

Dear Parishioners:

**Re: 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.

**Rev. Fr. Gordon Kusi**

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: a journey of faith, unity, and purpose. This year, we are *Called to Communion, Participation, and Mission* – a powerful theme that encapsulates the essence of our shared commitment to make a meaningful impact. We thank you for your continued support and generosity during the 2024 Appeal.



**LENTEN PILGRIMAGE** – FEBRUARY 14-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



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



**OPERATION RICE BOWL** Please return your Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday for donation. Please change coins to bills and or checks (Written out to St. Mary Magdalene). **THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THE POOR.**



**St. Mary Magdalene and Brother Raymond Blixt Scholarship** application for academic year is available. Application deadline is May 3, 2024. Please contact Dr. Marva Chevalier at the parish office for more information and questions.



Rev. Father Maurice Nutt, Postulator for the cause of canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman will be conducting **A RESURRECTION REVIVAL**. **REVIVAL THEME:** “Won’t He do it” at St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict The Moor Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. nightly. All are welcome.!



**THE LAST JUDGMENT MINISTRY** is sponsoring a **CLOTHING DRIVE** on Sunday, April 28th. The St. Vincent de Paul van will be in the Rectory parking lot from 8:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Kindly donate your gently used clothing. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE BAGS INTO THE CHURCH.**

# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

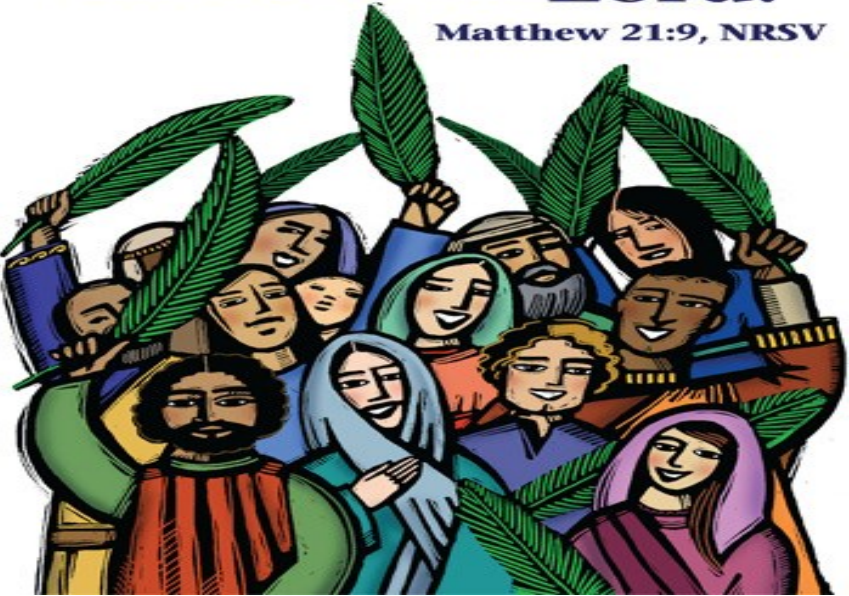
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**Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



**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 24, 2024**



Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.

**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:** Lorna McKenzie, Miriam Bettis  
**Baptism Preparation:** Doris & Price Olivier  
**Consolation Ministry:** Mikki Maynard  
**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



# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year B

March 24, 2024

At the Procession with Palms:  
Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16  
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, Gn 1:1-2:2or Gn 1:1,26-31a/Gn 22:1-18or Gn22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,4,5-6/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7



**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, Marjorie Moore



**Sun. March 24, 2024**

**8:45 AM: Ricci Nelson (+)**

**Req. by: STMM Consolation Parish Ministry**

**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: MARCH 17, 2024: REGULAR COLLECTION: \$2,380.00**  
**2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES \$670.00**



## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION -

**HOLY LAND—March 29th: This collection is used to support the Christian community in the Holy Land.**

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.



## The Passion of Jesus Christ

BE REMINDED OF THE REASON FOR THE EASTER SEASON!

Amongst all the busyness that goes on, reflect on Jesus and His resurrection

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

**Reconciliation Monday:** March 25th: 2PM to 4PM and 6PM to 9PM

(Or call the Rectory for an appointment)

**\*Holy Thursday:** (The Lord's Supper) March 28th – Mass at 7:00 PM

**\*Good Friday:** March 29th — 3:00 PM **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**  
++Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Stations & Veneration of the Cross

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

### EASTER SCHEDULE

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



# HOLY WEEK

## 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 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion, and Anointing of the Sick, at home.