

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2025

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2025

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et de Marie Gracieuse Zephyr

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

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1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l'ame de Frantz Thelemaque

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Elsia Delice

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2025

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Elsia Delice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to God in honor of St. Joseph for Duverglas Gladys

9:00 AM Action de grace en l'honneur de St. Joseph pour Serge Delice

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Anne L. Metellus

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de Elsie Louis

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2025

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're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass.

Bread and Wine Offering

The bread and wine, this week are being offered in Thanksgiving to God and for the special intentions of Our Pastor, Fr. Hilaire Belizaire. As requested by Valery and Everald.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God promises are not empty words carried off by the wind soon after they are uttered. From the beginning God has backed up divine promises with action. We see this today in the story of God sealing the promise to Abraham of many descendants and the gift of the land with the mystifying occurrence of a floating fire pot and flaming torch passing through Abraham's sacrifice. God's words lead to a ratifying action.

In the Gospel, God comes to Jesus. At first this is made evident in the change of Jesus' face and clothing. Then the great prophets Moses and Elijah appear mediators of God's word to the people through both the Torah and prophetic deeds, who speak with Jesus about his coming death in Jerusalem. Finally, as with Israel in the desert, God manifests the divine presence; coming in a cloud and proclaiming Jesus as "chosen Son." "Listen to him," the voice says. Divine word is backed up by divine deed.

This yearly glimpse of glory in the story of the Transfiguration tells us yet again that God recognizes our need for signs and support in our journey of faith. Walking in faith is not all shadows and darkness. Light comes into our lives, sometimes in such unexpected ways that we only become aware of it in retrospect. These moments whisper of God's ongoing presence with us, of promises yet to be fulfilled. Paul speaks of our citizenship even now being in heaven, calling us to "stand firm in the Lord."

Lord, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, providing a glimpse of the glory promised us because of your saving death and resurrection. As we move toward renewing the promises made at baptism, make our hearts ever more confident in the Father's fidelity and the ongoing strength that come from the Spirit.

Vocation

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	37
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	246
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	131
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	103
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	206

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025



March: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Readings for the Week – March 16TH, 2025

Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9



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

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@stjeromercchurch.org You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff

LENTEN PRAYER



God of all compassion,

You call us to love one another as you have loved us. In this time of Lent, help us to see our sisters and brothers as truly beloved children of God. Help us to fast from incivility and feast on your love for each one of us. Help us to fast from discord and feast on the knowledge that you have created each person in your own image. Help us to fast from fear of those with whom we disagree and feast on the joy community brings us. Help us to fast from timidity when we hear hurtful language and feast on sharing the good news of our God-given dignity. Help us to fast from the desire to win arguments and feast on compassion shared in understanding. Help us to fast from assumptions and feast on listening deeply to the stories of our community. Lord, our God, be with us in this time of fasting and Repentance, in this time of quiet and simplicity. Let us turn to you as the source of our joyfulness and our first giver of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in 3 Languages in the Upper Church.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2025. This year, our parish's goal is to raise \$48,000 for the Diocese.

Once we reach our goal, any funds collected beyond \$48,000 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.

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YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION



We invite all young members of the parish to join the St. Jerome Youth Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect

with peers who are eager to deepen their faith, engage in church activities, participate in community outreach, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage parents to inspire their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to get involved. We look forward to seeing them take active roles in our church community. For more information or to register, please contact Ms. Woodlyn Sance, the youth minister, or Mrs. Rosey Gilbert at 718-462-0223.

RCIA-Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registration for RCIA Classes is still open. St. Jerome's Church warmly invites all non-Catholic adults currently attending church who wish to join our community, as well as Catholic adults who have not yet completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, those who have not been baptized, and adults who have received all initiation sacraments but want to deepen their understanding of the faith. Everyone is welcome. To register, please call the rectory during office hours at 718-462-0223.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

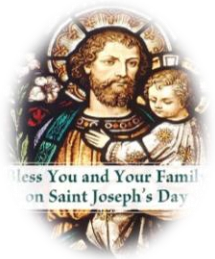
To better serve you as a parishioner, we kindly ask that you register your family with the parish. Attendance at Mass does not automatically imply registration. Registration is necessary for fulfilling Baptism requests, arranging weddings, Mass, or obtaining a Sacramental sponsor certificate. To register, please visit the rectory during office hours and complete a registration form.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity
March 19

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your
most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage
also.



Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.
Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-st-joseph-after-rosary>

Donations For Easter Flowers

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the rectory office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 2024 is **\$250** or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.

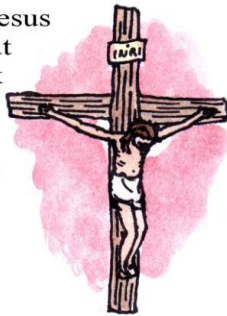
Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.



Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:
1.E 2.F 3.D 4.C 5.B 6.A

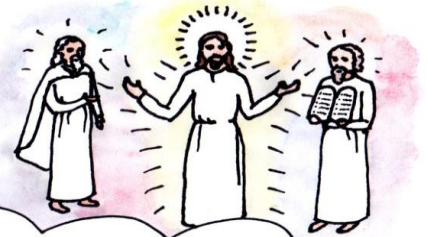
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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16th, 2025

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.



Luke 9:28-36

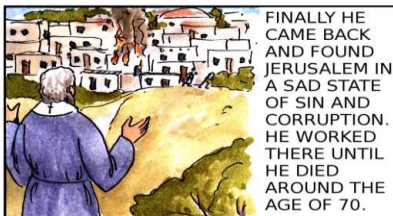
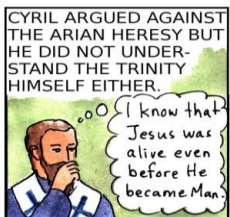
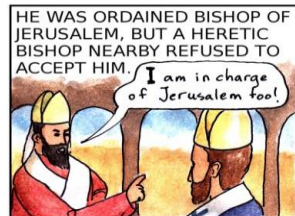
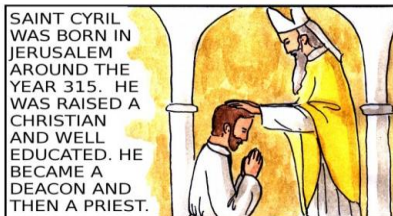


Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!

SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

MARCH 18



AT FIRST CYRIL DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE ARIANS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID JESUS WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN GOD THE FATHER. CYRIL TAUGHT WHAT HE KNEW WAS RIGHT ANYWAY. DO YOU TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD?

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St. Joseph Puzzle

March 19

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do?

Match the things that he did (on the right) with the circumstances on the left.

1. Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby ___
2. When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife ___
3. When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town ___
4. When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus ___
5. When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him ___
6. While Jesus was growing up ___

A. St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.

B. St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.

C. St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.

D. St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.

E. St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn't be ashamed.

F. St. Joseph married Mary.



