**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 2023**

5:00 PM   For the people of the Parish

**SUNDAY,** **DECEMBER 31ST, 2023**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Remerciement a Dieu pour Sonia Plaisir

 -par Sonia Plaisir

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

1. In loving memory of Bob Johnson

-by Jean Johnson and family

1. In Loving Memory of Ruby Graham

 -by her daughter, Dennese Reddie-Fraser

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

     For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM      UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 À la mémoire du Révérend Isaie Jean Louis

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2024**

10:30 AM  For the people of the Parish

12:00 PM  For the people of the Parish

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2024**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l’ame de Bernadette Saint-Preux

 -par ses enfants

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2024**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

A Mass intention or Bread and Wine offerings can be requested for a loved one (living or deceased), or for a friend, or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted etc.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024**

**JANUARY: *For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church***

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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

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

THE HOLY family of jesus, mary, and joseph

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was not your typical nuclear family. It consisted of a child, his birth mother, and an adoptive father. And yet they lived as faith-filled families of their day were expected to live. They went to the temple to present Jesus to God. They heard words of praise and thanksgiving about their son and a prediction of possible hardship from Simeon and Anna. Returning home, Jesus grew in wisdom and strength, as most children do. Abram, Sarah and Isaac were not typical, either. Sarah, became pregnant well beyond childbearing years. And yet their lives are prototypes for living one’s faith. They trusted God even when God seemed to ask for the impossible

Whether our family is described as “typical” or it would be defined in ways other than “typical,” we are all children of a God who promises to be with us throughout our lives. Sometimes we feel God present in clear and concrete ways, as did Mary and Joseph and Abraham and Sarah. Sometimes God seems absent or life is challenging, as it was for them as well. Sarah doubted God and laughed at being told she would bear a child in her old age. Mary’s heart was pierced watching her son ridiculed, rejected, and crucified. Yet they knew God’s presence and that God promises to be with us, in good times and in bad. Look for God in your life as it is. Be who you are and be that well, for the same God who was with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has promised to care for us today, tomorrow, and every day. Look to find God’s favor, to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and grace.

God our Father, it is so easy to feel your presence when things go well that we can take you for granted. Thank you for your blessings in our lives. Give us courage to look for you in the midst of our hurts. May we find ways to become whole, and thus be holy families, whoever you send into our lives.

VOCATION

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.” How are you being called to build the kingdom of God as His coworkers? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ*,

In today’s Gospel people were amazed by what the shepherds shared with Mary, and she “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). Another translation says that Mary treasured and pondered these things. Mary offers an example for how to maintain spiritual heart health: Take time to listen to God’s voice, ponder what you hear, and treasure God’s nearness, even when challenged to change your ways. Remember, even Mary’s heart was pierced at times.

 Mary listened to God’s voice and honestly spoke from her heart. Because of this she was free to say yes to God, who dwells with us through Jesus Christ. Their Spirit was “sent into our hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Galatians 4:6). The Spirit cries out for us when we know not what to say, The Spirit opens our hearts, clearing them of any blockage that would keep us from knowing God’s blessing, shining face, graciousness, and peace. New Year’s Day is a good time to ponder the previous calendar year and the year ahead. What do we keep in our heart from both exercises? What do we treasure? What needs to be released? Pray the first reading to feel God’s blessing in your life. Cry out in gratitude for God’s keeping you. Ask for God’s peace. Be heart-healthy in all ways.

 Abba, Father, I often focus on your absence more than your presence. Let Mary be my guide so that I take time to reflect on life in ways that treasure what is good and release what gets in the way of experiencing your blessing.

Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 1st and Tuesday January 2nd**. The office will re-open on **Wednesday January 3rd.**

***Prayer for the New Year***

*“Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.”* ***R/****Amen*

***Happy New Year!***

***Feliz Año Nuevo***

***Bonne et Heureuse Année***!

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

**Sunday, December 17th:**

**** Regular Contributions**  $ 5,056

\*\***Online** Offerings 0

**Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -5,469**

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 **Sunday, December 24th:**

The Collection for December 24th 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.**

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

**NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE 1ER JANVIER**

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| **New Year’s Eve****Sunday, December 31st** | **New Year’s Day****Monday, January 1st** |
| **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*** | **10:30am –Mass - English & Spanish: Upper Church****12:00pm (Midi) Messe an Creole: Upper Church**cute happy new year clipart - Clip Art Library |
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| Haïti: la première révolution sociale victorieuse a tracé la voie de  l'indépendance - Haiti Liberte**Haïtian Independence Day** **Mass**Monday, January 1, 2:00 PM St. Thomas R.C. Church1550 Hendrickson StCoat of arms of Haiti - WikipediaBrooklyn, NY 11234*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Le 1er Janvier ramène l’anniversaire de* *l‘Independance d’Haiti. Bonne Fête á tous les Haitiens!!* |

**Readings for the Week –December 31st 2023**

**Monday, January 1, 2024** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
**Tuesday, January 2, 2024** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4   Jn 1:19-28
**Wednesday, January 3, 2024** 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6   Jn 1:29-34
**Thursday, January 4, 2024** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9   Jn 1:35-42
**Friday, January 5, 2024** 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5   Jn 1:43-51
**Saturday, January 6, 2024** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20   Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
**Sunday, January 7, 2024**Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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