

# **PARISH MASS INTENTIONS**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2025**

5:00 PM For the people of the Parish

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025**

7:30 AM **LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

Action de grace, anniversaire de naissance de Rodney Cherubin

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 Georges Bossous

## **MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2025**

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

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

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2025**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2025**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

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

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### **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.

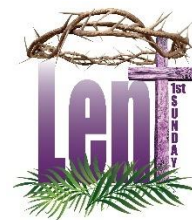
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### **VOCATION**

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*



Climate change is a nagging issue of our time that resists dismissal. Of course it has little impact on most of our daily lives. It is an objective idea, outside us, and we don't usually give it much thought. It remains, however, as something requiring a personal assessment from us. We cannot remain neutral.

On the other hand, temptation to sin by disobeying God and His plan for us is one issue we cannot ignore. It is internal; quite personal and very important. How we handle it is linked to our ultimate destination. Why is this so? The bible is clear with the answer. Our human race is damaged. Damaged by the deliberate decision of our first parents to disobey a rather simple command of the God who made them. Having already provided them with clear intellects and delightful surroundings, God only gave them one little rule: do not eat the fruit of one certain tree among all the others in the garden.

Satan, self-chosen enemy of God, decides to fight God by luring Adam and Eve to disobey God by weaving a web of lies about the fruit of that tree. Sadly, he succeeds. Instantly our race became one of sinners. But God, in His loving goodness, offers hope to the pair. He will send them a Person who will repair the damage.

You and I are the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, redeemed for ultimate union with God, adopted children of God via our baptism. Yet we must pass a test of our own. Call it our “temptations.” Sometimes they are small, no bigger than a candy bar lifted sneakily from the shelf at a Wawa convenience store. At other times they are very large, like casually ignoring a divine command and a Catholic Church precept to participate in Mass on the Lord's Day.

However clever we can be at rationalizing what we know deep down are wrong choices, in the end our consciences will not leave us alone. We are, after all, made for God, and as St. Augustine famously wrote: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord.”

Fortunately, we have our hero, Jesus Christ. Like us in all things but sin, He faced the same three most powerful temptations of power, wealth and fame that we do. Satan still wants us to be on his side. Jesus, on the other hand only asks that we try our live like He did. He knows our struggles. If we do our best, He promised to give us His best. That will include an eternity where the climate is perfect.

From Jesus, as you had the help of the Spirit to turn aside from the temptations that came to you during the time in the desert and the years of your ministry, help us to turn to this same Spirit to help us in our efforts to grow in faith, hope, and charity this Lent.

God love you and let Lent improve you.

# MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00PM VIGIL MASS	37
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	295
10:00AM ENGLISH MASS	121
11:00AM SPANISH MASS	88
1:00PM CREOLE MASS	213

## Black and Indian Mission Collection

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholics faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the important priorities. Please give generously in this week's Collection.



## 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.

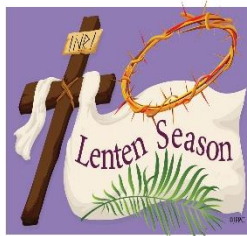
## Readings for the Week – March 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46 **Tuesday** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15 **Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32 **Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12 **Friday** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26 **Saturday** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48 **Sunday** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36



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

## LENTEN REFLECTIONS



Lent is that season where we as Christians experience our own self-imposed discomfort in hopes of becoming closer to Jesus, who became closer to us.

Pope Francis invites us to walk with those who struggle; to feel the pain and allow our human emotions to cause us to act. In the "Joy of the Gospel", he says:

"Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length. Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness. Whenever we do so, our lives become wonderfully complicated and we experience intensely what it is to be a people, to be part of a people." [USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG)



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.

## 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.

## **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)

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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.

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## **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.

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## **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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## **Congratulatory Note to All ACA Donors**

### **Dear Parishioners:**



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generous contributions to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Because of your kindness and support, the Parish of St. Jerome has once again exceeded its goal this year. Your donations are instrumental in sustaining our Parish and supporting the many ministries within the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

May God's blessings continue to enrich you and your loved ones in all that you do.

*Fr. Hilaire*

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## **Lenten Offering: A Journey of Gratitude and Giving**



Beginning the First Sunday of Lent, during the offertory, everyone will come forward to the altar to present their offering envelope. Two ushers will be in the front holding the basket where you can drop your offering.

Our children will go first to bring their Envelopes, followed by the youth, and then the adults. Let us encourage our young ones to grow in gratitude, prayer, and giving this Lent! Thank you for your support!

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Komanse Dimanch 9 Mas, ki se 1ere Dimanch karèm, padan ofetwa, tout moun ap avansé pou pote ofrann yo devan lotèl la. 2 manm akèy yo ap anfas lotèl la pou resevwa ofrann sa yo.

Timoun yo ap vini avan pou yo pote anvlòp yo, apresa jèn-n yo, epi granmoun yo. An-nou ankouraje jèn-n yo pou yo grandi nan Lespri rekonesans, lapriyè ak generosité nan tan karèm nan. Mèsi pou sipò nou.

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A partir del primer domingo de Cuaresma, durante el ofertorio, todos se acercarán al altar para presentar su sobre de ofrenda. Dos acomodadores estarán al frente sosteniendo la canasta donde puede depositar su ofrenda.

Nuestros niños irán primero a traer sus sobres, seguidos por los jóvenes y luego los adultos. ¡Alentemos a nuestros jóvenes a crecer en gratitud, oración y generosidad durante esta Cuaresma!  
¡Gracias por su apoyo!

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## Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true; 2. false; 3. false; 4. true; 5. false; 6. true; 7. false.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent  
March 9th, 2025



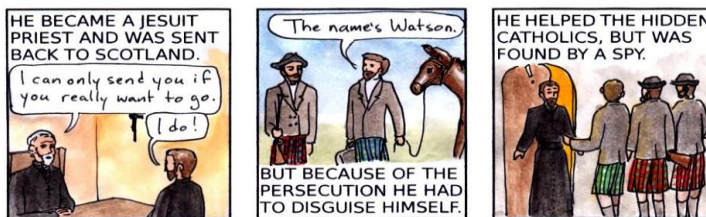
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*

## Saint John Ogilvie

March 10



SAINT JOHN OGILVIE SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE STUDYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. ONCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT HE KNEW HE HAD TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, SO HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU BE DARING ENOUGH TO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT?

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## Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?

