**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 2021**

5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Bishop Guy

 Sansaricq – by Tessa King Shepherd

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2021**

7:30 AM**LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

 Repos de l’âme de Marco Cherubin

 – par ses enfants

 10:00 AM**UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS**

For the People of the Parish

 11:00 AM   **LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL**

For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM   **UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

 For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2021,**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:30 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2021,**

7:30 AM  Birthday blessings for Georgette –

 Charles – by Georgette Charles

9:00 AM Action de grâce à la Sainte Trinite-

 anniversaire de naissance de Georgette

 Charles - par Georgette Charles

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2021**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2021**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2021**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 2021**

10:30 AM   For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM  For the People of the Parish

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 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY**

Kenneth Culajay, Marie Jean-Louis, Amina Joseph,

Bread and Wine Offering

The bread and wine, this week, is offered in thanksgiving to God for Rose Marie Chevil requested by his son, Nesly Numa.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John leaped in Elizabeth’s womb. Elizabeth called Mary blessed because Mary believed that the words of God’s promise would be fulfilled. She believed. We are five days from Christmas. The days can be hurried. The nights can be harried. Yet the promise of joy is in the air. We celebrate the time when God’s promise of peace begins to be fulfilled.

Do we believe that ours is the time of fulfillment? Do we believe that God’s promised justice and peace, light and hope, mercy and visitation are meant for us? Do we believe that God’s will for us is to know God-with-us, Emmanuel, every day? Do we believe that our believing this promise can lighten the darkness and lessen the evil that surround us and fill our world?

Believe it or try to live as if you believe today. Let God’s love fill you, Christ’s light shine through you, and the peace of the spirit surround you so clearly that people say of you and me, “Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to us by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Visit someone who gives you hope. Leap for joy in honor of the Visitation of Elizabeth and Mary. Make clear that God is with us.

God of promise and fulfillment, visit us with Christ in ways that bring us peace, light, and hope. Empower us to visit others with the fruit of Mary’s womb, Jesus.

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**Vocation**

“It is by God's will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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Christmas Concert

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Join your fellow parishioners for a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 19th at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Admission is $20.00.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Upcoming Tri-lingual Parish Advent Retreat**

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT!**

Come and experience one evening of prayer, praise, worship and inner healing from God with Father Jean Schned Bruno as Retreat Master. Father Bruno is well known the parish and has celebrated the Eucharist with all three communities and other Liturgical events as well. Come and prepare our hearts to welcome Christ our Light!

The retreat will take place in the Upper Church on

Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30pm.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES & COLLECTIONS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

The collection for the week of December 19th will be reported in the January 2nd.

 Bulletin.

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**Sorry We Are Closed**

 Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 27th. The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 28th, 2021.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Isaiah offers us one of my favorite lines in the scripture: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings” (Isaiah 52:7). Feet carry the weight of our bodies. Feet help us move from place to place. Feet need washing, healing and rest to do their job. Sometimes they need massaging, too. The feet of one who announces God’s glad tidings of peace, saving love, and redeeming mercy are beautiful. How beautiful are your feet?

Today we celebrate that the Word–with God from the beginning, begotten not made, through whom all things come into being, Jesus Christ–took on our human flesh. Through him God shines a light on the world that no darkness can overcome, even when darkness seems stronger. God took on human limits to help us see, touch, and feel God’s limitless mercy. God became one with us that we might become one with God and each other. This is a gift we won’t find under the Christmas tree. However, if we give flesh to Jesus, others find that gift in us.

The light of the Christ is given to us. Our feet carry that by witnessing the power of Christ’s light active in the world. Abuse, sickness, war, addiction and… try to diminish that light, but the light continues to shine. Offer hope to others by witnessing the Christ-light carried on your beautiful feet. If darkness is stronger in your life this year, look for that light in others who have experienced a similar hurt or weight. May all the ends of the earth behold the salvation of our God because our feet carry our faith and free us from fear.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Light into the world in human flesh and blood. Strengthen your presence within us. Help us radiate your hope, joy and peace through bodies that are a light for all to see, carries on beautiful feet.

Merry Christmas!

Joyeux Noël!

Feliz Navidad!

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**Special Collection for Catholic Charities**

We will have a special collection for Catholic Charities on Saturday, December 25th at all parish Masses. Catholic Charities sponsors over 160 programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless. Please be generous.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOËL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas / Noël / Navidad** | **New Years / 1er Jan. / 1 De Enero** |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsFri., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | English & SpanishEucharistic Adoration Fri., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassFri., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassFri., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| CreoleChants de NoelFri., December 24, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivis de la Messe de Minuit | Adoration - CreoleFri., December 31, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivie de la Messe de Minuit |
| La Messe de Noël Sam., December 25, 12 PM Upper Church | English and Spanish New Year’s Day MassSat., January 1, 10:30 AM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Day MassSam., December 25, 10:30 AMUpper Church | CreoleMesse 1er Janvier Sat., January 1, 12:00pm Lower |
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**Readings for the Week –December 19th 2021**

**Monday**: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
**Tuesday**: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
**Wednesday**: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
**Thursday**: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
**Friday**: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
**Saturday**: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
**Sunday**: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17, or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_