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## **Rectory Hours:**

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm

Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

## **Religious Ed. Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

## **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

## **First Friday Mass & Devotion**

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

## **Sacrament of Baptism for Infants**

In English: First Saturday of the Month

In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

*Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.*

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

*Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.*



## **Dear Padre** January 14, 2024

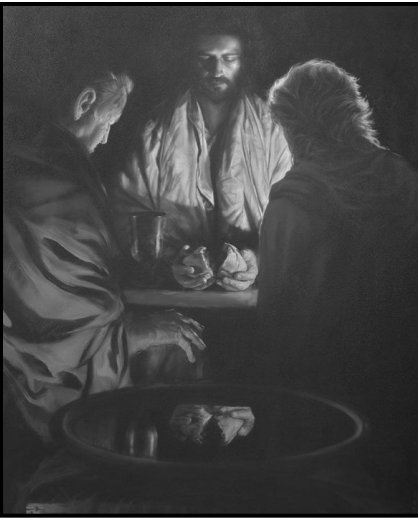
***If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?***

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

### Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 14th

- 8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory
- 10:00am Birthday Blessing for Cesar Meija
- Birthday Blessing for Alexandra Cruz
- 11:30am +Jorge Amores— esposa Yolanda Amores y hijos
- +Amanda Morales Vasquez— Hija
- +Guadalupe Mendreta Cuatiankiz— Pablo Flores
- 1:00 pm O zdrowie dla Syna – Od Mamy
- O zdrowie dla Zofii Alickiej

### Monday, January 15th

- 8:30am For all those in Agony

### Tuesday, January 16th

- 8:30am Special Intentions

### Wednesday, January 17th

- 8:30am In Honor of St. Anthony
- 7:00pm +Pedro Rios— Cursillistas

### Thursday, January 18th

- 8:30am +Elena O'Neil

### Friday, January 19th

- 8:30am Birthday Blessing for James Flores
- 7:00pm Special Intentions

### Saturday, January 20th

- 8:30am For the Unborn
- 5:00pm For all the sick in the Parish

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

## Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

#### FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

*Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

# January 7: \$4,036

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards  
God & your parish!*

14 de enero de 2024

## 2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La Liturgia de hoy nos coloca inmediatamente en un sentido de alerta al llamado de Dios, al encuentro y a la respuesta. Samuel, aun siendo niño, fue llamado en el silencio de la noche. A la tercera vez responde y da comienzo su preparación para su misión profética: “¿Samuel, Samuel! Samuel respondió. Habla, que tu servidor escucha” (1 Samuel 3,10). Los primeros discípulos, a la voz de Juan que les indica: “Ese es el Cordero de Dios”, lo siguen y se quedan con él aquel día. Los cristianos, por el bautismo, se encuentran con Cristo. Desde aquel momento, por la fe, da comienzo la preparación para dar respuesta a la misión y al compromiso de seguir a Jesús en el servicio de los más necesitados.

¿Cómo ha sido nuestro encuentro, respuesta y seguimiento a la misión encomendada por Dios en nuestra vida? Las respuestas varían de acuerdo a nuestra vocación, a nuestros ideales y metas trazadas en la vida. ¿Quiénes son nuestros modelos a seguir en la actualidad? ¿Qué miran los hijos en sus padres que puedan seguir como ejemplo? Preguntémosnos que busquemos, a quien seguimos, como cultivamos nuestra relación con Dios, con la familia, con la naturaleza y el cosmos. Si Jesús en esta Eucaristía me pregunta ¿Qué buscas? ¿Cuál será mi respuesta? Cabe también preguntarle ¿Dónde vives? Nos diría, vivo en los pobres, los enfermos, los desamparados, y los tristes. ¿Tú, dónde crees que vive Jesús?



### Oficina Cerrada

La oficina estará cerrada el 15 de enero.

### **Campaña Católica Anual 2023**

Queremos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud a todas las familias que han contribuido generosamente a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Su compromiso de apoyar a nuestra comunidad y la misión más amplia de la Iglesia en Brooklyn y Queens es reconfortante.

**Meta: \$23,409**

**Compromiso: \$30,925**

**Pagado: \$23,621**

### Registración a la Parroquia

Nuestra parroquia tiene el estatus de Parroquia Personal, lo que significa que solo la persona que declara su voluntad de pertenecer a la parroquia es considerado un feligrés.

Todos los domingos, la participación en misas, o el hecho de vivir en la parroquia no es sinónimo de pertenecer a ella.

Además, el hecho de que alguien en nuestra parroquia haya participado en las enseñanzas prematrimoniales, se casó o bautizó a un niño no significa pertenecer automáticamente a la parroquia, porque en nuestra comunidad hay bodas y bautizos de personas de fuera de la parroquia.

Cada feligrés puede recibir varios certificados por medio de pertenecer a una comunidad determinada y organizar todos los trámites relacionados con los sacramentos, por ejemplo:

- El bautismo o el Sacramento del matrimonio.
- Recibir certificados para ser padrino/a de confirmación o testigo/a de boda.
- También pueden recibir permiso para ser bautizados o bautizar a su propio hijo/a en otra parroquia (por ejemplo, en sus respectivos Países)
- Permiso para casarse en otra parroquia.

*Para poder recibir los formularios de registro parroquial favor de visitar la rectoría.*

# 14 STYCZNIA 2024

## II NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

(**Uprzejmość** jest istotnym czynnikiem kultury dialogu, a dialog jest nieodzowny dla życia w pokoju, jako bracia, którzy – rzecz jasna – nie zawsze zgadzają się ze sobą, ale mimo wszystko rozmawiają ze sobą, słuchają się nawzajem, starają się



wzajemnie zrozumieć i wychodzić sobie naprzeciw. Pomyślmy choćby o tym, „*jak wyglądałby świat bez cierpliwego dialogu licznych wielkodusznych osób, które zjednoczyły rodziny i wspólnoty. Wytrwały i odważny dialog nie jest newsem, w przeciwieństwie do nieporozumień i konfliktów, ale dyskretnie pomaga światu żyć lepiej*” (tamże, 198). **Zatem uprzejmość jest częścią dialogu.** Nie jest jedynie kwestią „dobrych manier”, „etykiety”, czy bycia szarmanckim... Nie, nie to mamy na myśli, mówiąc o uprzejmości. **Chodzi natomiast o cnotę, którą należy odbudować i praktykować każdego dnia, by móc iść pod prąd i ucłowieczać nasze społeczeństwa.**

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Chcielibyśmy wyrazić naszą szczerą wdzięczność każdej rodzinie, która hojnie przyczyniła się do tegorocznego Apelu Roczego Kościoła Katolickiego. Wasze zaangażowanie i wsparcie naszej społeczności i szerszej misji Kościoła w Brooklynie i Queens jest serdeczne i poruszające.

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Św. Paweł, (por. Ga 5,22), mówi o **owocach Ducha Świętego**, a jeden z nich określa greckim słowem *chrestotes*. Tak właśnie możemy rozumieć pojęcie „**uprzejmości**”: jako postawę życzliwą, która wspiera i pociesza innych, a jednocześnie unika wszelkiej surowości i szorstkości. To sposób traktowania bliźniego, dbający o to, by nie ranić go słowami lub gestami; starający się zmniejszyć dźwigane przez innych ciężary, dodać otuchy, pocieszyć; nigdy nie poniżając drugiego człowieka, nie umartwiając go ani nim nie gardząc (FT, 223).

Uprzejmość jest antidotum na niektóre patologie naszych społeczeństw: na okrucieństwo, które niestety może niczym trucizna przeniknąć do naszych serc i zatruć relacje; przeciw niepokoju i rozproszonemu pośpiechowi, które sprawiają, że koncentrujemy się na sobie samych, zamykając się na innych (FT, 224).

Te „choroby” naszej codzienności sprawiają, że stajemy się agresywni i niezdolni do powiedzenia „poproszę” albo „przepraszam”, lub po prostu: „dziękuję”. I tak, gdy na ulicy, w sklepie czy też w biurze spotykamy osobę uprzejmą, zaskakuje nas to i wydaje się nam małym cudem, ponieważ uprzejmość nie jest już, niestety, zbyt powszechna. Jednak, dzięki Bogu, są jeszcze osoby uprzejme, które umieją odłożyć na bok własne niepokoje, aby poświęcić uwagę innym, aby obdarować uśmiechem, słowem zachęty, aby wysłuchać kogoś, kto potrzebuje się zwierzyć lub wyzalić.

Odzyskanie uprzejmości, jako cnoty osobistej i obywatelskiej może w znacznym stopniu pomóc w poprawie naszego życia w rodzinach, wspólnotach i miastach. (...), chciałbym życzyć nam wszystkim, (...), wzrastania w tej cnotce: w uprzejmości. Doświadczenie uczy nas, że jeśli staje się ona stylem życia, zdolna jest do stworzenia zdrowego współistnienia, może przywrócić ludzki charakter relacjom społecznym, likwidując agresję i obojętność

(Godziny Urzędowe po Polsku)  
Poniedziałek (Monday) & Środa (Wednesday):  
**1:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

January 14, 2024  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.



Office Closed

The office will be closed on January 15

Parish Registration

Our parish has the status of a Personal Parish, which means that only the person who declares their will to belong to the parish is considered a parishioner.

Every Sunday, participation in masses, or the fact of living in the parish is not synonymous with belonging to it.

In addition, the fact that someone in our parish has participated in the premarital teachings, married or baptized a child does not mean automatically belonging to the parish, because in our community there are weddings and baptisms of people outside the parish.

Each parishioner can receive several certificates by belonging to a particular community and organizing all the procedures related to the sacraments, for example:

- Baptism or the Sacrament of Marriage
- Receive certificates to be a confirmation sponsor or wedding witness.
- They may also receive permission to be baptized or baptize their own child in another parish (for example, in their respective Countries)
- Permission to marry in another parish.

*In order to receive the parish registration forms, please visit the rectory.*

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

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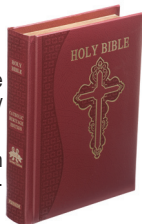
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