**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 2022**

5:00 PM  For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY,** **DECEMBER 18th, 2022**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de toutes les âmes du purgatoire – par

Germaine Bellamy

Remerciement â Dieu-anniversaire de naissance de

Marco Mercier – par sa mere Marie Estime

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

In loving memory of Lawrence Darius – by his

daughter, Rosey Gilbert

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM   UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l’âme de Solange Joseph – par ses enfants

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2022**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2022**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21th, 2022**

7:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Georgette Charles

– par Georgette Charles

9:00 AM   Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

Georgette Charles –par Georgette Charles

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22th, 2022**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23th, 2022**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos des âmes de Herard Nereus et de Maxina

Valmont – par ses enfants

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2022**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ Repos de l’âme Josuet Pierre – par Pierre Yvon

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***PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY***

Yvrose Auguste, Georgette Charles, Kenneth Culajay, Andre Innocent, Bob Johnson

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions are still available for the remaining months of 2022. The 2023 Mass Book will be available on **Monday, December 5th, 2022**. A Mass intention can be requested for a loved one (living or deceased) or a friend or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted etc.…You may request a maximum of 12 Mass intentions at once.

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fourth SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

We humans hunger to belong. As a result, tracing one's genealogy has become very popular. Ancestry.com has three million members. People upload family histories and search for connections, Studies of young people reveal that they are more passionate about where they belong than about what they believe.

Belonging was important for Jesus as well. The angel said to Joseph, "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." Joseph could have quietly thrown her out. Instead, the just man from Nazareth took her in. He offered the young pregnant Mary a roof over her head and a family lineage. He provided her a place and a people. Thus Jesus, adopted as his son under the Law of Israel, became a descendant of Joseph's "house of David."

Having a land and a people was important to the Hebrews. These things are important to us as well. Yet many people in this world are uprooted. Refugees and immigrants have no country, no place of belonging. Children who are passed from foster home to foster

home do not know that security of belonging. They live on the edge of place.

We belong in this world, but at the same time, we don't belong. As an Advent people, we acknowledge that we are pilgrims on this earth. We too live on the edge of place. St. Paul says that we are called to belong to Jesus Christ. We don't abandon our family and our heritage, but we acknowledge that all that is, is God's. God is our home. God is our Source and our Goal. The Lord does not throw

us out, but has taken us in and fully adopted us. God has given us a place to belong.

O come, Emmanuel, God-with-us; come into our hearts, hear the sound of our cry. The tensions of Christmas are intensifying. We need to rest in you. We need a place to belong. Like Joseph, take us into your home. We are searching not for a God of distance but the God of presence. When we need it most, hold us in your loving arms.

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Vocation

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

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

**Sunday, December 11th:**

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The collection for the week of December 11th will be reported in the December 25th. Bulletin.

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, December 26th** . The office will re-open on **Tuesday.**

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**Special Collection for Catholic Charities**

We will have a special collection for Catholic Charities on **Sunday, 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.

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. **Reconciliation Monday**

**Monday, December 19th** our Parish will have Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear your confession from 4**:00pm to 8:00pm in the Lower Church**.

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Examination of Conscience

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience. An examination of conscience is a “prayerful self-reflection on your words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how you may have sinned against God”. Prepare by reflecting on the Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

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**Donations for Christmas Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2022**

**December:** Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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 Carols  Sat. December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish  Eucharistic Adoration  Sat., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil Mass  Sat., December 24, 9 PM  Upper Church | English & Spanish  New Year’s Vigil Mass  Sat., December 31,  9 PM Upper Church |
| Creole  Chant de Noel  Sat., December 24,  11 PM  Upper Church  Suivie par la  Messe de Minuit | Adoration - Creole  Sat., December 31,  11 PM  Upper Church  Suivie par la  Messe de Minuit |
| Christmas Day  Sunday, December 25,  Regular Mass Schedule | New Year’s Day Mass  Sunday, January 1,  Regular Mass Schedule |
| Haïtian Independence  Day Mass  Sun, January 1 st.,  Time to be announced.  St. Jerome R.C. Church  2900 Newkirk Ave.  Brooklyn, NY 11226 | Haïtian Independence  Day Mass  Sun, January 1 st.,  Time to be announced.  St. Jerome R.C. Church  2900 Newkirk Ave.  Brooklyn, NY 11226 |
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**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Sunday: 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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_