



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.

The 2024 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 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. *The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.*



**Mother's Day Raffle, May 12th, 2024:** Sponsored by the St. Mary Magdalene Women's Group. Ticket cost: \$5.00. Please see flyer on vestibule table with prize information.



The winners of the Women's History Month Art Contest, sponsored by the Last Judgment Ministry, will be announced today at the 11:00 AM Mass. Following the Mass, the art work of all the participants will be displayed in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

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



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



Rev. Father, Maurice Nutt, Postulator for the cause of canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman, will be conducting **A RESURRECTION REVIVAL** titled "Won't He Do It" at St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict The Moor on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM nightly. All are welcome!



**Diocesan Eucharistic Revival** – There is a sign-up sheet on the table for those who are interested in attending the revival on **Saturday, April 20, 2024** at the Louis Armstrong Stadium in the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Please write legibly. Thanks.

# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

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JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

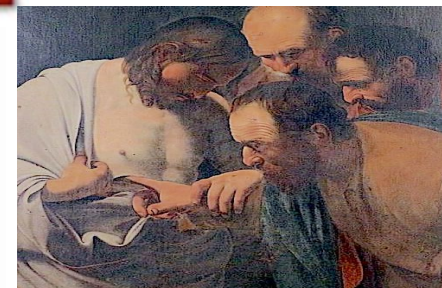
## Jesus I Trust in You!



**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.



April 7, 2024



"Do not be unbelieving but believe."

### 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. Nzebalu –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



# 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

Reading I: Acts 4:32-35  
Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 20:19-31



**Monday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Is 7:10-14, 8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15**

**Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21**

**Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36**

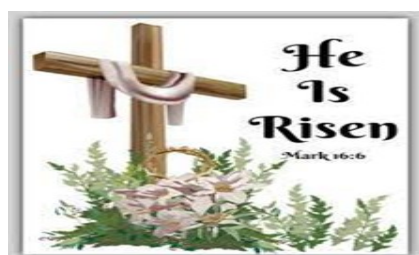
**Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15**

**Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21**



**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, Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto Giscomb, Andre Chase, Aleem Shoucair, Alma Sweeney, Marjorie Moore



**Sun. April 7, 2024**

**8:45 AM: For God's Deliverance**

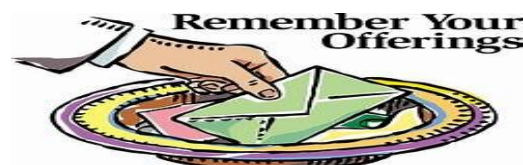
Req. by: Mirlande Noel

**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, APRIL 7, 2024: REGULAR COLLECTION: \$ 2,733.00**

**EASTER GIFT: \$1,245.00 | EASTER VIGIL: \$1,082.00**

**HOLY LAND: \$767.00 | RETIRED PRIEST: \$1,043.00**

**CRS RICE BOWL: \$280.00**

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.

Thank You to all of our generous parishioners who assisted with a Easter Flower offering in memory/honor of a loved one.



*Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. "The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." Psalm 145:9*

*Jesus I Trust in You!*

The Clergy and staff wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone involved in making our Holy Week and Easter celebration so special. We especially thank Ken Harrison and Selwyn Phillip, who assisted in the many Lenten season Church changes, the Altar Servers, Choir, Musicians, G.I.F.T. (Youth Ministry), Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and all who offered assistance in any way.



*We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*

*Cameron Rayjon Dabrezil &*

*Bell Esther Fee Gardenhire*

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