

THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH, 2023

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph – St. Teresa of Avila Parish,

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”* Luke 2:15

The time has come for us to follow again the example of the shepherds and go spiritually *“to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”* (Lk 2:15) We are about to rejoice again at the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy: *“For unto us a child is born”* (Is 9:6)!

As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, we rejoice in all the graces that the Lord has granted us during this past year. We have grown as a community of believers and have deepened our faith. We celebrated a total of **47 Baptisms, 9 First Holy Communions, 14 Confirmations, and 13 Weddings.** We have been moved by the musical talent of MACC (Music at CoCath) as they put on three concerts and other performances and sang at our **Solemn Advent Vespers.** Parishioners from all our language groups have attended retreats, days of prayer, and lectures. Our various processions for **Palm Sunday, Corpus Christi, San Juanito, and Our Lady of Guadalupe** have made our presence known in the neighborhood.

As the shepherds were moved to action by the angel’s message at Christmas, our parish community has also been one of action! Among our many outreach initiatives, we **donated dozens of jackets to the homeless, school supplies to asylum seekers, and food to the hungry throughout the year.** We successfully collaborated on projects with various groups, such as **DeSales Media, the NYPD, and the FDNY.**

All of our parish activities are grounded in our faith in the Incarnation, in the fact that *“the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”* (Jn 1:14). We celebrate and contemplate this mystery in a special way during the Christmas season, especially at Holy Mass.

Let us recommit ourselves to living as Catholics of action to continue the great momentum of this past year. I am so excited about what we have accomplished together in 2023 and I look forward to seeing even greater achievements in 2024!

A blessed Christmas to you and your families and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Christopher R. Heanue
Rector-Pastor

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Weekdays

8:30 AM - English

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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Open Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm

Lunch break 1pm - 2pm

**ATTENDANCE AND
COLLECTION
DECEMBER 17, 2023**

ST. JOSEPH

9:00 AM	40	\$419
	2nd Collection	\$105
11:00 AM	138	\$588
	2nd Collection	\$269
1:30 PM	261	\$702
	2nd Collection	\$414

ST. TERESA

9:30 AM	91	\$1,289
	2nd Collection	\$181
6:00 PM	20	\$409
	2nd Collection	\$49

Total	550	\$3,407
2nd Collection Total		\$1,018

**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

Ha llegado el momento de volver a seguir el ejemplo de los pastores e ir espiritualmente “a Belén para ver esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos anunció”. (Lc 2:15) Estamos a punto de regocijarnos de nuevo por el cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías: “¡Porque para nosotros ha nacido un niño” (Is 9:6)!

De igual medida que los pastores fueron movidos a la acción por el mensaje del ángel en Navidad, ¡nuestra comunidad parroquial también ha sido una de acción!

Todas nuestras actividades parroquiales se basan en nuestra fe en la Encarnación, en el hecho de que “la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros”. (Jn 1:14).

Comprometámonos, de nuevo, a vivir como católicos de acción y así continuar con el gran impulso del año pasado. ¡Mucho me emociona en lo que hemos logrado juntos en 2023 y espero ver logros aún mayores en 2024!

Una bendita Navidad para usted y su familia, y un Feliz Año Nuevo.

Lè-a rive ankò, pou nou pran wout gadyen mouton yo, wout kap mennen nou Bètleèm pou nal wè sa-k pase-a; sa Granmèt la te fè nou konnen nan Like 2:15. Nou pral rejwi ak kè konfan, jan profèt Izayi te anonse-a: “Nan mitan nou, youn ti Bebe fenk fèt” (Izayi 9:16)

Menm jan ak gadyen mouton yo ki te deplase, ki te mete yo an aksyon lè bòn nouvèl la te rive jwenn yo, pawas nou-an tou an aksyon pou nal pote bòn nouvèl la bay lòt moun. Se lafwa nou nan nesans pitit Bondye-a Kap dirije tout aktivité nou yo. Pawòl Bondye-a tounen moun e li abite nan mitan nou. (Jan1:14)

Se pou sezon fèt sa yo ede nou reveye lafwa nou, ede nou renouvle angajman nou pran kòm katolik pou nou kontinué misyon nou nan pawas la menm jan sa te ye nan lane 2023-a. Mwen kontan anpil de sa nou reyalize ansanm pandan ane 2023-a e mwen espere pou nou reyalize plis toujou pandan lane 2024 la.

Mwen swete nou tout ak tout fanmiy nou: jwaye Nwèl e Bòn Ane.

DECEMBER 24TH & DECEMBER 25TH MASS SCHEDULE

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

11pm - CHRISTMAS CAROLS

12am - MIDNIGHT MASS WITH BISHOP BRENNAN

Christmas Day

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

9am - CREOLE MASS

11am - ENGLISH MASS

1:30pm - SPANISH MASS

St. Teresa of Avila

9:30am - ENGLISH MASS

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

You are invited to
Families, Fathers & Children's

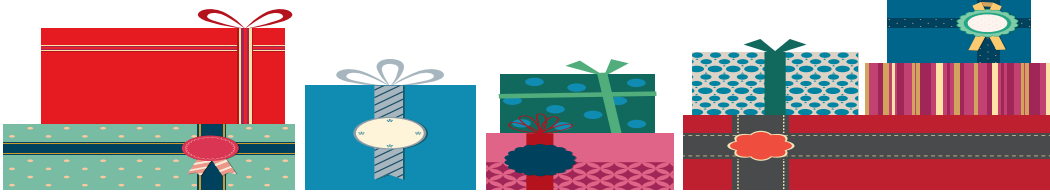
15TH ANNUAL

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 27th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

in St. Teresa of Avila's Social Hall
563 Sterling Place
near the corner of Classon

Questions: Call 718-789-5321 or 917-287-9044



NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

9am - Creole

11am - English

1:30pm - Spanish

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

9:30am - English

6pm - English

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

10am - Trilingual

**NO 8:30AM MASS AT
ST. TERESA OF AVILA**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2023

SUNDAY

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Desrosiers Family

9:30 AM: +Edward Alfonso Rodun

11:00 AM: +Dennis & +Priscilla Carollo

-Theodore A. Dumaluan (Birthday Blessing)

+Lydia Oppedisano

+Veronica Coakley & Tobin Family

+Rita Gianatiempo

1:30 PM : +Maria Esperanza Lora

MONDAY

12:00 AM: +Msgr. Paul Jervis

+Berta & Luigi Ruffini

9:00 AM: +Jacques Marie Eliade Bazile

9:30 AM : Noelita Abellerd (Birthday Blessing)

-Thanksgiving to God for Laurette Ostane

11:00 AM: Bibi Hiranman (Birthday Blessing)

1:30 PM: +Martin Vasquez



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.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: THANKS TO THSOE WHO DONATED A POINSETTIA THIS CHRISTMAS

IN MEMORY OF



Ana H. Aviles
André Carter
Miguel A. Miranda
Antonia Hernandez
The Deceased members of the Montanile Family
O'Neill and Camisete Family
Maria, Alfonso & Elaine Caban
Jeannite Clermont
Galileo David
Mary and Charles Salvi
Elsa Fergusson
Eleanor Meineke
Jorge Maldonado
Damian Martinez
Ydalia Ramirez
Mr. & Mrs. E.V. Remy
Eugeny Pinto & Oscar Pinto
Leslene Cadogan Piggot
Joseph Tortorelle
Luciana Salvador
Peter Augustine Wilson
Pat Inantone
The Departed of the family Jean, Virgile,
Darguste, Charles & Toussaint
Brian Barbara & Brian Paul Naughton
Elissa & Hermenio Acevedo
Trinidad Tellez
Robert C. Salerno
John L. Paladino M.D
Padre Prosperino Gallipoli
Veronica Coakley and The Tobin & Coakley Family
Adelina Rivera and Family
Germaine Dieme, Manicut Angleque & Naomi Collins
Vincent & Christopher Mooney
Casper Michael Dorothy Hartmann
Anthony J. Pace
Martin Atangana
Madeline & Joseph Williams Sr.



The Moringiello Family
Michael Mangialino Sr.
Victor Wickham
Salvador & Luz Figueroa
Norah & Norman Walton
Rose & Frank Durante
Father Robert Vitalione
Justino Lopez
Reynold & Mimise Hosten
Pablo Morales
Emily De Victoria
Deceased members of The Hesselberg & Hamilton Family
Catherine and Arthur Aritelli
Romanzo-Villani Deceased Family Members
Patrick Butler
Mrs. Altigracia Rosario
John R. Citro
Vernon Flemming
Denis and Shiela Buckley
Winston & Effie Ferguesor Family
Dolores Larson
Deceased members of the Lucchetti & Capuano Family
Morange Jean-Charles
Margie Moton
Matthew, Kenneth & Darlene Cafiero
Angie Marchiano
Raymond T. Rodriguez
Israel Albino Sr.
Robert Gioia
William Stroetz
Deceased members of the Schwarz & Corbett Family
Hebert Prophete
Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Cadet
Carl-Joseph Auguste
Marsden Skeen Jr.
Mary Linnie Whitney
Agatha Breidenbach
Michael Luther
Daniel Pinto

THE FAMILY OF



Marsha C. Guillaume
Angel Miranda
Anne Andre
Gilroy and Ferrucci Family
Arthur J. Schneider
Carmelita Ventura Hernandez
The Torres
Martha Bruno
The Baratta
Justin Gibson Sionata & Derrick Wells
Erica Figaro
The Tellezs
Jacques Jean-Pierre
The Romanos
Joseph Gallipoli
John & Elizabeth Occhipinti
Josefina Tejada
Joseph Bichotte

Icu Collins and Uliu Collins
The Gallagers
The Smiths
Lydia Atherley
Marie E. Civil
The Ostances
Mario & Alba Hernandez
Mary Modeste
Proscia & Maher Family
Melinda Brooks
The Gonzalezs
Brzozowski
Linven Mayers
Rae Cafiero
Rosemarie & John Marchiano
The Braccias
Alcee & Alexander
Wendy Moses-Foster
Clarita



EPIPHANY CONCERT: JANUARY 7TH

EPIPHANY CONCERT



ST. TERESA OF AVILA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

AT 7:30 PM

WITH VICTOR STARSKY & ALEJANDRO ZULETA

PERFORMING WORKS BY BIZET, HANDEL, SCHUBERT AND MORE



VICTOR STARSKY BIO

TENOR SOLOIST

Victor Starsky is a native of Richmond Hill, New York, where he has learned and practiced his craft as a teacher, martial artist, and professional musician. Mr. Starsky was a participant of the 2019 Merola Opera Program and a 2020 San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow where he gratefully received the prestigious Shoshana Foundation's Richard F. Gold Career Grant. Victor performed the role of Lt. B.F. Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* with Long Island Opera and made his role debut as the Duke in Verdi's *Rigoletto* at Opera Modesto. In February 2020, he performed the role of Don José in his company debut with Opera Tampa. Opera Today writes: "Victor Starsky's Don José is terrifying and compelling, with a voice that performs vocal acrobatics with strength and beauty that remains undiminished through his final line." Victor made his Carnegie Hall debut in April 2019 as the tenor soloist in Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*. In 2018, he traveled to Italy to perform the role of Alfredo in *La Traviata*, conducted by Audrey Saint-Gill. Victor sang *Il Postiglione* in *La Fanciulla del West* and *Rodolfo* in *La Bohème* with New York City Opera, and *Tony* in *West Side Story* with Opera North. In 2014, Mr. Starsky received the honor of a lifetime to perform the role of *The Celebrant* in Leonard Bernstein's *MASS* with its premier conductor, Maestro Maurice Peress. Victor is blessed beyond expression to be a proud father and husband.

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For Details & Links:
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Email mquintana@stjosephs-brooklyn.org

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Taking a look back at the notable moments of 2023.

While the year has concluded, we look forward with excitement to what lies ahead.
Wishing you and your family numerous blessings. Have a delightful holiday season!



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
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EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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Music at Co-Cath

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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)



SAINT OF THE DAY

Monday (12/25) - Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday (12/26) - Saint Stephen the Martyr

Wednesday (12/27) - Saint John the Apostle

Thursday (12/28) - Holy Innocents

Friday (12/29) - Saint Thomas a Becket

Saturday (12/30) - Saint Anysia of Thessalonica