**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2023**

5:00 PM   For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY,** **DECEMBER 17TH, 2023**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de toutes les âmes du purgatoire

 – par Germaine Bellamy

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Lawrence Darius

 – by his daughter, Rosey Gilbert and Family

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 18TH, 2023**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

 Leo Markle Darius-par sa grandmère

 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2023**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2023**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2023**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 de Ingrid Collin -par sa mère

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2023**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Aliette Etienne

 –par ses enfants

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2023**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

 Doudoune Beaubrun –par Nancy Beaubrun

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023**

**DECEMBER:** ***For Persons with Disabilities***

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the Centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Readings for the Week –December 17th 2023**

**Monday, December 18, 2023** Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19   Mt 1:18-25
**Tuesday, December 19, 2023** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17   Lk 1:5-25
**Wednesday, December 20, 2023** Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6   Lk 1:26-38
**Thursday, December 21, 2023** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21   Lk 1:39-45
**Friday, December 22, 2023**1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd   Lk 1:46-56
**Saturday, December 23, 2023** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14   Lk 1:57-66
**Sunday, December 24, 2023** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Lydia Christien, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Elisa Quashie Lawrence, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, Rosalind Wahab, Josette Perrin

***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY***

***DEPARTED ESPECIALLY*:**

Raul Christian



 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 How do you answer the questions put to John in today’s Gospel? What am I? Well, what I am is a child of God and a Christian, called to witness Christ in my words, deeds and attitudes.

 Our first reading begins with the words Jesus used to identify himself at the beginning of his public ministry: “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me.” Jesus Christ was anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor, heal the broken, proclaim liberty and release to those bound in any way, and to rejoice in the Lord. We have also anointed with the Spirit. We are to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our lives. Or, to paraphrase Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS: Reprint the Gospel, day by day, with your flesh and blood. What are we? We are living Gospels who heal and offer liberty to people held captive in any way, by announcing God’s favor so all people can sing with Mary: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” (Luke 1:46)

 When we live Paul’s admonitions to pray without ceasing, always give thanks, retain what is good, and refrain from evil, we make straight the way of the Lord and show others how to do so. What are we? Children of God, Christ-bearers who have reason to “Rejoice!”

God of peace, deepen our holiness so that our entire beings reprint the gospel and proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus. Make us witnesses to the Christ so that others see him, hear his voice, and meet him this Advent, at Christmas, and every day, by meeting us.

VOCATION

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.: You belong to Christ and Christ is God’s? How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

**Sunday, November 26th:**

**** Regular Contributions**  $ 4,825

\*\***Online** Offerings 0

**Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -5,700**

 **YOUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, December 3rd:**

 **Regular Contributions $** 4,485

 \*\***Online** Offerings 0

 **Weekly budget -**10,525

 **Difference -6,040**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**\*\*To be reported at the end of the month**

 **Sunday, December 10th:**

The Collection for December 10th will be reported in Next week’s bulletin.

***Annual Catholic Appeal 2023***

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Our goal this year is $44,000. We will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal at all of our Masses. You can also make a pledge today by texting ACA to 917-336-1255. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese.

If 150 Parishioners pledge $300 each to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal.



Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, December 25th** and Tuesday **December 26th.** The office will re-open on **Wednesday.**

**Special Collection for Catholic Charities**

We will have a special collection for Catholic Charities on Christmas Day, 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.

**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.

**RCIA-RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

New RCIA classes for the preparation of adults to become members of the Catholic Church Family has begun. St Jerome's Church welcomes all non-Catholic adults who are currently attending church and are interested in becoming members of our family. Please call the rectory during business hours at 646-664-6738 to register.

**Reconciliation Monday**

**Monday, December 18th** our Parish will have Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear your confession from 4:00pm to **8:00pm in the Lower Church**.

**Annual Christmas Wreath Sale by Youth Ministry**

Please join us in decorating the outside of our church building by purchasing a wreath for $20. You have the option to decorate your own wreath! This year the sale is being done by the Youth Ministry. It is part of their activities to raise funds for their activities. One of their main aims is to have a few youths attend the next World Youth Day. By purchasing a wreath or two, you are not only beautifying your church surroundings but opening your hearts to the young ones. Give a wreath in the name of the child Jesus!

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 646-664-6738 or via email: stjeromeff@outlook.com to make an appointment to register. You can also register online at: [www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff)



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOËL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas Eve** **Sunday, December 24th** | **New Year’s Eve****Sunday, December 31st** |
| **Regular Mass schedule:** **7:30am- Creole** **10am - English** **11am - Spanish** **1pm- Creole****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****8pm – English Xmas Carols****9pm – Mass -Eng & Spanish****11pm- Creole Chant de Noel****Suivie par la Messe de Minuit** ***Upper church*** | **Regular Mass schedule:** **7:30am- Creole** **10am - English** **11am - Spanish** **1pm- Creole****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****8pm-Adoration in Eng & Span****9pm – Mass -Eng & Spanish****11pm- Heure Sainte****Suivie par la Messe de Minuit** ***Upper church*** |
| **Christmas Day** **Monday, December 25th** | **New Year’s Day****Monday, January 1st** |
| **10:30am –Mass - English & Spanish: Upper Church****12pm (Midi) Messe an Creole: Upper Church** | **10:30am –Mass - English & Spanish: Lower Church****12:00pm (Midi) Messe an Creole: Upper Church** |
| Haiti Emblem Coat Of Arms Flag Symbol L'union Fait La Force Black & Gray  Design T-Shirt | PosterHaiti Emblem Coat Of Arms Flag Symbol L'union Fait La Force Black & Gray  Design T-Shirt | Poster**Haïtian Independence Day** **Mass**Monday, January 1, 2:00 PM St. Thomas R.C. Church1550 Hendrickson StBrooklyn, NY 11234 |