

# PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2025

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2025

7:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Action de grace a Dieu pour Samentha José

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

Birthday Blessings for Jayden Louissaint

11:00 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Pour la soeur et le frère decedes de Jacqueline St. Victor

## MONDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2025

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace en l'honneur de l'enfant Jesus Christ de prague pour Chantal Doreus

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Jean Louis Lima

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de Madisyn Imany Gabriel

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, 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.

### 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### *My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

If you like to gamble in an ocean side locale, Atlantic City, New Jersey is your place to be. I live not far from there now in retirement. In recent years, gleaming new hotels have risen on the beaches, reflecting the sun by day and glaring with lights at night. But the main attraction in each is the casino. Of course, you can also gamble online. The lottery machine greets you inside your favorite supermarket. What all this says about our society I leave for other minds to tackle.

But in a certain way, the holy bible warns us that gambling has no place in a person's spiritual life. Which is to say that gambling with God, or more particularly your relationship with Him, is a fool's choice.

We know that Almighty God, figuratively speaking, took a chance when He created humanity. He gave us free will. His creatures could then either make a return of His limitless love or not. God, as it were, gambled on us, our bible history tells us we have often made bad choices. Adam and Eve were weak and unworthy. But even then, God gave them a way back, as He also does with us.

What we call “The Old Testament” is really the story of Israel. God chose them as His favorites, but they let Him down. Even His hand-picked leader, Moses, turned out to be a disappointment. But still He loved them and even made strong covenants with His vacillating people. Finally, from their midst, He called forth a humble but spotless young girl to be the mother of His only begotten Son. That Son, whose humility, obedience, and unwavering love, offered salvation from sin to those who believed in Him by His sacrificial death. That fidelity would be rewarded when Jesus was raised from the dead on “the Third Day.”

Not everyone believed Him. They gambled, as it were, that they knew better. They turned around and walked away. That compelled Jesus to ask His chosen Twelve, with a sadness in His voice; “Will you also walk away?” So here we are, on a weekend in March, of the year 2025, when we hear once again from Jesus of our need for repentance. Are we going to argue with Him about that? Are we going to continue gambling that our choices are better?

Here is a quote I found from Blaise Pascal, a 17<sup>th</sup> century philosopher and writer who died in 1662, about gambling on the matter of God's existence: “Let us weigh the gain and loss in wagering that God exists. Let us estimate these two chances: If you gain, you gain all; if you lose you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is.”

God love you and beware of gambling your future.

<https://jppc.net/march-23-2025-3rd-sunday-of-lent/>

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	35
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	250
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	112
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	91
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	207

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, legal and support services; How will you help?

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Marie Lucie Ocean, and Gerard Exilhomme

## 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.

## 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 – March 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23  
Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org) You can also register online at: [www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff)



## Litany of the Way, Prayer for the Journey

As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert, *teach us to pray.*

As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, *teach us to love.*

As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross, *teach us to hope.*

As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water, *teach us to believe.*

As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple, *teach us to seek answers.*

As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's will, *teach us to listen.*

As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets, *teach us to learn.*

As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom, *teach us to teach.*



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



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# Lenten Retreat

Retrèt Karèm  
Retiro de Cuaresma



"Come and experience God's love and renewal—join us for a soul-refreshing retreat!"

## Creole / French



Madi, 1ye avril, Mèkredi 2 avril, ak Jedi, 3 avril a 7:00 p.m.  
"AN NOU MACHE AVEK JEZI; SE LI KI SÈL ESPWA NOU."  
"MARCHONS AVEC JÉSUS, NOTRE SEULE ESPÉRANCE".

Predikatè: Fr. Dimitri Demesmin



## English



Saturday, April 5th after the 5pm Mass  
"A CLOSER WALK WITH THE LORD, OUR ONLY HOPE"

Speaker: Fr. Kieran Udeze



## Spanish



Domingo 6 de abril después de las 11 a.m.  
"CAMINEMOS CON JESUS, NUESTRA ÚNICA ESPERANZA".

Orador: Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez



## What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



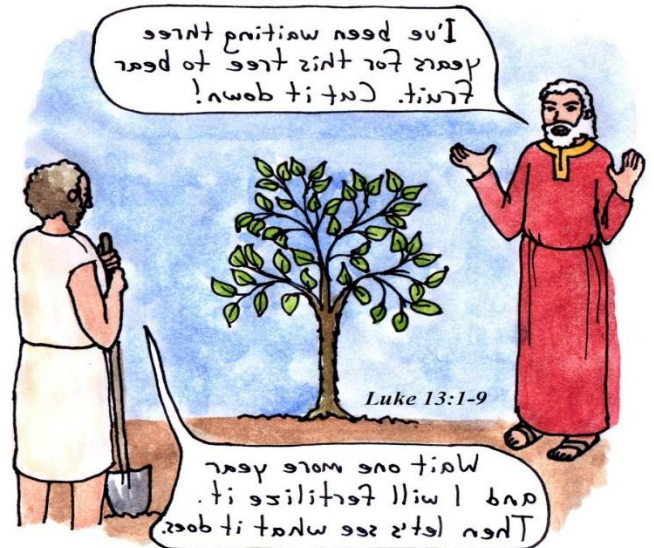
Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!



Answer to Word-Find: Free land  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

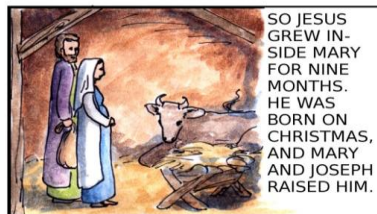
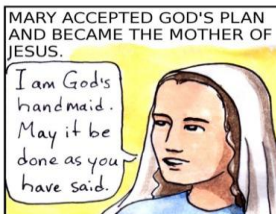
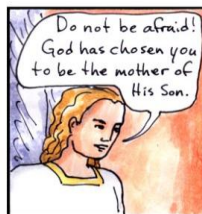
# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
 March 23rd, 2025



What's wrong with this fig tree?  
 See what the two men want to do with it by reading what they say in a mirror.

## The Annunciation March 25



WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

## The Burning Bush Word-Find

A F R A I D O F F R E E  
 B D E L I V E R O M F S  
 R G O D J E T H R O R U  
 A L O R D E A O W S E F  
 H A V E F S K L A E J F  
 A N I L I H E Y R S A E  
 M D S G R O U N D A C R  
 F L A M E E G Y P T O I  
 A O A B U S H O R E B N  
 C O C N D B L A Z I N G  
 E K M I S E R A B L E S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers- of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."