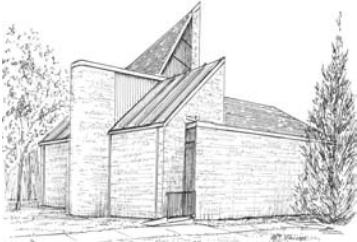


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:

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

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15, 9:45 (Alternating English & Spanish at St. Gertrude's),
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Saturday
9:00 at St. Gertrude's - Thursday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Mondays after the
12:10 Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

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.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies - ANY TIME. Home bound - call the rectory

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The normal way for being received into full communion with the Catholic Church is through the R.C.I.A. Adults interested in being baptized, confirmed or making first communion should speak with a member of the parish staff to enroll

CORO HISPANO: MIERCOLES 7:30 PM

ENGLISH CHOIR: FRIDAY 7:30 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SATURDAY 11:00 AM

CIRCULO DE ORACION CARISMATICO: JUEVES 7:30 PM

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: VIERNES 7:30 PM

SANTO NOMBRE & SAGRADO CORAZON: 4th DOMINGO
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 11:30

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

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45 Mass

Legion of Mary: Spanish: Mon. 7:00 PM - Rectory; St Mary

Legion of Mary: (St. Gertrude's) After the 9:45am mass

Legion of Mary: Spanish: Sats. 10:30 AM -Rectory Basement

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Jornada Youth Group: Fridays 8:00 PM

Haitian Committee: Sunday 10:30 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group: in English - Mondays 7:00 P.M. - 9:00
P.M. in the School Auditorium.

JDV Group: Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.

Prayer Group in English Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

**Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5, 2013 - St. John Neumann

12:10 pm - Mass available
 5:00 pm - Aurea Franco Riveaux (dec)
 7:30 pm - Lupe Vasquez (dec)

Sunday, January 6, 2013 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:15 am - Mass available
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
 11:30 am - Lupe Vasquez (dec)
 1:15 pm - George & Olayinka Anakhu—Thanksgiving

Monday, January 7, 2013 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

12:10 pm - Danielle Nelson Surpris (dec)

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

12:10 pm - James Higgins (dec)

Thursday, January 10, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, January 11, 2013

12:10 pm - Stanley Larrieux (healing)
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, January 12, 2013

12:10 pm - Anna Pasqale Cavallo (dec)
 5:00 pm - Bruce Lester (dec)
 7:30 pm - Alicia Amezcua (dec)
 Lupe Vasquez (dec)

Sunday, January 13, 2013 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:15 am - Virginia Matchack
 9:45 am - Michael Paluch Sakalosh (dec)
 11:30 am - Lupe Vasquez (dec)
 1:15 pm - Mass available

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK: In memory of a departed relative or friend.

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| FLOWERS (each arrangement) | \$55.00 |
| BREAD AND WINE | \$50.00 |
| CANDLES | \$15.00 |

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given for the **People of the Parish.***

*The sanctuary candle is given for the **People of the Parish.***

*The flowers are given for the **People of the Parish.***

We Are A Tithing Community Following God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to His Church the following:

Offertory Collection

1st Collection last weekend - \$3977.00

Second Collection- \$1360.00

First Collection Last Year: \$6356.00

(Parish weekly expenses average: \$8756.25)

"Our Weekly Offering is One Way of Saying: WE BELONG to the Lord... And One Another. What Does **YOUR** Weekly Offering Say? Pray for His Guidance! THEN Make or Renew Your Commitment to Tithing.

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick and Our Faithful Departed

Dorothy Dumb, Kathleen Briza, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed Patricia Chanona, Mary Sakalosh-Ukson.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 60:1-6 * Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 * Mt 2:1-12
Mon * 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 * Ps 2:7-8,10-12 * Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tues * 1 Jn 4:7-10 * Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 * Mk 6:34-44
Wed * 1 Jn 4:11-18 * Ps 72:1-2, 10,12-13 * Mk 6:45-52
Thurs * 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 * Ps 72:1-2, 14,15,17 * Lk 4:14-22
Fri * 1 Jn 5:5-13 * Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 * Lk 5:12-16
Sat * 1 Jn 5:14-21 * Ps 149:1-6, 9 * Jn 3:22-30

Altar Server Assignments for Jan. 12 & 13, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Michelle Martinez, Blanca Castro, William Castro Chinchilla
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko
 Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Kayla Marie Rivera
 Sun. 11:30 AM – Axel Lopez, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Henry Jean-Michel, Christina Gonsalves, Charisma Gonsalves

MASS INTENTIONS

You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. The 2013 Mass Book is now open.



The Epiphany of the Lord

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to illuminate every corner of the earth and gather all people together. Today's scriptures reveal what that means.

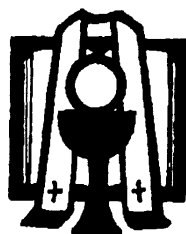
In the Gospel story of the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. The magi bring the child their finest gifts and tell others of the light that they have seen. The reading from Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" in divine life. There ought not to be divisions among us: all should gather together under the light of Christ. Finally, Isaiah paints a picture of what the people of God, the church, should look like. We are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and rulers by his shining radiance. When we do, all people will be gathered to Christ, bearing their finest gifts and "proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portend the manner in which Jesus' light is to spread to the whole world. Myrrh, a perfume used for burial, foreshadows his death. Gold is a gift for royalty, and frankincense signifies holiness. Together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity.

BISHOP DI MARZIO'S VISIT

Bishop DiMarzio will install Father Fulgencio as the pastor of the parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude this Sunday, January 6, 2013, at the 11:30 AM bilingual Mass. A reception will follow in the school auditorium after the mass. Please join us in this joyous celebration. All are invited.



Father Fulgencio,

The parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church warmly welcome you as our pastor. We are blessed to have you as our spiritual leader and could not have asked for a better pastor.

In thanksgiving and gratitude to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the blessing of Father Fulgencio installed as our pastor, with the presence of Bishop DiMarzio. It is truly a grace faith-filled celebration for the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude and the community.

May Mary and the Holy Spirit continue to bless you as you shepherd our Church.



The Year of Faith

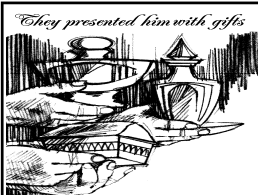
During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.

Achieving Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.
-from the St. Francis Prayer



Join us.... The Golden Age Club is coming to St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude Church beginning on January 17, 2013 from 9:30 to 12 Noon at the McKenna Center. Please join us for coffee, cakes and fun! For info call 718-327-3427.



KINGLY GIFTS

The Church's name for this day, Epiphany, means "to reveal" or "make visible". The child Jesus is honored not by his people, but by wise men, strangers from afar. Only Matthew's Gospel tells the story, and pious legends have added details over the centuries. The Jews hoped for a Messiah, God's Anointed One, to deliver them from sin and from their enemies. Yet here, God's Son is revealed to Gentiles, people like us who are seeking a Savior. We expected Jesus in Advent; we celebrated his birth at Christmas. In this new year what gifts will we give him in return? Resolutions often include a decision to work off the extra weight gained from too much celebrating. All well and good, but why not do something extra for those you love and for your community? Show the love of God that is in your heart, or as Saint Francis of Assisi is thought to have said, "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

Living Stewardship Now...

Kingly gifts...

- For God: Love God, receive the sacraments, pray, study God's words.
- For the Church: Serve the parish ministry, contribute to the offertory, support the missions.
- For the community: Recycle, conserve natural resources, vote.
- For family and friends: Make time for children, keep an open door, relax together.
- For yourself: Eat good, exercise, develop your abilities, and be thankful.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$3977.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1360.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6356.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$8756.25

Si usted es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, puede hacerse miembro oficial de Santa María llenando una tarjeta de inscripción que está disponible en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Que Dios les bendiga!

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

El libro de las Misas ya está abierto para el 2013. Usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada en la rectoría. La donación de una misa es quince dólares.

MEMORIALES DE LA SEMANA

En memoria de un ser querido, familiar o amigo.

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| FLORES (cada arreglo) | \$55.00 |
| PAN Y VINO | \$50.00 |
| VELAS | \$15.00 |



La Epifanía del Señor

LUZ DEL MUNDO

Creemos que Jesús es la Luz del Mundo. Afirmar esto sobre Jesús es también decir algo sobre nosotros mismos. La luz de Cristo vino para iluminar cada rincón de la tierra y a reunir a todos los pueblos. Las Escrituras de hoy revelan lo que eso significa.

En la historia del Evangelio sobre los magos de Oriente, vemos que Jesús, ya desde su infancia, atrae hacia su luz a personas de diferentes religiones y razas. Los magos trajeron al niño sus más finas ofrendas y le hablaron a otros sobre la luz que habían visto. La lectura de Efesios nos recuerda que todos los cristianos pertenecemos al "mismo cuerpo" y compartimos "la misma herencia" divina. No deben haber divisiones entre nosotros: debemos todos caminar juntos bajo la luz de Cristo. Finalmente, Isaías muestra una imagen de cómo debe ser el Pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia. Debemos reflejar la Luz del Mundo para que todas las naciones caminen bajo la luz de Cristo y los dirigentes se dejen guiar por su brillante esplendor. Al hacerlo así, todos los pueblos se reunirán en Cristo y llevarán sus mejores ofrendas "proclamando las alabanzas del Señor".

ORO, INCIENSO Y MIRRA

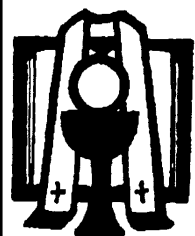
Las ofrendas de oro, incienso y mirra presagian la manera en la que la luz de Cristo se extenderá por el mundo entero. La mirra, un perfume utilizado para los entierros, anuncia su muerte. El oro es una ofrenda de realeza, y el incienso significa santidad. Los tres juntos indican que, mediante su sufrimiento y muerte, Jesús será el Rey abatido, en cuyo servicio debemos ofrecer nuestras ofrendas a los abatidos; y será también el Sacerdote eterno, cuyo sacrificio debemos anunciar al mundo como la fuente de luz que une a los cristianos y a toda la humanidad.

Por medio de nuestra unidad, nuestra vida y nuestros testimonios, revelaremos que Jesús es en realidad la Luz del Mundo.

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 60:1-6; Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12



Acompañemos... El Club Edad de Oro comenzará en Santa María Estrella del Mar el 17 de Enero del 2013 de 9:30 AM a 12:00 mediodía en el Centro McKenna. Únase a nosotros para compartir postre y diversión! Para info llame al 718-327-3427.



Padre Fulgencio,

Los feligreses de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis le da la bienvenida como nuestro pastor. Nuestra parroquia esta realmente bendecida de tenerlo como nuestro líder espiritual y no podríamos haber pedido un mejor pastor.

En agradecimiento y gratitud a nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo, por la bendición de tener al Padre Fulgencio instalado como nuestro pastor, con la presencia del nuestro Obispo DiMarzio. Es verdaderamente una celebración llena de fe para los feligreses de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis y toda la comunidad.

Que María y el Espíritu Santo lo siga bendiciendo como pastor de nuestra Iglesia.



El Año de la Fe

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no tendríamos Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.

Logrando la Paz

Señor, haz de mi un instrumento de Tu paz.
Que allí donde haya Odio siembre Amor,
Donde haya Ofensa....Perdón,
Donde haya Discordia...Unión,
Donde haya Error....Verdad,
Donde haya Duda....Fe,
Donde haya Desaliento....Esperanza,
Donde haya Tinieblas....LUZ,
Donde haya Tristeza...Alegría.

—Oración de San Francisco de Asís

VISITA DEL OBISPO DIMARZIO

El Obispo DiMarzio estará con nosotros para instalar al Padre Fulgencio como el pastor de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis en una Misa bilingüe el Domingo 6 de Enero del 2012 a las 11:30 AM. Habrá una recepción en el auditorio de la escuela después de la Misa. Favor de unirse a nosotros en esta alegre ocasión. Todos son bienvenidos.



REGALOS REALES

El nombre que la Iglesia le da a este día, Epifanía, significa "revelación" o "hacer visible". Al Niño Jesús no lo honro su propia gente, sino unos magos extranjeros que venían de tierras lejanas. Solo el Evangelio de San Mateo nos cuenta la historia y las piadosas leyendas han añadido detalles en el correr de los siglos. Los judíos esperaban a un Mesías, el Ungido de Dios, para que los librara del pecado y de sus enemigos. No obstante, vemos en este relato que Dios se revela a los paganos, personas como nosotros que buscan un Salvador. Estuvimos esperando a Jesús durante el Adviento, celebramos su nacimiento en la Navidad, y en este año nuevo, ¿con que regalos le correspondemos? Las resoluciones incluyen a menudo hacer ejercicio físico para perder esas libras que ganamos con tanta celebración. Muy santo y muy bueno pero, ¿porque no hacer algo extra por esas personas que amas y por tu comunidad? Demuestra el amor de Dios que mueve tu corazón o, como dicen que dijo San Francisco de Asís: "Predica el evangelio siempre y, cuando sea necesario, usa las palabras".

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora...

Regalos reales...

- Para Dios: Ama a Dios, recibe los sacramentos, ora, estudia la palabra de Dios.
- Para la Iglesia: Sirve en algún ministerio parroquial, contribuye al ofertorio, mantén las misiones.
- Para la comunidad: Reciclas, conserva los recursos naturales, ejerce tu derecho al voto.
- Para la familia y amistades: Dedícale tiempo a los niños, relájense juntos.
- Para ti: Come alimentos saludables, haz ejercicio, desarrolla tus habilidades y ¡se agradecido!