

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: **Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.** All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are

returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Through your prayerful consideration and reflection, you are invited to respond in faith, hope and charity by making a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. *The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.*

**ACA Update –** The parish goal for the Annual catholic Appeal is \$21,020.00. Thus far, \$26,617.50 has been pledged and \$22,477.58 has been paid. A total of 83 families have participated which reflect 30% of the congregation. Thanks for your generosity and continued support.

Thank You!

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

The Last Judgment Ministry is collecting new toys and clothing for Hour Children Shelter and Catholic Charities. The collection is for babies 0-3 years and children 6-10 years old. A bin has placed in the vestibule for all donations.



As we prepare for Christmas, the Faith Formation Program is seeking participants for the Christmas Pageant. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. All are welcome.



**STMM LITURGICAL DANCERS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO BATTLE BREAST CANCER. DRAWING: TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS.**



The Youth Ministry in conjunction with the Men's Ministry is sponsoring an **Advent Prayer Breakfast** next Saturday, December 23rd with Mass at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$15.00. Contact persons are Najimah McKenzie, Ken Harrison, and Price Olivier.

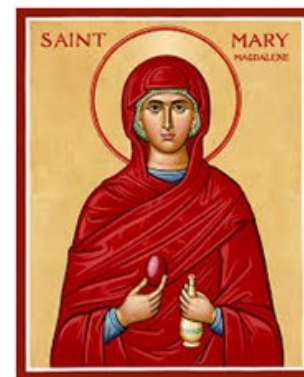


# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is a welcoming Faith Community of followers of Jesus Christ bonded by the Eucharist. We go forth from this table into the larger community sharing our gifts and talents in order to bring about God's reign through works of justice and responsible stewardship.



*A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him John 1:6-8,19-28*



December 17, 2023

### Masses

Sunday	8:45 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekday	8:30 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM

### Parish Clergy

Rev. Fr. Gordon P. Kusi – Administrator  
Rev. Fr. Cosmas C. Nzeabalu –Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fr. Mark Cregan – Sunday Assistant

Deacon Lee Williams  
Deacon Ernie Hart

### Parish Staff

Mary Harris – Pastoral Associate  
Aminta Maynard – Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Marva Chevalier— Director of Religious Education

### Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Miriam Bettis
<b>Baptism Preparation:</b>	Doris & Price Olivier
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Marc Phillip
<b>Consolation Ministry:</b>	Mikki Maynard
<b>Evangelization:</b>	Betty Williams
<b>Last Judgment</b>	
<b>Ministry/Social Justice:</b>	Miriam Bettis
<b>Liturgical Dance:</b>	Stephanie Simeon
<b>Men's Ministry:</b>	Ken Harrison
<b>Musician:</b>	Gary Fisher
<b>Pastoral Care/</b>	
<b>Homebound:</b>	Fr. Cosmas
<b>Prayer:</b>	Velma Samuels
<b>O.C.I.A.:</b>	Dr. Marva Chevalier
<b>Social Media:</b>	Taryn Bettis, Cara Elie
<b>Women's Ministry:</b>	Stanlee Richards
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Najimah McKenzie

Rejoice in the Lord Always:  
Gaudete Sunday



# Third Sunday in Advent B

December 17, 2023

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

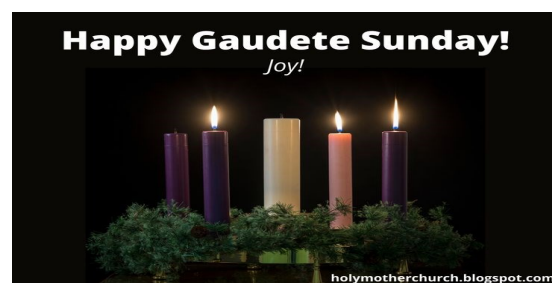
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66



**PRAY FOR ....THE SICK, WHO ARE ILL IN BODY, MIND OR  
SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY:**

Janet Brown, Georgina Smith, Teneshia MaxDixon,  
Martha Benjamin, Pelham Jolly, Winnifred Smith,  
Ellington Jeffrey, Inga Watson, Cecile Augustin,  
Louise Roberts, Geraldine Kelley, Roy Henry, Lisa  
Moore, Thaddeus Scott, Jason Trotman, Lynette  
Bass, Cecile Rivers, Magalie Bloncourt, Lonny  
Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton, Louise Aguilera,  
Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto Giscomb



Masses are lived streamed for  
your viewing on our website,  
YouTube and on our  
Facebook page.



Sun. Dec. 17, 2023

**8:45 AM: Mavis, David & Delroy Mills (+)**

Req. by: Mills Family

**11:00 AM: Sara & St. Clair Burnett (+)**

Req. by: Burnett Family

**Your intentions are being remembered at Mass and we  
are praying for everyone's health and well-being.**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 4,447.00

(excluding on-line giving, which is reported at the end of  
the month). We thank you in advance for your  
consideration and generosity

2nd COLLECTION \$848.00

for the Religious Retirement Fund

This fund enables distribution of critical needs to hundreds of  
religious orders

Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality  
and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the  
Mission of Jesus Christ. We are always thankful for  
the continuing generosity of our parishioners, and  
during this difficult time we ask that you please  
continue to support your parish to the extent that you  
are able.



Please remember your parish. Donations can be mailed to  
the rectory or you can use on-line giving at:  
[www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).

- E-Giving info for online giving
- Go to give central: [www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).
- Follow instructions on page: In search bar type in St. Mary Magdalene, click on St. Mary Magdalene and complete form
- Again thank everyone for their continued generosity and ask if they could, to please consider increasing their weekly offering.



Monday, December 18th | Advent Reconciliation Monday:

After Morning Mass and 4:00 PM—8:00 PM in the Rectory

Saturday, December 23rd | Advent Prayer Breakfast

9:00 AM Mass followed by breakfast & fellowship in the  
Parish Hall

Sunday, December 24th | 4th Sunday of Advent:

8:45 AM & 11:00 AM Mass



*Advent* is the period of four Sundays  
and weeks before Christmas (or  
sometimes from the 1st December to  
Christmas Day!). *Advent* means  
'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming  
of Jesus into the world. Christians use  
the four Sundays and weeks of  
*Advent* to prepare and remember the

real meaning of Christmas.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete (Latin:  
'Rejoice') Sunday. The theme of the day expresses the joy of  
anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. We light  
the **Rose** candle today.

## SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

(Infants—3 years old):

Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month  
(Exception: There are no Baptisms in December or March).  
Please register your child at least one month in advance by  
coming to the rectory. You must complete the registration  
form and submit the child's birth certificate. In addition,  
parents and Godparents MUST attend preparation class  
PRIOR to Baptism.

Religious Education -  
(Faith Formation for young people):

Our classes have begun! **Classes begin at 9:30 AM.** This  
will allow our young people and Catechist to participate in  
our 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM Mass Celebration.

For registration and/or further information, please call the  
rectory or see Dr. Marva Chevalier after Mass.

**Diocesan guideline:**

**A two year sacramental preparation is required to  
receive Sacraments of Holy Eucharist/Communion  
and Confirmation.**



Sunday, December 24th | Christmas Eve:

7:00 PM Caroling & Pageant

8:00 PM Mass

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass:

Midnight at Christ the King Church

Monday, December 25th | Christmas Day:

10:00 AM Mass

Monday, January 1st | New Year's Day:

10:00 AM Mass

Sunday, January 7th | Epiphany of the Lord:

8:45 AM & 11:00 AM Mass

## OCIA INVITATION

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.):

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation for Adults

We welcome Adult members into full communion  
through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We  
welcome all who worship with us who are not baptized  
or were baptized in a different Christian tradition to  
join us as full members of the Catholic Christian  
Community through the Sacraments of Baptism,  
Confirmation and Eucharist. Please speak with Dr.  
Marva Chevalier for more information. We also  
welcome baptized Catholics who have not been  
confirmed or received the Eucharist.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires a time of six  
months before the proposed date of the wedding for  
the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered  
participating Parish members should contact the  
parish office to begin the process.

**Funerals:** Please call the parish office when planning  
the Wake. All funeral arrangements are made through  
the Funeral Director who notifies the church.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish  
office to arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation,  
Communion, and Anointing of the Sick, at home.