**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2023**

5:00 PM   For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY,** **DECEMBER 3RD, 2023**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Christiane Aristide

 – par sa fille

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

 Remerciement a la tres Sainte Trinité et a la

 Sainte Vierge Marie –par Roselaure Taleyrand

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2023**

7:30 AM  In loving memory of Jean Joseph Pierre

 -by his Children

9:00 AM  Repos de l’ame de Jean Joseph Pierre

 -par ses enfants

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

 Marie Therese Antoine –par Marie F. Francois

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2023**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2023**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Marie Andrelie Jean Calixte

 -par Marie Jacqueline St. Victor

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

***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*:**

Erica Lively

**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.

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 The FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 Some recent conversations have helped me see how many people want God to “rend the heavens and come down with the mountains quaking before [God]” (Isaiah 63:19). It seems that we want a God who dramatically comes into our midst to end violence, war, poverty, famine, and the various isms that divide us. But God has already come by taking on our flesh in Jesus Christ. Every Advent recalls his first coming, looks forward to his return, which could occur at any time, and prepares us to celebrate that Incarnation on Christmas. Baptism makes us sharers in his first coming. We put on Christ and have what we need to experience God’s saving love today. It’s up to us to make Christ’s coming known.

In Advent we prepare God’s way by placing ourselves into the hands of our potter, God, by becoming more mindful that we constantly live in God’s presence. In Advent we call upon God’s name to make a difference in our world. We experience that difference by living the peace we seek, becoming the nonviolence we desire, and affirming the uniqueness of persons to proclaim that our diverse lives matter. Christ is born again at Christmas through us. God rouses power and comes to save our world through us. When we turn to God in abundance, in need, or in between, we become alert to God’s presence in our midst. Alert, we are ready whenever Christ returns, and the heavens are rent, the earth quakes, and true peace transforms us and our world. Pray. Listen. Watch, so that God finds us doing right. Be clay in the hands of a God who wants to transform us more clearly into being and seeing the face of Jesus Christ, who came to make known the power of God’s saving love.

Potter God, open our eyes to see you in our midst. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us place our lives into your hands, and shape us into vessels that help all people see the face of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**VOCATION**

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

****Sunday, November 19th:**

**Regular Contributions** $ $6,172

 **Online Offerings 325**

 **Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -4,028**

**Campaign for Human $541**

 **Development (CCHD**

**Sunday, November 26th:**

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The Collection for December 26th will be

reported in Next week’s bulletin

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

***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 Friday, December 8th, 2023** in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

Thank you for your generous donation to the Collection for the Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) your donation helps support projects that help build healthy, sustainable futures for those living on the margins of our community.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Next weekend’s Retirement Fund for Religious Collection needs your help. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously in next week’s collection to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Parish Vespers**

Join your parish family on **Sunday, December 03rd at 5:00 pm for the Parish Vespers in the upper Church.** This will be a special evening of prayer as we journey during the Advent season.

**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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**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!

**PARISH TRILINGUAL ADVENT RETREAT**

Come and experience an uplifting time of prayer, praise, worship, and inner healing The parish retreat will take place in the lower Church. Saturday, December 16th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome! -For more information, call: (718)-462-0223

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A Mass for the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th**at **7:00pm** in the **Lower Church**. All are invited.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

"A Night In Bethlehem"

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Join your fellow Parishioners for a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Upper Church. Admission is $20.00. RSVP by calling, 929-842-2686 or via E-mail Temoinsduchrist@yahoo.com

**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**.

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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

**Readings for the Week –December 3rd 2023**

**Monday, December 4, 2023** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9   Mt 8:5-11
**Tuesday, December 5, 2023** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17   Lk 10:21-24
**Wednesday, December 6, 2023** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6   Mt 15:29-37
**Thursday, December 7, 2023** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a   Mt 7:21, 24-27
**Friday, December 8, 2023** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6   Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
**Sunday, December 10, 2023** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8