

Thank You!

ACA Thank You! – We wish to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming. For those who have already fulfilled their pledges, thank you for your prompt and generous response. We encourage those who have not yet fulfilled their pledge to consider doing so, since December 31, will conclude this Year’s Appeal. Merry Christmas! The parish goal for the Annual catholic Appeal is \$21,020.00. Thanks to the generosity and support, 83 parishioners, have pledged \$27,093.27 and \$23,670.77 have been paid.

Important Dates and INFORMATION



The members of Last Judgment Ministry wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the Christmas toy and clothing drive for Hour Children shelter and Catholic Charities. A total of 137 toys and 111 articles of clothing were collected.



Mark your Calendar: July 17-21, 2024: Diocese of Brooklyn 5-Day Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.



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The Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel.. Matthew 1:23



The angel Gabriel was sent from God ... to a virgin ... whose name was Mary. He said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." (Gospel)

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



December 24, 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

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent B

December 24, 2023

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Reading II: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-8or 1:1-5,9-14

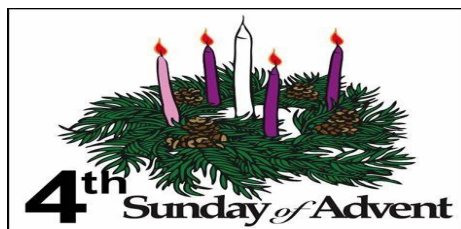
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:12-17



**PRAY FORTHE SICK, WHO ARE ILL IN BODY, MIND OR
SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY:**

Janet Brown, Georgina Smith, Teneshia Max-Dixon,
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, Louise
Aguilera, Lonny Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton,
Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto Giscomb



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



Sun. Dec. 24, 2023

8:45 AM: Marlene McDonald (+)

Req. by: Parish Family

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

Req. by: Burnett Family

Mon. Dec. 25, 2023

10:00 AM: Yvessa Joseph (+)

Req by: Yves Joseph

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 4,326.00

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

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.

- **E-Giving info for online giving**
- Go to give central: 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.



Sunday, December 24th | Christmas Eve:

7:00 PM Caroling & Pageant

8:00 PM Mass

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass:

Midnight at Christ the King

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

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.**

The Fourth Week of Advent



Special Collection

**12/25/2023 SUPPORT THE 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC
CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION.** The

funds raised through the collection help sustain
the 160 programs and services offered by Catholic
Charities throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

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 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 Sick, at home.