

## 2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### ST. MARY MAGDALENE R. C. CHURCH



#### Stations of the Cross:

All Fridays of Lent - 7:00 PM. All are invited!

**Palm Sunday:** March 24th – 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

**Reconciliation Monday:** March 25th, 2 - 4 PM and 6— 9 PM

(Or call the Rectory for an appointment)

#### Holy Week Schedule is as follows:

**\*Holy Thursday:** March 28th – Mass at 7:00 PM

**\*Good Friday:** March 29th — 3:00 PM

(The Passion of the Lord) - (Stations & Veneration of the Cross)

**\*Holy Saturday:** (Easter Vigil), March 30th – Mass at 7:30 PM

**\*Easter Sunday:** March 31st — 8:45 & 11:00 AM Masses



The St. Mary Magdalene Last Judgment Ministry is honoring Women's History Month with a MOVIE NIGHT:

"Hidden Figures" on Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 4PM to 6PM in the Church Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome!



- March is -  
National Women's  
History Month



Join our faith community - CRS Rice bowl. Lets help overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition; we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please return your Rice Bowl on or before Holy Thursday. We would greatly appreciate if you would change the coins into dollars where possible.

#### St. Mary Magdalene and Brother Raymond Blixt Scholarship

application for academic year is available. Contact Dr. Marva Chevalier at the parish office.



Christ the King is hosting a Seder Supper on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!



LENTEN PILGRIMAGE  
FEBRUARY 14th — MARCH 27th, 2024. This Pilgrimage is an opportunity to visit the beautiful and historic churches of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens.

For questions: 718-965-7313 or  
PILGRIMAGE@DIOBROOK.ORG



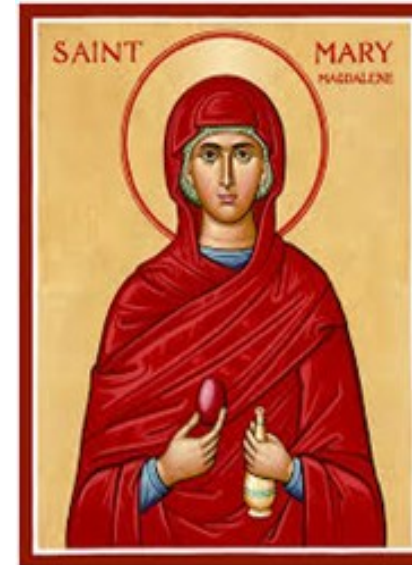
G.I.F.T. Program – For the Lenten season, the youth in the G.I.F.T. program are be collecting unexpired can goods until March 24th. A bin is in the vestibule for all donations which will be delivered to the Christ The King food pantry.

# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

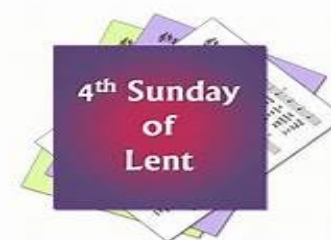
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**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Mary Magdalene Parish is a welcoming Faith Community of followers of Jesus Christ bonded by the Eucharist. We go forth from this table into the larger community sharing our gifts and talents in order to bring about God's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



March 10, 2024



"The Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." JOHN 9:1-

#### 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
Last Judgment Ministry:	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 of Lent Year B

March 10, 2024

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38



**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, Louise  
Aguilera, Lonny Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton,  
Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto  
Giscomb, Andre Chase, Aleem Shoucair,  
Alma Sweeney

**Sun. March 10, 2024**

**8:45 AM: Hetty Gilkens(+)**

Req. by: Meridith Mustafa

**11:00 AM: Irene Chevalier (+)**

Req. by: Marva Chevalier

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

Req. by: Burnett Family

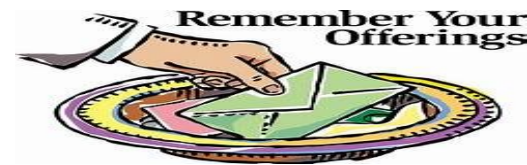
**Thur. March 14, 2024**

**8:30 AM: Bernadette & Ifeoma Ezissi (+)**

Req. by: Ezissi Family



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



**COLLECTIONS: MARCH 3, 2024**

REGULAR COLLECTION: \$3,373.00

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:  
SUPPORTS ALL THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.**

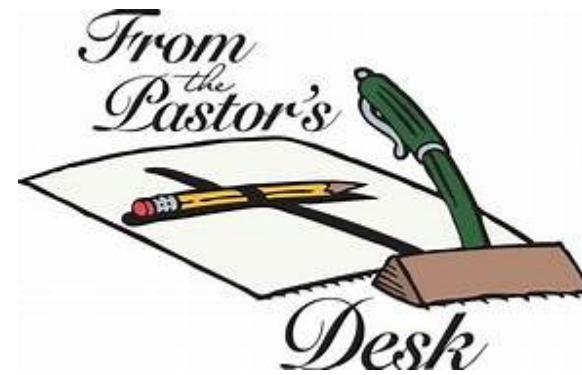
Sunday collections totals do not include on-line giving, which is reported at the end of the month. Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ. We are always thankful for the continuing generosity of our parishioners, 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, we thank everyone for their continued generosity** and ask if they could, to please consider increasing their weekly offering.



**CHRIST THE KING / ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
R.C. CHURCH MERGER**

As you may have heard, Christ the King R.C. Church and St. Mary Magdalene R.C. Church will merge to become one church.

The rationale behind the merger as explained by the pastor includes the following: Added financial and pastoral viability, Streamlining administration, Sharing current financial and human resources and Decreasing priest burnout.

As part of engaging with our parishioners, this announcement will continue for four weeks. Anyone who has any need for clarity can contact the rectory.

The proposed start date is September 1, 2024. Let us remain in prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom and grace required as we continue with this process.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Fr. Gordon Kusi*

## **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.**

### **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 the Sick, at home.