**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024**

5:00 PM   For the people of the Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

1-Repos de l’ame de Christiane Aristide

-par sa fille

2-Remerciement a Dieu et guerison pour

Josette Perrin - par ses enfants

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

Birthday Blessings and healing for Jacquelin

Farquhar – by Jacquelin Farquhar

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, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions 

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions 

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2024**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions 

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions 

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions 

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions 

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**BREAD AND WINE OFFERING**

The bread and wine, this week are being offered for the special intentions of Jacquelin Farquhar.

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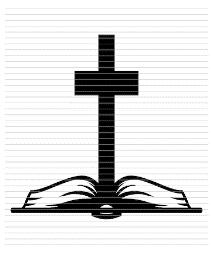
**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024**

**FEBRUARY: *For the terminally ill***

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

***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

fIFth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

The place we live is beautiful. I wonder . . . what was Jesus' experience in the morning, before dawn when he got up to pray?

The sky was dark as he trekked out of town. Scenes from yesterday ran through his head—demons shrieking at the synagogue; Simon's mother-in-law rising up, the smell of her good bread; Peter, James, and John chortling with laughter—it had been a rich and full day. And then when the sun had gone down and the Sabbath was over, the whole town had come to the door. He still saw the broken and the maimed, the tormented and the needy, so many, so hurting. When he straightened the little girl's crooked legs, her mother's face lit up with joy. Human life is good. He could stay. He could do much good here. He loved this earth.

He stopped to sit on a large boulder and fell deeply into prayer. Suddenly, a strong breeze startled his peace. From the other side of the lake the moon rose above the hills: the quiet moon that tugs on the oceans and creates the. tides, the ever-moving moon that waxes and wanes and travels across the sky. In that moment, he understood that celestial restlessness: I can love this earth, but I cannot stay.

He sprinted toward Simon as the big fisherman came toward him and shouted, "Come on, let's go! All of Galilee awaits!"

From then on, he focused on his mission. A bigger plan was at work here. He had sensed his earthly end. He could not stay.

God of the universe, there are days in this earthly life when we feel Job's drudgery. We too have troubled nights when we cannot sleep restless until the dawn. Yet you lift the brokenhearted. You love this earth. We rise again this day to give you praise, for you have created the world to be good. You set the moon in its course. You call the stars by name. Our days here are swift, but our life with you is everlasting.

**VOCATION**

“All this I do for the sake of the Gospel.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

****Sunday, January 28th:**

**\* Regular Contributions** $6,350

**Online Offerings**  317

**Weekly budget** -10,525

**Difference -3,858**

**Maintenance $720**

**Churches in Need Collection $285**

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

**COLLECTION FOR CHURCHES IN NEED**

Thank you for your generous donation to the Collection for Churches in Need. This collection supports Churches throughout the world, facing many challenges, including violence and a lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

**ACA ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND**

The ACA announcement weekend is scheduled for February 11th. The focus of the announcement weekend is to provide parishioners information on the impact the ACA has on individuals and families in Brooklyn and Queens through the ministries, agencies and services supported by the ACA.

**DONATION STATEMENTS**

We greatly appreciate your generosity to our parish over the past year. Please call the rectory office at

**718-462-0223** if your total contribution for 2023 is **$250** or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.

**PALMS ARE NEEDED**

Please remember to bring your palms from last year to the Lower Church during the weekend Masses by Sunday, February 11th, 2024.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

This Year, the Church sets aside February 11 as the

World Day of the Sick. Let us join the Church in praying to our God of all consolation, the healer of our body and spirit to comfort the Sick with His grace and presence and to cure all our ills.

**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)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, which prepares us for Christ’s glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses:

**7:30 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (English/Spanish)**

**9:00 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Creole)**

**Ashes will not be given in the Rectory during office hours.** TO RECEIVE ASHES, YOU MUST ATTEND MASS. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for those ages 18-59 and a day of abstinence from meat for those ages 14 and up.

**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; adults who are Catholics but have not completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; adults who have not been baptized; and also, adults who have received all the sacraments of initiation but have a great desire to learn more about the faith. All are welcome. Please call the rectory during business hours at 646-664-6738 to register.

**New York Encounter 2024**

***“Tearing open the sleeping soul”***

This is the theme for the 2023 New York Encounter Metropolitan Pavilion (125 West 18th Street, New York City, NY 10011). On **February 16-18, 2024**, join them for a weekend of public discussions, exhibits, and live performances to encounter people who are seeking the truth. In person and live streamed via Encounter’s website. It is free of charge and prior registration is not required. For more information, contact the Encounter at [info@newyorkencounter.org](mailto:info@newyorkencounter.org)

**Readings for the Week –February 4TH,2024**

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday**1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday**1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday**1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday**1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday**1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10  
**Sunday**Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16