

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM - Creole  
11:00 AM - English  
1:30 PM - Spanish

**Weekdays**  
8:00 AM - English  
9:00 AM - Spanish  
10:00 AM - Creole

# THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ADVENT LECTURE SERIES



J E S U S and the  
JEWISH ROOTS of the EUCHARIST

*Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*

BRANT PITRE

*Preface by SCOTT HAHN*

## ADVENT LECTURE SERIES



GROW IN YOUR LOVE OF JESUS AND  
THE EUCHARIST THIS ADVENT!

MONDAY'S IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4

DECEMBER 11

DECEMBER 18

AT 7:00 PM

THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST JOSEPH  
UNDERCROFT

## THANKSGIVING MASS: NOVEMBER 23

# THANKSGIVING MASS



THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday, November 23, 2023

In Trilingual at 10AM



ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Thursday, November 23, 2023

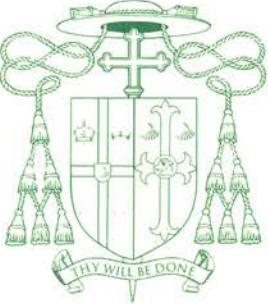
In English at 8:30AM

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9:30 AM - English  
6:00 PM - English

**Weekdays**  
8:30 AM - English

# ST. TERESA OF AVILA



## Office of the Bishop

*Diocese of Brooklyn*

310 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

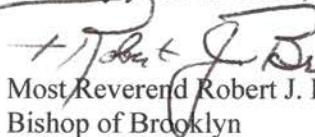
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

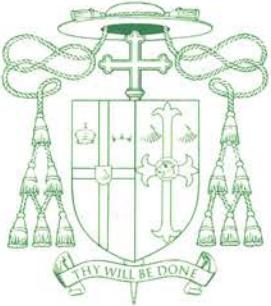
Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Brooklyn



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1 de noviembre de 2023

Al clero, personal parroquial y a los fieles feligreses de Brooklyn y Queens,

Recientemente tuve el placer de reunirme con nuestro Vicario General, Vicarios Regionales, Decanos locales y sacerdotes en una Convocatoria Sacerdotal en Douglaston. Discutimos temas importantes que necesitaremos abordar en el futuro cercano, como nuevos modelos de vida parroquial, posibles colaboraciones entre parroquias con respecto a Educación Religiosa y otros ministerios, y evaluar los horarios actuales de Misa en todas nuestras parroquias.

Permítanme compartir con ustedes algunas estadísticas que fueron compartidas con los sacerdotes:

- En 2017, la asistencia total a Misa en nuestra Diócesis fue de un promedio de 205,502 personas por fin de semana. En 2022, el promedio fue de 124,031. Debido a los cambios demográficos, así como a la tendencia nacional general de que menos católicos asisten a la Misa dominical con regularidad, vemos una disminución de casi el 40 por ciento en la asistencia a Misa en nuestra diócesis en los últimos 5 años. Esta disminución en la asistencia a Misa significa que en muchas parroquias de la diócesis tenemos iglesias de gran capacidad con asistencia a la Misa bastante reducida.
- Debido a un alto número de jubilaciones y fallecimientos, hay muchos menos sacerdotes en nuestras 175 parroquias.
- En nuestra diócesis, la Misa se celebra semanalmente en 14 idiomas diferentes y mensualmente en 26 idiomas. Esta es una situación única y el reducido número de clérigos bilingües complica aún más la capacidad de servir a las parroquias con necesidades lingüísticas específicas.

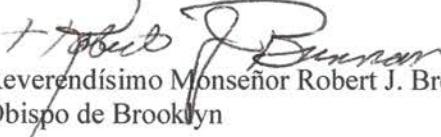
No existe una solución sencilla para estos problemas. En muchas de nuestras parroquias es evidente que no necesitamos tantas Misas para dar cabida al número de feligreses que asisten a la Eucaristía dominical. Estamos pidiendo a los párrocos y administradores de la diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens, en consulta con sus consejos pastorales, que revisen y evalúen sus horarios de Misas. En muchas parroquias, el número de Misas celebradas cada fin de semana puede reducirse en al menos una o quizás más Misas, dependiendo del número de personas que asisten y de la capacidad de cada iglesia.

Además, su párroco, en coordinación con su Vicario Regional y el Decano local, están iniciando discusiones a nivel de decanato sobre posibles colaboraciones formales entre parroquias vecinas con respecto a la Educación Religiosa y otros ministerios, que posiblemente podrían conducir a la formación formal de parroquias asociadas de dos iglesias.

Les pido su apertura y cooperación con estos posibles cambios. No todas las parroquias se verán afectadas, pero la mayoría pasará por algún tipo de ajuste para poder continuar atendiendo de manera más efectiva las necesidades actuales del Pueblo de Dios en nuestra gran diócesis.

Les ofrezco mis oraciones por cada uno de ustedes, y les pido humildemente sus oraciones, especialmente por nuestros párrocos y administradores, y todos aquellos que serán parte de estas discusiones que tendrán lugar en nuestras parroquias y decanatos.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

  
Reverendísimo Monseñor Robert J. Brennan  
Obispo de Brooklyn

**THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH**

856 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY 11238

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA**

777 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238

**PARISH OFFICE**

563 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238

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Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

Lunch break 1pm - 2pm

**ATTENDANCE AND  
COLLECTION  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**ST. JOSEPH**

9:00 AM	43	\$418
	2nd Collection	\$168
11:00 AM	127	\$778
	2nd Collection	\$289
1:30 PM	150	\$710
	2nd Collection	\$358
<b>ST. TERESA</b>		
9:30 AM	78	\$842
	2nd Collection	\$347
11:30 AM	100	\$431
	2nd Collection	\$120
6:00 PM	50	\$246
	2nd Collection	\$163
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>\$3,425</b>
<b>2nd Collection Total</b>		<b>\$1,445</b>

**CHURCH HOURS  
HORARIO DE LA IGLESIA**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Sunday: 8:00 am - 3:00pm  
Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 3:00pm  
Saturday: CLOSED

**ST. TERESA**

Sunday: 8:00am - 7:00pm  
Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Saturday: CLOSED

**FIESTA DE SANTA CECILIA: NOVIEMBRE 22**

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph-St.  
Teresa of Avila Church  
**LOS INVITA, A HONRAR A LA  
PATRONA DE LOS MÚSICOS**

**NOVIEMBRE**  
Miércoles  
22,  
2023

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
856 Pacific St, Brooklyn, NY 11238

**Programa:**  
Serenata a nuestra patrona con mariachis- **5:30 PM**  
A continuación con la santa misa- **7:30 PM**

Terminando la misa habrá un concierto con música en vivo, y comida en el auditorio de San José.  
**Todos son ¡bienvenidos! Te esperamos.**

**RETIRO DE ADVIENTO**

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Señor, tú establecerás paz para nosotros, ya que también todas nuestras obras tú las hiciste por nosotros.  
-Isaiah 26:12

**09 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023**

**DE 8:30AM A 4PM**

**SANTA TERESA DE ÁVILA**

563 STERLING PLACE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11238

**CON EL PADRE VICENTE VILLAMIL**

**¡LES ESPERAMOS!**

**RETRE LAVAN**

**RETRÈ LAVAN**

**AVÈK REVERAN PASCAL LOUIS**

"Viv Bondye nan syèl la. Sou tè se pou moun li renmen yo viv ak kè poze."

-Lik 2:14

**TWA JOU RETRÈ**

**LENDI 18 DESANM, 2023**

**MADI 19 DESANM, 2023**

**MÈKREDI 20 DESANM, 2023**

**SOTI 7:00PM RIVE 9:00PM**

**LEGLIZ: SENT TERÈZ MOUN AVILA**

777 CLASSON AVE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11238



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## A POLYCHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DEC 8 - 9

MUSIC AT CO-CATH  
PRESENTS

7:30 PM

### A POLYCHORAL CHRISTMAS

CHARPENTIER'S MASS FOR FOUR CHOIRS & TE DEUM

FEATURING  
THE MACC ENSEMBLE

IN COLLABROATION WITH  
THE UNSUNG COLLECTIVE

The Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph - 856 Pacific St. Brooklyn, NY 11238

## SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Our Seminarians have little or no earning power during their six-eight years of formation, but they still have personal expenses. Whether their need is gas to travel to parish assignments, an unexpected car repair, or maybe just enough black socks to get through the week, they can use a helping hand. Your generosity in helping them to meet their everyday expenses that occur is a great sign of support for their generous response to God's call, affirming them in their desire to dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the Catholic faithful.

If you wish to participate in this program please take an envelope labeled '2023 Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program' in which there will be gift instructions and the name of a seminarian. Starting on November 26th these cards will be on the Christmas trees located in the vestibules of the Co-Cathedral and of St Teresa. The gift needs to be dropped off at the parish office or in a Sunday collection basket no later than December 10th so that they can be sent to St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

Thank you for making this Christmas brighter for our Seminarians!

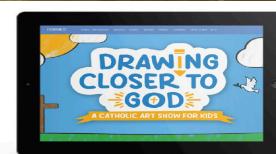
## NEW ADVENT SERIES ON FORMED

Prepare for Christ's coming with two new Advent series on FORMED.

### Drawing Closer to God prepares your family for the Messiah's coming.

Journey through Advent with the whole family! Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches children to draw different scenes from the Christmas story, including the Annunciation, shepherds' visit, the Nativity scene, and more. With compelling storytelling, Ms. Kim points out key details from Scripture and Catholic tradition.

As kids follow along and learn new art skills, they also learn to see the connections between the big picture of God's story and their place within it.



There's still time to join us on FORMED this Advent. Explore more today!



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM: +Belnacine Jean-Felix

9:30 AM: +Lamercie Arnee

- Miriam Martina Jacobs (For Health & Well-Being)

11:00 AM:+Rita Gianatiempo

--Ruth Lorras

--Maria Esperanza Lora

--Isabel Balan

- +Hernacio Lopez

--Guadalupe De La Rosa

--Marcos Daniel Genao

6:00 PM:Deceased member of the Jacobs family



## PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

# GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH GROUPS

Contact the Rectory for More Information.

## Children's Religious Education

We offer Formation and Sacramental Preparations for children in 1st Grade to High School. Registration is ongoing from May to September. Classes begin the 1st Sunday in October.

## Middle School & High School Youth Group

Please contact our Youth Minister Fernando Torres  
ftorres@stjosephs-brooklyn.org

## Rites for Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you are an adult seeking to become a Catholic or complete your sacraments, please contact Deacon Manuel Quintana.  
mquintana@stjosephs-brooklyn.org

## Sacred Scripture Series

Seasonal. Contact: Deacon Manuel Quintana

## Remote Prayer

Every morning at 7:15AM - gathers via Zoom (AUDIO ONLY) for morning prayer. Contact: Deacon Manuel Quintana  
mquintana@stjosephs-brooklyn.org or 917-250-1921

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Sundays, @StJoseph 12:15pm-1:15pm  
Sundays, @StTeresa 9am - 9:25am  
Any other date, please call parish office.



**Baptism:** Baptisms are available in English, Spanish and Creole.  
Parents may schedule their child's baptism by contacting the parish office.

**Holy Matrimony:** Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to a wedding date. Contact the rectory for an appointment with a priest or deacon. Weddings can be scheduled in English, Spanish and Creole.



**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament is available for any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill or suffering from the effects of advanced age. It is also recommended for anyone who is going to undergo serious surgery. Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment for a priest to visit your home. A communal celebration of this sacrament will be scheduled twice a year.



## WANT TO WATCH MASS FROM HOME?

The Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph is broadcast live via NET TV at 8AM in English, 9AM in Spanish and at 10AM in Creole Monday through Friday.

You may watch us at home, at work, or on the go at:

- Spectrum ch. 97
  - Optimum ch. 30
  - Fios by Verizon ch. 548
- or Anywhere, anytime via our livestream. ([www.netny.tv](http://www.netny.tv))



## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to visit Jesus in the Eucharist.

Every Wednesday  
St. Teresa of Avila  
After the 8:30am Mass,  
ending with Benediction  
at 12:00pm.

Every Friday  
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
After the 10:00am Mass,  
ending with Benediction  
at 7:00pm.

## TODAY'S READINGS

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

Blessed are these who fear the Lord

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

## SAINT OF THE DAY

**Monday (11/20)** - St Ambrose of Camaldoli

**Tuesday (11/21)** - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

**Wednesday (11/22)** - Saint Cecilia

**Thursday (11/23)** - Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

**Friday (11/24)** - Martyrs of Vietnam

**Saturday (11/25)** - Saint Catherine of Alexandria



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