

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



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## PASTOR:

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## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

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## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Ext. 25

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for  
Religious Education classes.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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## SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:

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

## SUNDAY MASSES:

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday  
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

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

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

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

**LEGION DE MARIA: (Tres grupos)** Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM -  
McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Jueves 10:30-  
12:00 PM - Sótano de la Rectoria

**Youth Group: Saturdays 11:45 A.M.**

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

**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** Contact the Rectory

**Charismatic Prayer Group in English Mondays** at 7:00 P.M. at  
St. Gertrude Church

**Vocations Committee:** please call the rectory

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

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

**Nigerian Committee:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**AA English:** Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

**AA Spanish:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays  
8:00 P.M.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 13, 2018 - St. Hilary**

5:00 pm - Rosa Lila Feliciano (dec)  
 Herminia Jimenez (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Wilfredo y Marisol Coronado (cumpleaños)

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Francis Ikhalea Jr. (birthday)  
 9:45 am - Aida Teresa Garcia  
 Por los enfermos legionarios  
 11:30 am - Ana Margarita Posada (cumpleaños)  
 Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez (cumpleaños)  
 Por los Sacerdotes - Legión de Maria  
 Presentación de la bebe Blanca Isabella Arevalo  
 1:15 pm - For the people of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

12:10 pm - Frank Abrezzi (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Misa en honor al Señor de Esquipulas

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

12:10 pm - Donna J. Mohammed (dec)

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - St. Anthony**

12:10 pm - Thomas Ryan (dec)

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

12:10 pm - Eileen McGovern (dec)

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

12:10 pm - Bless pro-lifers on pilgrimage today  
 7:30 pm - Bendecidos los que están en peregrinación  
 Por la Vida hoy

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**

5:00 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - Misa en honor a la Virgen de la Altagracia

**Sunday, January 21, 2018 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Mass available  
 9:45 am - Mass available  
 11:30 am - Jose Ramon Fortis (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Mass available

*Pray For*

**The Sick:** Lucas Juarez, Sandra Umanzor, Marilyn Dorsey, Maria Moronta, Carmen Cardona, Linda Echevarria, Elena Henriquez, Derrick Herron, Kiara Velazquez, Julia Waldron and the homebound.

And the faithfully departed.

**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 - \$2,737.12**

**Second Collection - \$1,113.00**

**1st Collection 2016 - \$2,802.00**

"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.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 \* Ps 40:2,4,7-10 \* Jn 1:35-42  
**Mon** \* 1 Sm 15:16-23 \* Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 \* Mk 2:18-22  
**Tues** \* 1 Sm 16:1-13 \* Ps 89:20-22,27-28 \* Mk 2:23-28  
**Wed** \* 1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 \* Ps 144:1-2,9-10 \* Mk 3:1-6  
**Thurs** \* 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 \* Ps 56:2-3,9-14 \* Mk 3:7-12  
**Fri** \* 1 Sm 24:3-21 \* Ps 57:2-4,6,11 \* Mk 3:13-19  
**Sat** \* 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 \* Ps 80:2-3,5-7 \* Mk3:20-21

**Altar Server Assignments for Jan. 20 & 21, 2018**

**Sat.** 5:00 PM– Christian Rodriguez, Diana Rodriguez, Isaiah Rodriguez  
**Sat.** 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, Logan Mazariego, Edward Peña  
**Sun.** 8:15 AM - Tiffany Carcamo, Amala Madubuko, Chibuikem Chukwu  
**Sun.** 9:45 AM– Joseph Santizo, Salome Lopez  
**Sun.** 11:30AM - Dayanara Anchundia, Kiera Anchundia, Shellyann Anchundia, Elsa de la Cruz Martinez  
**Sun.** 1:15 PM– Michelle Martinez, Elizabeth Colon

**OFFICE CLOSED**



**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in commemoration of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**OFICINA CERRADA**

**La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 15 de Enero del 2018 en conmemoración del Día de Martin Luther King Jr.**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

My good friends,

I think the picture of little Jacob hugging my puppy 'Ace' really brings Christmas to a great end. It's so hard to say farewell to a time that was so blest. May the child Jesus bless all of you who made this, my first Christmas here, so special. (And keep in mind that, like Jacob, nobody should ever be afraid of Ace! He just wants to be friends.)



How about that adorable group of kids with me on the altar? We had just offered our Eucharist in honor of the Ecuadorian Patroness 'Our Lady of the Clouds'. If you google the Spanish – the virgin of the 'nube' you can find a magnificent story of Mary's love and blessing for the Ecuadorian family. Something tells me that, here in St. Mary-St. Gertrude, we make a point of celebrating every culture and event possible!!



And now the unhappy part of my note – THE PARKING LOT. I have to be honest with you. I was only assigned to ONE parish in my 30 years that had a parking lot. It caused a great deal of heartache. I woke up early one Sunday morning, before our first mass, and found that there was almost no room for our Sunday worshippers. The spots were all taken by cars left there all the time. I will have to deal with this immediately here in Far Rockaway. Most of the people leaving their cars day and night will not even read this bulletin. They don't belong to our church.

Please do NOT take offense when I ask you to provide me with information, or to NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH UNLESS YOU ARE HANDICAPPED – OR YOU ARE THE PASTOR, OR HAVE MY EXPRESSED PERMISSION.

I will expound on this next week, but for the present, know that this is not a happy part of being pastor.

Love,  
Father Frank

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR**

Mis queridos amigos,

Creo que la imagen del pequeño Jacob abrazando a mi perrito 'Ace' realmente lleva a la Navidad a un gran final. Es tan difícil decir adiós a una Navidad que fue tan alegre. Que el niño Jesús bendiga a todos ustedes por hacer, mi primera Navidad aquí, tan especial. (Y tenga en cuenta que, como Jacob, ¡nadie debería tenerle miedo a Ace! Solo quiere ser un amigo).

¿Qué tal ese adorable grupo de niños conmigo en el altar?

Acabábamos de ofrecer nuestra Eucaristía en honor a la Patrona ecuatoriana 'Nuestra Señora de las Nubes'. Si busca en Google en español, la virgen de la 'nube', puede encontrar una magnífica historia del amor y la bendición de María para la familia ecuatoriana. Algo me dice que, aquí en Sta. María y-Sta. Gertrudis, hacemos todo lo posible por celebrar cada cultura y evento!!

Y ahora necesito terminar con un mensaje más triste: EL ESTACIONAMIENTO. Tengo que ser honesto con ustedes. Solo fui asignado a UNA parroquia en mis 30 años que tenía estacionamiento. Esto causó muchos dolores de cabeza. Me levanté temprano un domingo por la mañana, antes de nuestra primera misa, y descubrimos que casi no había lugar para nuestros feligreses del domingo. Los lugares fueron tomados por autos que estacionan allí todo el tiempo. Tendré que resolver esto de inmediato aquí en Far Rockaway. La mayoría de las personas que dejan sus automóviles día y noche ni siquiera leen este boletín. Ellos no pertenecen a nuestra iglesia.

No se ofenda cuando le pido que me dé su información, o QUE NO ESTACIONEN EN EL FRENTE DE LAS PUERTAS DE LA IGLESIA A MENOS QUE SEA INCAPACITADO - O QUE USTED SEA EL PASTOR, O TENGAN MI PERMISO.

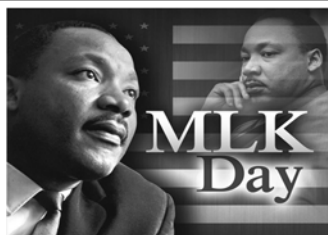
Hablaré más sobre esto la próxima semana, pero por el momento, sepan que esta no es una parte muy feliz de ser el pastor.

Con Amor,  
Padre Frank

**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration - January 15, 2018**

"I've been to the mountaintop....  
My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of  
the Lord."

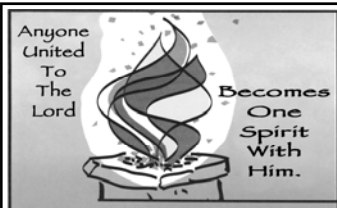
"Yes, I see the Church as the body of Christ.  
But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred  
that body through social neglect and through  
fear of being nonconformists."



**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebración - Enero 15, 2018**

"He estado en la cima de la montaña....  
Mis ojos han visto la Gloria de la venida del  
Señor."

"Si, veo la Iglesia como el cuerpo de Cristo.  
Pero, oh! Como hemos manchado y marcado ese cuerpo  
por la negligencia social y a través del miedo a ser  
inconformistas."



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

In today's first reading, Samuel hears the Lord's voice, but mistakes it for Eli's. Fortunately, Eli is familiar enough with the ways of the Lord to help Samuel make his response.

As we seek the Lord, it is good to have someone like Eli who is familiar with the Lord's voice. There are many voices that bid us "Follow this way," and the Lord's call is not always easy to discern. There are people, too, who would pretend to know the Lord and draw others to themselves rather than to God.

Eli could have taken advantage of Samuel's naïveté and claimed it was he who had summoned Samuel. But Eli claims neither to be God nor to speak for God. Instead, he encourages Samuel to listen for himself.

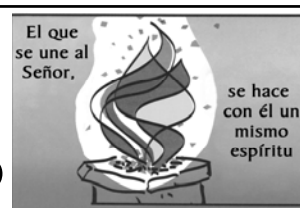
### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Perhaps the most profound line in all of today's readings is Jesus' question of the two disciples who begin to follow him. "What are you looking for?" he asks plainly and directly.

Finding the Messiah was partly a matter of what one was looking for. If one lived with the expectation of the Messiah's coming, there would be a certain alertness, a certain watchfulness to life, and a certain openness to God's movements. The two disciples had followed John the Baptizer, but as soon as John pointed to Jesus, they were ready to follow him.

It has been said that what we find in life is pretty much what we have sought. "What are you looking for?" is a challenging question for each of us to ask of ourselves. Our honest answer to this question can reveal much about our faith and our values. Those who, like Andrew and the other disciple, are looking for the Messiah will find the Messiah, dwelling now, as then, among the people. "Come and see!"

## Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



### TU SIERVO ESCUCHA

En la primera lectura de hoy, Samuel escucha la voz del Señor, pero cree que es Elí. Afortunadamente, Elí está suficientemente familiarizado con los caminos del Señor y ayuda a Samuel a responder.

Cuando buscamos al Señor, es bueno tener a alguien como Elí que reconoce la voz del Señor. Hay muchas voces que nos invitan a "seguir el camino", y el llamado del Señor no es siempre fácil de discernir. Hay personas, también, que pretenden conocer al Señor y atraen a otros hacia ellos, no hacia Dios.

Elí pudo haberse aprovechado de la inocencia de Samuel y decirle que era él quien lo llamaba. Pero Elí ni dice ser Dios ni hablar por Dios. En cambio, anima a Samuel a escucharlo él mismo.

### ¿QUÉ BUSCAN?

Quizás la línea más profunda en todas las lecturas de hoy es la pregunta de Jesús a los dos discípulos que comienzan a seguirlo. "¿Qué buscan?" les pregunta sencilla y directamente.

Encontrar al Mesías dependía parcialmente de lo que uno buscaba. Si uno vivía a la expectativa de la llegada del Mesías, habría cierto estado de alerta, cierta observación de la vida, y cierta apertura a las manifestaciones de Dios. Los dos discípulos habían seguido a Juan el Bautista, pero tan pronto Juan les mostró a Jesús, estuvieron listos para seguirlo.

Se ha dicho que lo que encontramos en la vida es casi siempre lo que buscamos. "¿Qué buscas?" es una pregunta retadora que debemos hacernos a nosotros mismos. Nuestra honesta respuesta a esta pregunta puede revelar mucho sobre nuestra fe y nuestros valores. Quienes, como Andrés y el otro discípulo, buscan al Mesías encontrarán al Mesías habitando ahora, como entonces, en medio de la gente. "¡Vengan y vean!"

### MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA

The Dominican Community is celebrating their feast day: Virgin of the Altagracia on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the 7:30 P.M. Mass.

Everyone is welcome.



### MISA EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA

La Comunidad Dominicana tendrá su Misa en honor a la Virgen de la Altagracia el 20 de Enero del 2018 a las 7:30 P.M.

Todos son bienvenidos.

**Annual Catholic Appeal and Generations of Faith Update**

The following numbers are the 2017 Final numbers for 2017 for our 2 campaigns.

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign**

Diocesan Goal	Pledges through end of year	Number of donors	Total Received through end of year	Dollar Pledged Amt. short of Goal
\$47,883.00	\$38,272.98	166	\$31,843.98	\$9,610.02

**5-Year Generations of Faith campaign**

Diocesan Goal	Corrected Pledges through end of year	Number of donors	Total Received through end of year
\$445,000.00	\$641,313.00	178	\$136,836.11

**Thank you for your great generosity in 2017.**

**REMEMBER:** we have 5 years to complete our contributions. The **Generations of Faith** campaign officially ends in 2022. All monies received over the diocesan goal will be used by us to build a larger church, and to add meeting facilities.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland**

And attendance at the  
9th World Meeting of Families

August 19-27, 2018

Sponsored by:  
The Pilgrimage Office, and the  
Office of Family Life  
School of Evangelization

Bishop Massa  
Spiritual Director

And Mass with our Holy Father  
Pope Francis

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**REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 IS NOW OPEN AT  
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**Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities!**

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First time scholarship applicant? Apply by April 30, 2018

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To learn about the benefits of a Catholic education,  
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**BE POSITIVE IN 2018**

If you **FAIL**, never give up. **F.A.I.L.** means,  
"First **A**ttempt **I**n **L**earning."

**END** is not the end. In fact, **E.N.D.** means,  
"Effort **N**ever **D**ies."

If you get **NO** as an answer, remember,  
**N.O.** means, "Next **O**pportunity."

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** 'Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of (acknowledge) him, and he will make straight your paths.'

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**SEA POSITIVO EN 2018**

La gente positiva es la que Se Cae, se Levanta, se Sacude, se Cura los raspones, le Sonríe a la Vida y dice  
"¡Ahí Voy de Nuevo!"

Si obtienes NO como respuesta, recuerda,  
NO significa, "Nueva Oportunidad".

**MÁS IMPORTANTE:** 'Confía de todo corazón en el Señor, y no en tu propia inteligencia. Ten presente al Señor en todo lo que hagas, y él te llevara por el camino recto'.

**(Proverbios 3: 5-6).**