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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: 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** March 3, 2024

***My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?***

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 3rd

- 8:30am For All the Sick in the Parish
- 10:00am For the People of the Parish
- 11:30am Birthday Blessing for Teresa Peralta & Juan Valentin
- 1:00 pm Salud de Mario Tehezaca - Familia  
+ Zofia Depczyńska – 4 Rocznicza Śmierci

#### Monday, March 4th

- 8:30am In Honor of St. Casimir

#### Tuesday, March 5th

- 8:30am For All Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, March 6th

- 8:30am For all those in Agony
- 7:00pm For the Unborn

#### Thursday, March 7th

- 8:30am +Amanda Romero – Roxana Zosayas

#### Friday, March 8th

- 8:30am For all the sick in the hospitals
- 7:00pm Special Intentions

#### Saturday, March 9th

- 8:30am For All Souls in Purgatory
- 5:00pm +Domenica LaLima – Phil & Elena Benvenuto  
+Salvatore Terrancove & + Giuseppe Sannuto–  
Wife & Sister

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

##### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Domenica LaLima, 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.*

## Sunday's Readings

### **First Reading:**

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

### **Psalm:**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

### **Second Reading:**

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

### **Gospel:**

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

## Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Casimir

**Thursday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

**Friday:** St. John of God, Religious

**Saturday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious;  
St. Catherine of Bologna

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

## WEEKLY OFFERING

# February 25: \$3,667

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards  
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3 de marzo de 2024  
**3er Domingo de la Cuaresma**

Recientemente remodelaron la parroquia a la que pertenezco y quedó muy bonita. El párroco trataba de complacer a sus feligreses ya que opinaban en diferentes gustos. Ya saben, la gente opina siempre y muchas veces solo critican y no cooperan absolutamente en nada. El párroco hablaba de que el lugar sea una verdadera casa de oración. Un lugar de encuentro con Jesús. Un lugar donde los Sacramentos sean vida en los feligreses, especialmente la Eucaristía. ¿Cómo es tu parroquia? ¿Es un lugar de oración o se ha convertido en un lugar de negocios y de eventos sociales? Será que Jesús nos puede decir como en su tiempo a los mercaderes y cambistas del Templo: “Saquen eso de aquí y no conviertan la Casa de mi Padre en un mercado” (Juan 2:16). Para tener más claro el mensaje del Evangelio de hoy, veamos lo que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice en el número 593: “Jesús veneró el Templo subiendo a él en peregrinación en las fiestas judías y amó con gran celo esa morada de Dios entre los hombres. El Templo prefigura su Misterio. Anunciando la destrucción del Templo anuncia su propia muerte y la entrada en una nueva edad de la historia de la salvación, donde su cuerpo será el Templo definitivo”. Los bautizados somos templos vivos de Dios. Entonces, ¿cómo nos cuidamos? Qué hacemos para mejorar el lugar que Dios merece en nuestra vida. ¡Urge que respondamos en esta Cuaresma a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo!

## Horario de Cuaresma 2024

### Devoción de Estaciones de la Cruz

#### **Todos los viernes en Cuaresma**

9:00am- En ingles

6:30pm – En español

8:00pm – En polaco

### Retiro Ingles de Caresma

Marzo 15, 2024, 8:30am

Marzo 16, 2024, 8:30am

### Lunes de Reconciliación

25 de marzo del 2024

2pm-4pm & 6pm- 8pm

Se escucharán confesiones en todas las  
Iglesias Católicas  
*(Las horas pueden variar en cada  
Iglesia)*

### Concierto de Cuaresma

27 de marzo del 2024 - 7:30pm

## Semana Santa 2024

### La Cena del Señor

Jueves Santo

28 de marzo del 2024

8pm- Misa trilingüe

*Adoración Eucarística después de Misa*

### La Pasión del Señor

Viernes Santo

29 de marzo del 2024

**Ingles:**

Estaciones de la Cruz a las 12pm

Veneración a la Cruz a las 12:30pm

**Español:**

Procesión a las 2pm

Veneración a la Cruz a las 4pm

**Polaco:**

Veneración a la Cruz en St. Frances de Chantal; 7pm  
Estaciones de la Cruz a Sta. Catalina de Alejandria; 8pm

### Vigilia Pascual

Sábado de Gloria

30 de marzo del 2024

Misa Trilingüe a las 8:30pm

### Domingo de Pascua

31 de marzo del 2024

8:30am- Misa en Ingles

10:00am & 11:30am- Misa en español

1:00pm- Misa en polaco

# III NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

**Droga Krzyżowa – Piątek – 07:45pm**

**Gorzkie żale – Niedziela – 12:40pm**

## ***J 2, 13-25 Zapowiedź męki i zmartwychwstania***

Zbliżała się pora Paschy żydowskiej i Jezus przybył do Jerozolimy. W świątyni zastał siedzących za stołami bankierów oraz tych, którzy sprzedawali woły, baranki i gołębie. Wówczas, sporządziwszy sobie bicz ze sznurów, powypędzał wszystkich ze świątyni, także baranki i woły, porozrzucił monety bankierów, a stoły powywracał. Do tych zaś, którzy sprzedawali gołębie, rzekł: «Zabierzcie to stąd i z domu mego Ojca nie róbcie targowiska!» Uczniowie Jego przypomnieli sobie, że napisano: «Gorliwość o dom Twój pochłonie Mnie».

W odpowiedzi zaś na to Żydzi rzekli do Niego: «Jakim znakiem wykażesz się wobec nas, skoro takie rzeczy czynisz?» Jezus dał im taką odpowiedź: «Zburzcie tę świątynię, a Ja w trzy dni wzniosę ją na nowo».

Powiedzieli do Niego Żydzi: «Czterdzieści sześć lat budowano tę świątynię, a Ty ją wzniesiesz w przeciągu trzech dni?»

On zaś mówił o świątyni swego ciała. Gdy zmartwychwstał, przypomnieli sobie uczniowie Jego, że to powiedział, i uwierzyli Pismu i słowu, które wyrzekł Jezus.

Kiedy zaś przebywał w Jerozolimie w czasie Paschy, w dniu świątecznym, wielu uwierzyło w Jego imię, widząc znaki, które czynił. Jezus natomiast nie zawierzał im samego siebie, bo wszystkich znał i nie potrzebował niczyjego świadectwa o człowieku. Sam bowiem wiedział, co jest w człowieku.

**Oto słowo Pańskie**

Jezus ubolewa nad tym, że w świątyni dzieją się niewłaściwe rzeczy. Jego gorliwość każe Mu uczynić jakiś znak, aby ludzie się opamiętali. Warto zauważyć również taki wątek w tym niezwykłym wydarzeniu: Jezus nie pozwala sobie, by użyć całej swojej siły, która mogłaby zniszczyć wszystko. Jednak był ostrożny. Widzimy to na przykładzie sprzedawców gołębi, bo im nie przewracał stołów. Ich tylko ostrzegał i nauczał. A to dlaczego? Dlatego, że gołębie sprzedawano biednym, którym brakowało pieniędzy na większe ofiary.

Wykorzystał również tę sytuację, aby zapowiedzieć swoją mękę, śmierć i zmartwychwstanie – mówiąc o świątyni. Uczniowie później przypomnieli sobie o tym wydarzeniu i uwierzyli w Niego jeszcze bardziej. Czy jestem gorliwy w sprawach Bożych? Czy nie jestem czasem nadgorliwy, zaniedbując w ten sposób rodzinę i inne obowiązki, narzucając innym wiarę, zmuszając kogoś do pójścia na Mszę Świętą czy do modlitwy? Czy dostrzegam Boże znaki w swoim życiu? Czy przystępuję regularnie do spowiedzi, czy sprzątam swoją świątynię?

## **Spowiedź „Diecezjalna”**

**25 Marca 2024**

**2:00pm-4pm & 6:00pm-8pm**

**(po Angielsku i po Hiszpańsku).**

**Spowiedź będzie odprawiana we wszystkich kościołach katolickich diecezji Brooklyn i archidiecezji Nowego Jorku. (Czasy mogą się różnić w każdym kościele)."**

## **Wielki Post 2024**

### **Wielki Czwartek**

**28 Marca 2024**

**Msza Święta Trójjęzyczna- 8pm**

*Adoracja Eucharystyczna po Mszy*

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### **Wielki Piątek**

**29 Marca 2024**

#### **English:**

Stations of the Cross at 12pm  
Veneration of the Cross at 12:30pm

#### **Spanish:**

Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm  
Veneration of the Cross at 4:00pm

#### **Polish:**

Liturgia Męki Pańskiej w kościele Św Franciszki de  
Chantal: 7:00pm  
Procesja Drogi Krzyżowej do św. Katarzyny  
Aleksandryjskiej: 8:00pm

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### **Wielka Sobota**

**30 Marca 2024**

**Msza Święta Trójjęzyczna- 8:30pm**

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### **Niedziela Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego**

**31 Marca 2024**

**Msza Święta – 1 pm**

# March 3, 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

## Lenten Schedule 2024

### Stations of the Cross Devotion

**Every Friday in Lent**

9:00am- English

6:30pm- Spanish

8:00pm- Polish

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### English Lenten Retreat

March 15, 2024, 8:30am

March 16, 2024, 8:30am

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### Reconciliation Monday

**March 25, 2024**

**2pm-4pm & 6pm- 8pm**

**(English & Spanish)**

Confessions will be heard at all Catholic Churches of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Archdiocese of New York.  
*(Times may vary in every Church)*

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### LENTEN CONCERT

March 27, 2024, at 7:30pm

## Holy Week Schedule 2024

### The Lord's Supper

**Holy Thursday**

**March 28, 2024**

8pm- Trilingual Mass

*Eucharistic Adoration after Mass*

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### The Passion of the Lord

**Good Friday**

**March 29, 2024**

#### **English:**

Stations of the Cross at 12pm

Veneration of the Cross at 12:30pm

#### **Spanish:**

Stations of the Cross Procession: 2pm

Veneration of the Cross at 4pm

#### **Polish:**

Veneration of the Cross

St. Frances de Chantal at 7pm

Stations of the Cross Procession to St. Catharine of Alexandria: 8pm

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### Easter Vigil

**Holy Saturday**

**March 30, 2024**

**Trilingual Mass at 8:30pm**

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### Easter Sunday

**March 31, 2024**

8:30am- English Mass

10:00am & 11:30am- Spanish Mass

1:00pm- Polish Mass

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