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Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2023



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 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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00AM

Saturday : 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

4th Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



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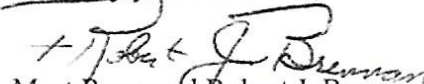
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, 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 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

[Note: Bishop Brennan's Letter was a separate insert in last Sunday's bulletin. To stress its importance, the same letter will be in the bulletin for two consecutive Sundays - Nov. 19 & 26. The *From the Pastor's Desk* column will resume on the 3rd of December, 1st Sunday of Advent.]

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit



CHURCH OFFERING

November 12, 2023

1st Collection - \$5,972.00

2nd Collection - \$1,919.00

November 12th - Fuel Offering

Upcoming Collections

November 19th - Catholic Campaign for Human Development

November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day Offering

November 26th - Church Maintenance

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes take place at the Ascension School, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (across the street from the firehouse). The classes run from September through June. Classes are for children in grades 1 through 8th. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time, as well as birth certificate. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in volunteering for the Faith Formation Program, please call the Parish Office at 718-335-2626

or e-mail ascensionfaithformationoffice@gmail.com

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.

For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335-2626.



Saturday, November 18th

5:00 PM Ramon Carandang

Sunday, November 19th

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Emma & Rodrigo Rosado

11:30 AM Asha Anthony George (L)

1:00 PM Felix Contreras
Lucas Toxqui (L)
Imelda Flores (L)

Monday, November 20th

7:00 AM Santiago Creus, Petronila Vilanoba,
Wenceslao & Gemma Creus

9:00 AM George & Robert Tavaris

Tuesday, November 21st - The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Felisa Buenviaje

Wednesday, November 22nd - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Canlas Family (L)

Thursday, November 23rd - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed
Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and
Martyr
Thanksgiving Day

7:00 AM Antonio Aialy

9:00 AM Philomena O'Connor

Friday, November 24th - St. Andrew Dñg-Lac, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM John Kenneth Villagonzalo

9:00 AM Arturo & Jesus Aguirre

Saturday, November 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr; BVM

9:00 AM Elmira, Gloria & all deceased members of the
Tanoy Family
Mary Gillispie
Chen Family (L), Chao (L), Chih (L),
An Chi (L), Yi Chia (L), Ming Hua (L),
Hsin Yu (L)




Please pray for:

Eida C. Moreno



Pray for the Sick:

 Rosa Tan, Carmen Moredo, Sandra P. Carvajal, Julissa Martinez,
Luis Amulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Elie Fornilda, Jose Reynel Vigoya,
Joel Rivera, Sursatti Shaw, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y
Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria Daulo, Jose M. Rosado,
Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubiela Arenas, Enrique
Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresita Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco,
Nazarette Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann
Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito
Valencia, Bonifacio Guiab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa
George, Renato Go, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio. To add names, please call
the Parish Office.

MEMORIALS

November 19 – November 25



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of
Margarita Chua

Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
Remedios Nazareno



Altar Flowers has been donated
In Loving Memory of
(please contact the Rectory Office to request a flower memorial)

Altar Candles will burn
In Loving Memory of
Eida C. Moreno



Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



EUCARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024

EXPLANATION OF THE MASS

*After a series of short catechesis on the sacrament of the Eucharist, we
will now have a series of short explanation of the
different parts of the Mass.*

Preparations before the Mass

Proper Church Attire: The *proper attire* for attending the Mass should indicate respect for the house of God, for our brothers and sisters, and for ourselves. The house of God demands our best clothes, the same we would use when visiting the president of a country - and we are meeting the King of Kings! Our brothers and sisters deserve our modest and discreet outfit, lest we provoke their emotions and distract their piety. Finally, our bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit, ought to be adorned with grace and dignity.

Arrival of the Faithful: All who enter a church dip their hand in a stoup of blessed water and sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, as a reminder of their Baptism. A genuflection is made to the Blessed Sacrament by all who enter and leave the church, or pass before the Tabernacle. A sacred silence should be observed in the church.

The Introductory Rites: The purpose of the *Introductory Rites* is to help the people to become a worshipping community, and to prepare them for listening to the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist. It comprises the following: *Entrance Procession, Sign of the Cross, Greeting, Penitential Act, Kyrie, Gloria, and Collect* (Opening Prayer).

Entrance Procession: The *Entrance Procession* recalls the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. In the Entrance Procession the people welcome Jesus represented by the priest, who acts *in persona Christi*, meaning, "in the person of Christ." In the first centuries, when the Church was under persecution and the Mass was celebrated in private houses and catacombs, the Entrance Procession was short and simple. In 313 AD, after Emperor Constantine granted freedom to the Christians, great churches were built. Thus, the Entrance Procession became longer and there was a need to be accompanied by an Entrance Chant or Entrance Antiphon. Today the options are: singing an Entrance Chant appropriate to the liturgical celebration and season, or reciting the Entrance Antiphon by the faithful.



**United in Communion,
United in Charity**

Summary Report as of November 13, 2023

Goal: \$51,617
Pledged: \$43,905.06
Received: \$38,361.59

To donate on-line: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/Checks> can be made out directly to:

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Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo, lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información y para los requisitos de los padrinos.

Clases de Educación Religiosas Para Adultos

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Clases De Educación Religiosa para Niños/Jóvenes

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de 8:45 AM a 11:00 AM de septiembre a junio. Las clases toman lugar en la Escuela Asunción, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (frente la estación de bomberos). Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas y voluntarios para el programa de educación religiosa. Animamos a los que puedan a compartir su fe Católica, su tiempo y talento. Si le interesa, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial, 718-335-2626.

Día de Acción de Gracias

El jueves 23 de noviembre es Día de Acción de Gracias. El horario de Misa es 7:00 y 9:00 am. La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el jueves 23 de noviembre y el viernes 24 de noviembre.

Novena de Misa En Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

domingo 3 de diciembre, lunes 4 de diciembre
martes 5 de diciembre, miércoles 6 de diciembre
jueves 7 de diciembre, viernes 8 de diciembre
sábado 9 de diciembre y domingo 10 de diciembre

TODOS LOS DIAS:

6:00 pm Rosario
7:00 pm Santa Misa
8:00 pm Hospitalidad

Lunes 11 de diciembre

7:30 pm Procesion
9:00 pm Rosario
10:00 pm Santa Misa
11:00 pm Serenata
11:30 pm Hospitalidad

Martes 12 de diciembre

5:00 pm Rosario
6:00 pm Santa Misa
7:00 pm Hospitalidad

Para anotar intenciones durante una Misa reservar con anticipación en la oficina parroquial.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

- Monday:** **Miraculous Medal Novena**
Mondays @ 9:30 AM
- Tuesday:** **Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday:** **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Novena @ 9:30 AM | Novena Mass
@ 7:00 PM (1st Wednesday)
- Thursday:** **Rosary Making Ministry** - to request supplies and/or pick up rosaries, please email:
marie_panas@msn.com
- Friday:** **Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction**
1st Friday @ 9:30 AM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & Black Nazarene
1st Friday – Angelus | Rosary | Novena to Our Lady of Fatima @ 6:00 PM &
Mass @ 7:00 PM
Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group & Choir
3rd Friday 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Saturday:** **2000 Hail Mary**
1st Saturday @ 9:30 AM
Lady of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace
2nd Saturday @ 9:30 AM
El Shaddai
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Sunday:** **Ascension Parish Rosary Society**
1st Sunday @ 10:00 AM
Religious Education Children's Choir
2nd, 3rd, 4th and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 11:15 AM-12:30 PM
Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group and God the Father of All Mankind Devotion Prayer Group
4th Sunday @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Lower Church)
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Church)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Church)
CFC Christian Life Program*
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and if applicable 5th Sunday
@ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church)
4th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6 PM (Lower Church)



EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23, 2023 is Thanksgiving Day. The Mass schedule is 7:00 and 9:00 am Mass. The Rectory Office will be closed on both Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe: A novena of Masses in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held from Sunday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 10th; 6:00 pm Rosario followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by fellowship in the lower church.

Monday, December 11: Procession at 7:30 pm, Rosario at 9:00 pm, Holy Mass at 10:00 pm, Serenata at 11:00 pm, followed by fellowship in the lower church.

Tuesday, December 12: Rosario at 5:00 pm, Holy Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by fellowship in the lower church.

All are invited to partake in the celebrations.

Saint's Corner:

St. Margaret of Scotland
November 16

Margaret was born in 1046 at Reska, Hungary. She was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling and of Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father was in exile in Hungary at the time of her birth. But the family returned to England soon afterwards and Margaret thus spent most of her youth at the English court of her uncle king Edward the Confessor. When the Norman King William the Conqueror invaded England and crushed the English army, the English royal family fled for safety to Scotland and Margaret's family went with them. There her beauty and goodness conquered king Malcolm III and they were married in 1070. She was 24 and he was 39. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters.

The marriage brought great blessings for King Malcolm and for Scotland. Malcolm was rough and uncultured but his disposition was good, and Margaret softened his temper, polished his manners, and rendered him one of the most virtuous kings who have ever occupied the Scottish throne. To maintain justice, to establish religion, and to make their subjects happy appeared to be their chief object in life. Margaret influenced the king to works of justice, mercy and charity. King Malcolm, perceiving that Christ dwelt in the heart of his queen, was always ready to follow her advice. Indeed, he not only left to her the whole management of his domestic affairs, but also consulted her in state matters.

As mother, Margaret brought up her children with utmost care, herself instructing them in the Christian faith and supervising their studies. But her care and attention extended also to her servants and household. Yet, despite her state functions and domestic duties, she was always faithful to her regular times of prayer. She also attended Mass daily.

Perhaps her most outstanding virtue, though, was her love for the poor. She often visited the sick and tended them with her own hands. She was always surrounded by beggars when she appeared in public because she always gave generously to all of them. Margaret also did a lot for the Church. She organized synods to correct the abuses both among the clergy and the laity. She founded several churches and monasteries.

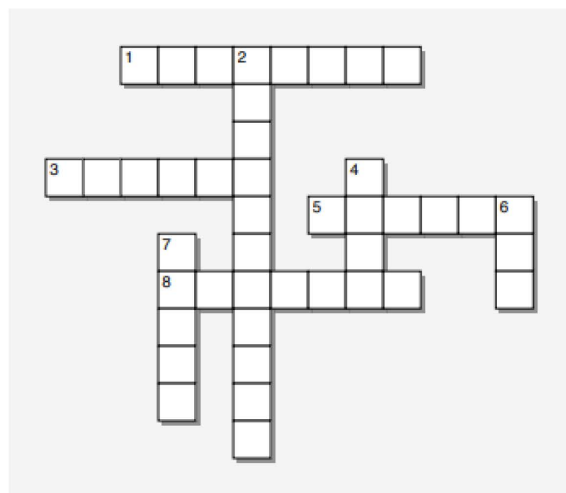
Margaret died at Edinburgh in 1093 on this day at the age 47. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and declared patroness of Scotland in 1673.

Children's Section:



Sunday Gospel Activities

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Matthew 25:14-30



Across

- 1. Showing constant support or loyalty is to be a _____ friend.
- 3. The person in charge of the servants is called the _____.
- 5. evil or bad
- 8. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of _____.

Down

- 2. Today is the _____ Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- 4. The number after four and before six
- 6. He _____ a hole to bury his treasure.
- 7. The opposite of big.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?
WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

_____ I wish to receive a registration form

_____ I have an address change

_____ I am moving out of the Parish

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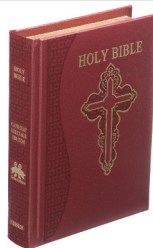
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