Ballot will be mailed late Sept
	+ Mail ballot or drop off at a poll site/BOE office as soon as you receive it
* VOTING BY MAIL IS SAFE & SECURE
* If you prefer to vote in person VOTE EARLY
* Visit [VOTE.NYC](http://vote.nyc/) to find your early voting poll site
* Vote between OCT 24 - NOV 1

 **Resuming Masses**

**As masses resume it’s important to keep in mind that Social distancing** will be strictly enforced- The Church have a limit of 25% capacity **of 90 PEOPLE.** I have listed below a brief outline from the diocese regarding the new regulations for Mass during the pandemic:

* **A face mask is required to enter the church** and it must remain on except when consuming the host after receiving communion from the priest**.**
* **no entrance processions**
* **No Choir is allowed**. Only one organist and a cantor
* **No missals, nor song sheets to be distributed**
* **No Handshake at the sign of Peace.**
* **Holy communion by hand only.**
* **No reception of the Precious Blood of Christ**
* **The Mass schedules remain the same.**

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice.  As such, the Diocese urges anyone who feels sick in any way to stay home. Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Diocesan cable channel, NET-TV, and streamed online.  NET-TV is available in the New York City market on Spectrum, channel 97; Optimum, channel 30; and Fios by Verizon, channel 48.

* "We have endured a period of great challenge, especially here in our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, but the Lord was with us all the way. Now in just over a week,

Please do your very best to observe these guidelines which will remain in effect until further notice from the diocese.

**Church’s Website**

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

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