

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass) 11:15AM  
(Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Gospel Choir)

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the rectory.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

**PARISH BOUNDARIES:** Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS:** The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass.

**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm. Adoration: All day;  
Benediction: 5:15 PM.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Mondays, after the 12:10 Mass

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:** Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre- kindergarten - High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.  
Webpage: [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 21ST, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A year ago this week we began filming the Mass and posting it on line. We have received no end of compliments and praises from all over the country for the quality and clarity of the Mass. I am very grateful to Susan Campochiaro Confrey for her vision and talents that have created this reverent opportunity of worship. I thank her team, Padraic, Amanda, Whit, Joel, Robert, Josh, Deborah, Nicholas. And special thanks to Margarita and Jason for the beautiful music.

Beginning on this Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent (formerly known as Judica Sunday after the first words of the introit "Judge me, O Lord") and throughout passiontide, we will veil the statues, images and crosses in the Church in purple cloth. We will not veil the large crucifix. There is a large crank in the school to lower it but I am too afraid to touch it.

Many theories exist as to the historical origins of this practice. Some people believe the tradition arose from the reading of the Gospel which speaks of Jesus hiding himself from the crowd that was about to stone him (John 8:59). Still others speculate that the custom developed in a period in which crosses were more ornate and covered in precious jewels. Covering these resplendent crosses helped the faithful meditate on the sufferings of Christ.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted in 2006, "The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of 'fasting' from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in a veneration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life."

People asked on Sunday why we wore the Rose color vestments. The fourth Sunday, the middle Sunday of Lent, is Laetare Sunday. Laetare means to rejoice. In joy that we are half way through the season of fasting, we wear rose color vestments.

Father David Nolan

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Hace un año esta semana comenzamos a filmar la Misa y publicarla en línea. Hemos recibido un sinfín de cumplidos y elogios de todo el país por la calidad y claridad de la Misa. Estoy muy agradecido a Susan Campochiaro Confrey por su visión y talentos que han creado esta reverente oportunidad de adoración. Agradezco a su equipo, Padraic, Amanda, Whit, Joel, Robert, Josh, Deborah y Nicholas. Y un agradecimiento muy especial a Jason y Margarita por deleitarnos con su música.

A partir de este domingo, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma (antes conocido como Judica Sunday después de las primeras palabras del introito "Juzgame, oh Señor") y durante la pasión cubriremos las estatuas, imágenes y cruces de la Iglesia con tela púrpura. No cubriremos el gran crucifijo. Hay una manivela grande en la escuela para bajarla, pero tengo demasiado miedo de tocarla.

Existen muchas teorías sobre los orígenes históricos de esta práctica. Algunas personas creen que la tradición surgió de la lectura del Evangelio que habla de Jesús escondiéndose de la multitud que estaba a punto de apedrearlo (Juan 8:59). Otros especulan que la costumbre se desarrolló en un período en el que las cruces estaban más ornamentadas y cubiertas de joyas preciosas. Cubrir estas cruces resplandecientes ayudó a los fieles a meditar sobre los sufrimientos de Cristo.

Como señaló la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos en 2006, "El velo de cruces e imágenes es una especie de 'ayuno' de representaciones sagradas que representan la gloria paschal de nuestra salvación. Así como el ayuno de Cuaresma concluye con la Fiesta Pascual, así también nuestro ayuno de la cruz culmina en la veneración del madero santo en el que se ofreció el sacrificio del Calvario por nuestros pecados. Asimismo, un ayuno de las gloriosas imágenes de los misterios de la fe y de los santos en la gloria, culmina en la noche de Pascua con una renovada apreciación de la gloriosa victoria conquistada por Cristo, resucitado de la tumba para ganarnos la vida eterna".

La gente preguntó el domingo por qué usamos las vestimentas de color rosa. El cuarto domingo, el domingo medio de Cuaresma, es el domingo de Laetare. Laetare significa regocijarse. Con la alegría de estar a mitad de camino de la temporada de ayuno, usamos vestimentas de color rosa.

Padre David E. Nolan

### FOOD FOR FAMILIES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

On the third Sunday of each month, we will be collecting groceries for our Parish program "Food for Families". As the people who come to our Food Pantry are seniors, we need small/medium size items, easy to OPEN, that do not require a lot of preparation - just heat and eat!

### WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

Coffee (instant)  
Tea (Regular and Herbal) Honey  
Cereal (e.g. crunchy raisin bran) Muesli  
Juice (small containers)  
Pasta - just heat and eat such as:  
• • Anni's Bernie O's Pasta in Tomato & Cheese Sauce, Organic  
• • Campbell's Spaghetti Pasta  
• • Chef Boyardee (e.g. Beef Ravioli Rice (Rice A Roni)  
Beans, (cooked, all varieties) Peanut Butter  
Jelly, Jams and preserves Canned Vegetables Crackers Granola/breakfast bars Chips - small packets  
Canned fish, (sardines, tuna, salmon)  
Dried fruit (small packets of raisins, apricots)

Can you help with our shopping list? Every little bit helps.

Your contribution can be dropped off in front of the Blessed Virgin and the Sacred Heart altars.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF NEEDY NEW YORKERS

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ZOOM COURSES AND PRAYER GROUPS

The zoom meetings below can be accessed via phone by dialing (408) 638-0968 and following the instructions given by the operator.

The meeting ID is 2601036575. The password is 903184.

Or If joining from a computer or zoom app:

Visit the following link <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/2601036575>

**Our daily zoom rosary takes place at 11:30am.  
We hope you all can join us in praying the rosary together.**



### History of Catholicism

Join Deacon Scott R. Reisinger to survey the history of the Catholic Church from its origins in the time of Christ through Pope Francis. Each week will include a lecture followed by discussion of primary source readings, texts, or music. The class will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm, and will begin on Thursday, January 28th.

Deacon Scott is a historian, teacher, and Head of Trevor Day School in Manhattan.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

If you want a spiritual awakening, please join us with Father Luke on Fridays at 3:00 P. M., the day and time Jesus died on the cross, via ZOOM to say The Divine Mercy Chaplet. It only takes 15 minutes, it's extremely easy and is said on Rosary beads.

Just listen in and you will be amazed.



LENTEN VIRTUAL VESPERS - Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent, March 17, 24 and 31 at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm for prayers, readings, meditation, and reflection. This is our online version of Simple Suppers that have been offered during Lent in past years. This could be a great follow-up and way to continue to connect after the parish virtual retreat. We hope you can join us for a pause in our busy week to connect, share our faith, and prepare for a solemn Holy Week and joyful Easter Resurrection. Please email Chris Williams ([jcw.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jcw.arts@gmail.com)) for more information. Join via this zoom link.

LENTEN VIRTUAL VESPERS ZOOM ROOM: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/93229201343>

Meeting ID: 932 2920 1343

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,93229201343# US (New York)

### SAINT MICHAEL CHAPLET PRAYER

Join Zoom Meeting at 8:30 am on every Wednesday

<https://zoom.us/j/2455691483>

Meeting ID: 245 569 1483

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,2455691483# US (New York)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Evening, March 20th

5:30 Julietta "Ging" Ledesma Graham +

### Sunday, March 21st

8:30 Marie Chiarella +  
10:00 Lucia Moise +  
11:15 Fiore Arlia & Angela Arlia +  
12:30 Intentions of Lise Fisher  
5:30 Intentions of Andria & Kenneth Fisher

### Monday, March 22nd

7:30  
12:10 Fernando Pando +  
5:30 Clara Wong +

### Tuesday, March 23rd

7:30  
12:10 Francine Stern +  
5:30 Argentina Lucariello +

### Wednesday, March 24th

7:30  
12:10 Intentions of Nicole Briand  
5:30 Ramon & Jose Nocon +

### Thursday, March 25th

7:30 Donna de Solis +  
12:10 Verna & Salvatore Bronzo +  
5:30 Emelina & Isolina Irizarry +

### Friday, March 26th

7:30  
12:10 Noemi Laza  
5:30 Felix Agustin +

### Saturday, March 27th

7:30  
12:10 Loreta Gatdula +

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you have not registered in the parish and attend our Mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential.*

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if Both are Registering)*

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How should we address you? (Check one)

Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

Last Sunday \$5,022 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$6,178 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$11,200.

Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of Catholic Relief Services totaled \$1,018. Thank You!

### ESQUINA FINANCIERA

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$5,022. Recibimos \$6,178 a través de WeShare para un total de \$11,200.

Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.

Sign up for WE SHARE: We Share is an easy way to support Blessed Sacrament parish throughout the year - even when you are unable to attend your parish Mass. With We Share, never miss a Mass collection or donation. There is no need to carry a check book or cash for the collection - and no need for envelopes. You can make on-line donations using a credit card, debit card or electronic check. With a We Share account, you can manage your weekly, monthly or one time donations, as well as your personal information.

We Share ensures the highest security standards available are adhered to. You have access to your on-line donations for tax purposes. Easy to print offertory slips are available if you would like to place one in the collection basket representing your on-line donation. We Share provides customer support by phone or email.

Go to [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org) and click on the ONLINE GIVING icon at the top left of the home page.



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

A (+) represents an additional Mass  
downstairs in Taylor Hall

**PALM SUNDAY, March 28**

Saturday - 5:30 P.M. (+)

Sunday - 8:30, 10:00 (+), 11:15 A.M. (Spa.)  
12:30 (+) and 5:30 P.M. (+)

**Reconciliation Monday, March 29**

Priests will be available from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.  
in the Sacristy

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1**

9:00 A.M. - Tenebrae

7:00 P.M. - The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration 9:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2**

9:00 A.M. - Tenebrae

12:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross (Eng.)  
3:00 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Eng.)  
5:00 P.M. - Via Crucis con  
Veneracion de la Cruz y Comunión (Spa.)  
7:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross with  
Veneration of the Cross and Communion (Eng.)

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 3**

9:00 A.M. - Tenebrae  
7:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4**

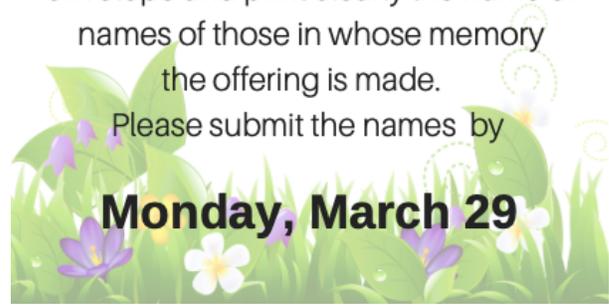
8:30, 10:00 (+), 11:15 A.M. (Spa.)  
12:30 (+) and 5:30 P.M.

**EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING**

Should you wish to make an offering for  
the Easter flowers in memory of a loved  
one, please place your offering in an  
envelope and print clearly the name or  
names of those in whose memory  
the offering is made.

Please submit the names by

**Monday, March 29**



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**CRS Rice Bowl: This Lent, our parish community joins nearly  
14,000 Catholic communities** across the United States to  
participate in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice  
Bowl.

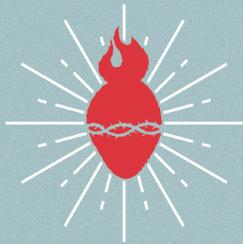
Place your cardboard Rice Bowl, or a family bowl, in a prominent  
place to collect the money you save from what you give up for  
Lent. We will collect Rice Bowls with your sacrificial donations  
on Palm Sunday.

Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

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Please pray for our brothers and sisters that are ill, especially  
Allison Manning, Linda Napolitano Manning, Gloria  
Napolitano, Tim Vetrero, Carmen Alexandra Belecciu, Jim  
Delaney, Bill McNulty, Jose Ortiz, Danielle and Richard Remp,  
Bella Manalo, Judith Zizmor, Neil Sussman, Jaqueline  
Gierlach, Milagros Blas, , and all those who are suffering the  
consequences of the current pandemic.

Let us pray too for all those who have passed away.

**All Things Are Possible**



**WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST  
OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
YOU DID FOR ME.**

MATTHEW 25:40



**WHERE YOUR 2021 GIFT GOES**



Assistance for Financially  
Vulnerable Parishes



Charitable Outreach  
and Pastoral Support



Evangelization and  
Catholic Education



Formation of  
New Parish Priests



Care for Retired  
Parish Priests



COVID-19  
Relief