

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

This week begins the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at [www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo](http://www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo).

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission. We invite you to stand with (PARISH NAME) in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. To donate, visit [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

**ACA 2024 Prayer**

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all who we are. Teach us to acknowledge always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as together we support the work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Open our hearts that we may answer your call to follow the message of the Gospel as disciples in love and service nourished by the Eucharist, so that all may come to know You by the example of our faith and good works.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.  
Amen

**Campana Católica Anual**

Esta semana comienza la Campana Católica Anual 2024. Animamos a todos a ver el video de la ACA 2024 en línea en [www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo](http://www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo).

Sus contribuciones a la Campana Católica Anual tienen un impacto significativo, ayudando a personas en Brooklyn y Queens en formas que van más allá de la capacidad de cualquier parroquia. Oremos por el éxito de la Campana Católica Anual de 2024, imaginando un triunfo que no solo nos capacite para extender amor a los necesitados, sino que también permita que nuestros corazones respondan a Jesús, quien nos llama a estar en Comunión, Participación y Misión. Lo invitamos a apoyar a (NOMBRE DE LA PARROQUIA) para apoyar la Campana Católica Anual de 2024.

Para donar, visite [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) o envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra DONAR al 917-336-1255.

**Oración ACA 2024**

Dios y Padre de todos los dones, te alabamos, fuente de todo lo que somos. Enséñanos a reconocer siempre con generosa gratitud las muchas cosas buenas que tu infinito amor nos ha dado, mientras juntos apoyamos la obra de la Iglesia en Brooklyn y Queens.

Abre nuestros corazones para que podamos responder a tu llamado a seguir el mensaje del Evangelio como discípulos en el amor y el servicio alimentados por la Eucaristía, para que todos lleguen a conocerte por el ejemplo de nuestra fe y buenas obras. Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.  
Amén

**Ash Wednesday Schedule  
February 14, 2024**

9:30am	Mass	St. Gertrude
12:10pm	Mass	St. Mary
3:30pm	Prayer Service	St. Mary
6:00 pm	Prayer Service	St. Gertrude
6:30pm	Prayer Service (English)	St. Mary
7:30pm	Mass (Spanish)	St. Mary

**Horario del Miércoles de Ceniza  
14 de Febrero de 2024**

9:30 am	Misa	Sta. Gertrudis
12:10pm	Misa	Sta. María
3:30 pm	Servicio de oración	Sta. María
6:00 pm	Servicio de Oración	Sta. Gertrudis
6:30 pm	Servicio de Oración (Inglés)	Sta. María
7:30pm	Misa (Español)	Sta. María

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Sacrament Programs: CCD Grades 1 - 12; RCIA/RICA (Adult English/Spanish);

Ongoing Catechesis for Teens and Adults: In-person and on-line studies;

Workshops and Training for all Church Ministries. (call for Information)

**SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:**

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

St. Mary: 8:15 AM, 11:30 AM (Spanish), 1:15 PM

St. Gertrude: 9:30 AM Spanish & 11:00 AM English

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

12:10 - Monday thru Friday 7:00 PM -

Mon. thru Thurs; 7:30 PM - Fri. (in Spanish)

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

**EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED  
SACRAMENT:**

First Sundays 2:30 - 3:30 PM and Every Friday 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

St. Gertrude Second Sunday of the Month

2:45 PM-3:45 PM

**YOUTH GROUP:** Estebana Niño, Coordinator - Sat. 11:45 A.M.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are scheduled for the Third Saturday of each month in Spanish and the Fourth Saturday of each month in English. Parents should call for an appointment with a priest to arrange for the baptism of child. Birth Certificate should be presented at this time.

**MARRIAGES:** Call the rectory for an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

**SWEET 15/16 BLESSINGS:** We are happy to share in this special day. However, we can only bless those young women who are in, or have completed, their confirmation classes. There are no exceptions. Call the rectory for an appointment with a deacon or priest.

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Ofrecemos las misas de bendición con mucha alegría. Sin embargo, bendecimos solo a las muchachas quienes están en las clases o quienes han recibido su confirmación. No hay excepciones. Favor de llamar a uno de los diáconos o sacerdotes para una cita.

**CORO HISPANO:** MIERCOLES 7:30 PM

**CIRCULO DE ORACION CARISMATICO:** JUEVES 7:30 PM

**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:** VIERNES 7:30 PM

**CENÁCULO SACERDOTAL MARIANO:** Rosario el 4to Domingo—11:00 A.M. en Santa Gertrudis

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

**Rosary Society:** 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 11:00 Mass

**LEGION DE MARIA:** (Tres grupos) Lunes & Martes 7:30 -9:00 PM - McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis

**Charismatic Prayer Group in English** Mondays at 5:00 P.M.– 6:30 PM at St. Gertrude Church

**Haitian Committee:** 4th Sunday after the 1:15 P.M. Mass

**Nigerian Committee:** 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**AA Español:** Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes & Sábados 8:00 P.M.

**Estudio Biblico** Miercoles en Sta. Gertrudis a 7:30 P.M.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 - St. Scholastica**

5:00 pm - Fr. Charles Vogel (15 yrs dec) (Fr. Frank)  
 7:30 pm - Rafael A. Nieves (1 año difunto)  
 Oscar Soria Sanbrano (4 años difunto)  
 Presentacion de la bebe Melody Mendoza Reyes

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Msgr. John McCullah (20 yrs dec) (Fr. Frank)  
 9:30 am - Josephine Downing (dec) (Patricia Feerick)  
 11:00 am - Mary Lyndon (dec) (Patricia)  
 11:30 am - Benditas Almas del Purgatorio  
 Maria Guadalupe Vazquez (12 años difunta)  
 Pura Gonzalo (4 años difunto)  
 Jorge Alberto Duboi (16 años difunto)  
 Alicia Herrera (cumpleaños)

1:15 pm - Rich Johnson (20 yrs dec) (Fr. Frank)  
**Monday, February 12, 2024**  
 12:10 pm - In honor of Blessed Eustochia (Fr. Frank)  
 Hector Luis Santiago Tolinche (1 month dec)  
 7:00 pm - Michael Payne (dec) (Sister Eillen RSM)

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**  
 12:10 pm - Eileen Fucci (dec) (Fr. Frank)  
 7:00 pm - James Murphy (dec) (Nancy & Tom)

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Ash Wednesday**  
 9:30am - Miercoles de Ceniza  
 12:10 pm - Ash Wednesday  
 7:00 pm - Miercoles de Ceniza

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
 12:10 pm - Antony Rubinich (dec) (Sean Duggan)  
 7:00 pm - Norberta Cruz (difunta)  
 Manuel Asuncion Mosquera (1 mes difunto)

**Friday, February 16, 2024**  
 12:10 pm - Pro-Populo  
 7:30 pm - John Feerick (40 years dec) (Fr. Frank)

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**  
 5:00 pm - Gary Gauntlett (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Ivette Lopez (difunta)

**Sanctuary Candle**  
 Sylvia Lendore (healing)



**From Fr. Joseph (Joe) Miller  
 Blessing the Youth Groups Throats for  
 St. Blais February 2, 2024**



A los que desean participar en el drama del Viernes Santo como soldados, o pueblo por favor de comunicarse con el Señor Franklin Delgado a (516) 373-5345

To those who wish to participate and dress up in the drama of Good Friday Procession as soldiers, or as town people, please contact Mr. Franklin Delgado at (516) 373-5345

**Request for 2023 Tax Statement**

Please fill in and print all information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable)

select one: \_\_\_\_\_ Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail

**NOTE:** Tax letters will only be mailed to the address on our files.

**Black Catholics**  
**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**



**Católicos negros**  
**Venerable Augusto Tolton**

Pierre Toussaint, a Haitian, came with his owner, John Bérard, and Bérard's wife to New York in the 1780s. Toussaint spoke French very well. He even read and wrote and evidently had a very Catholic training. The Bérards established themselves in New York, and John Bérard sent Toussaint off to be trained as a hairdresser.

Bérard went back to Haiti, where he died. He left his widow with Toussaint, who by then had a good-paying job that took him to the houses of the wealthy. He became the confidant of many of his customers. They liked him because he was French, very gentlemanly, and evidently exotic—a violinist with earrings in his ear. But this was also the guy who went to Mass every morning before he began his work.

He kept Madame Bérard alive. She didn't know it, but all of the assets that her husband had were worthless and she was really living off Toussaint. At the same time he was supporting Madame Bérard, Toussaint engaged in all kinds of acts of charity. Eventually she freed him.

After Madame Bérard's death, he bought the freedom of his future wife and that of his sister, who died and left her daughter, Euphémie, whom Toussaint raised as his own. He also took in a lot of homeless Black children and taught them how to play the violin. He nursed the sick. He was admired by everyone; many of the people who kept talking about him as a saint were Protestant.

When Toussaint died, there was a tremendous funeral, and everyone agreed that he had been a terribly holy man. He was buried next to Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, where no Black people normally were buried. Toussaint practiced the gospel commands, lived an extraordinary life of religion and devotions, and helped both Black and white people at a cost to himself.

The Venerable Toussaint, a Black layman, is on the path to sainthood.



Pierre Toussaint, un haitiano, llegó con su dueño, John Bérard, y la esposa de Bérard a Nueva York en la década de 1780. Toussaint hablaba muy bien francés. Incluso leía y escribía y evidentemente tenía una formación muy católica. Los Bérard se establecieron en Nueva York y John Bérard envió a Toussaint a formarse como peluquero.

Bérard regresó a Haití, donde murió. Dejó a su viuda con Toussaint, que para entonces tenía un trabajo bien remunerado que lo llevó a las casas de los ricos. Se convirtió en un confidente de sus clientes. Les gustaba porque era francés, muy caballeroso y evidentemente exótico: un violinista con pendientes en las orejas. Pero este era también el tipo que iba a misa todas las mañanas antes de empezar a trabajar.

Mantuvo viva a Madame Bérard. Ella no lo sabía, pero todos los bienes que tenía su marido no valían nada y ella realmente vivía de Toussaint. Al mismo tiempo que apoyaba a Madame Bérard, Toussaint realizaba todo tipo de actos de caridad. Finalmente ella lo liberó.

Tras la muerte de Madame Bérard, compró la libertad de su futura esposa y la de su hermana, que murió y dejó a su hija, Euphémie, a quien Toussaint crió como propia. Acogió a muchos niños negros sin hogar y les enseñó a tocar el violín. Cuidó a los enfermos. Fue admirado por todos; Muchas de las personas que seguían hablando de él como santo eran protestantes.

Cuando Toussaint murió, hubo un funeral tremendo y todos coincidieron en que había sido un hombre terriblemente santo. Fue enterrado junto a la Catedral Vieja de San Patricio, donde normalmente no se enterraba a ningún negro. Toussaint practicó los mandamientos del Evangelio, vivió una vida extraordinaria de religión y devoción, y ayudó tanto a blancos como a negros a un costo para él mismo.

El Venerable Toussaint, un laico negro, está en camino hacia la santidad.