

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2024

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE
Repos de l'ame de Mona Paul -par Bernard Paul

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
Repos de l'ame de Aliette Etienne
-par ses enfants

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu, anniversaire de
naissance de Antoinet Francois

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2024

9:00 PM For the People of the Parish

12:00AM For the people of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2024

10:00 AM For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Genevieve Olampe
-par Marie Pierre Charles

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2024

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2024

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions. The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving. Whether you are marking an anniversary, offering gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for your dearly departed, it is always a beautiful way to do so within the Mass. The Mass book for the rest of 2024 is still open. Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

“Let the Children come to me,” says the Lord. Altar Servers are needed: Parents with children who have already received First Communion are invited to volunteer their children for the ministry of Altar Server. Training will be provided. If interested, call the rectory at 718-462-0223 and leave names and phone number.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John leaped in Elizabeth’s womb. Elizabeth called Mary blessed because Mary believed that the words of God’s promise would be fulfilled. She believed. We are three days from Christmas. The days can be hurried. The nights can be harried. Yet the promise of joy is in the air. We celebrate the time when God’s promise of peace begins to be fulfilled.

Do we believe that ours is the time of fulfillment? Do we believe that God’s promised justice and peace, light and hope, mercy and visitation are meant for us? Do we believe that God’s will for us is to know God-with-us, Emmanuel, every day? Do we believe that our believing this promise can lighten the darkness and lessen the evil that surround us and fill our world?

Believe it or try to live as if you believe today. Let God’s love fill you, Christ’s light shine through you, and the peace of the spirit surround you so clearly that people say of you and me, “Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to us by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Visit someone who gives you hope. Leap for joy in honor of the Visitation of Elizabeth and Mary. Make clear that God is with us.

God of promise and fulfillment, visit us with Christ in ways that bring us peace, light, and hope. Empower us to visit others with the fruit of Mary’s womb, Jesus.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

December: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2024. This year, our parish's goal is to raise \$44,000 for the Diocese.

Once we reach our goal, any funds collected beyond \$44,000 will benefit our parish directly. We encourage everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time donation. Remember, the well-being of our parish is a responsibility shared by each and every one of us.

Special Collection for Catholic Charities

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



Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

Readings for the Week –December 22nd, 2024

Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66 Tuesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79 Wednesday Vigil Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Wednesday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Wednesday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Wednesday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22 Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18 Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

VOCATION

“All were questioning in their hearts.” Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. All Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. 1st communion will be celebrated in 2nd grade after the child receives 2 years of formation. The sacrament of Confirmation receives in 8th grade. Please contact Mrs. Rosey, the **Faith Formation Director at 718-462-0223** or at faithformation@stjeromechurch.org You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjib-ff

Wishing you a Christmas filled with love, peace, and the joy of our Savior's birth. May your homes be blessed, and your hearts be filled with the warmth of the season.

Merry Christmas!



Father Hilaire Belizaire

**25 Years Priesthood Jubilee Celebration
Once in a Lifetime Journey!
September 15 – 28, 2025**



**Rome, Sicily, Valencia
Ibiza, Marseille, Genoa**

**Vatican City, Papal Audience,
Rome City Tour, Vatican Museum**

Round Trip Air from JFK, 5 Nights Hotel in Rome, 7 Night Cruise Cabin, Transfers, Tours in Rome, All Meals aboard Ship
Prices Start at: Inside \$4,699+; Oceanview \$4,799+; Balcony \$4,979+
Deposit of \$500 per person Due Now! Final due June 5, 2025
Prices vary based on availability & Specials, per person based on two sharing the cabin.
Payment Plan: Monthly payments are mandatory. Nine installments

Make check payable to Kompa Guide

Mail to: Kompa Guide • PO Box 110517 • Cambria Heights, NY 11411
Not Included: Insurance highly recommended, shore excursions, alcohol, tipping/gratuities
Valid passport at least 6 months after return date. Deposit is non-refundable.
Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions.

Reservation: 347-432-7359



ST. JEROME'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Worship Christ the New Born King"

Join your fellow Parishioners for a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm in the Upper Church.** Donation is \$20.00. RSVP by calling, 929-842-2686 or via E-mail Temoinsduchrist@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

8pm – English Christmas Carols

9pm – Mass -Eng Spanish

11pm- Creole Chant de Noel
Suivie par la Messe de Minuit

Upper church

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th

10:00am –Trilingual Mass:
English, Creole & Spanish

Upper Church

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st

8pm-Adoration in Eng & Span

9pm – Mass -Eng & Spanish

11pm- Heure Sainte
Suivie par la Messe de Minuit

Upper church

New Year's Day- Wednesday, January 1st

10:00am –Mass - English & Spanish:

12:00pm (Midi) Messe an Creole:

Upper Church



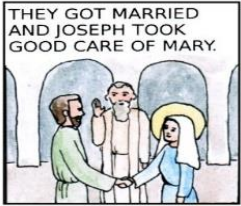
The Christmas Story



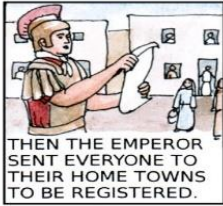
LONG AGO GOD SENT AN ANGEL TO MARY, WHO WAS A YOUNG WOMAN OF HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH.



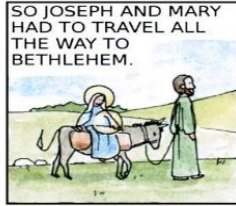
MARY WAS ENGAGED TO A HOLY MAN CALLED JOSEPH. AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM TO TELL HIM WHO MARY REALLY WAS.



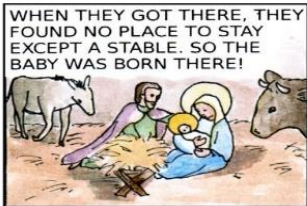
THEY GOT MARRIED AND JOSEPH TOOK GOOD CARE OF MARY.



THEN THE EMPEROR SENT EVERYONE TO THEIR HOME TOWNS TO BE REGISTERED.



SO JOSEPH AND MARY HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM.



WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND NO PLACE TO STAY EXCEPT A STABLE. SO THE BABY WAS BORN THERE!



THEN ANGELS CAME AND ANNOUNCED TO SHEPHERDS THAT THE MESSIAH WAS BORN. SO THEY FOUND THE BABY AND WORSHIPPED HIM.

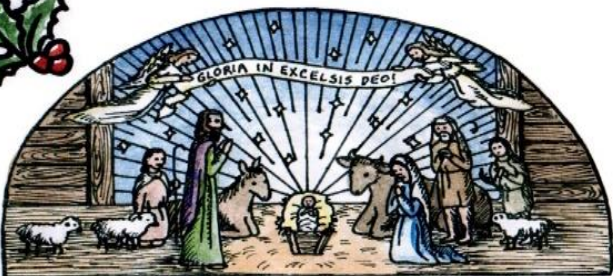
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

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The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the (SVOPSARE) festival. When (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the (MPELET) afterwards. (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't (DNIF) Him they went back and (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not (WNKO) that I must be in my (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12)?" Then he went home with them to (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in (DSIWMO) and age and grace.



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

Answers to Holy Family puzzle: parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom

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Christmas Day and
Feast of the Holy Family
December 25 & 29, 2024



There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?