

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



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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's),  
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00 & 12:10—Monday thru Wednesday  
9:00 at St. Gertrude's & 12:10 at St. Mary's - Thursday  
12:10, 7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays  
12:10 PM—Saturdays

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays at 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 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 First Fridays 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.

**Nigerian Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 21 – St. Agnes**

12:10 pm – Mass available

5:00 pm – Thomas Valentine – *Thanksgiving*

7:30 pm – En honor a la Virgen de la Altgracia

**Sunday, January 22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am – Rosary Society

Gabriel, Herson, Waldman &amp; Jim Rivera (dec)

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) George Rountree (dec)

Nuestra Sra. De Altgracia- Acción de Gracias

11:30 am – Carolena Mayorga Contreras (cumpleaños)

1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—*Thanksgiving***Monday, January 23**

8:00 am – Ralph Celestine (blessings)

12:10 pm – Sergio Celestine (blessings)

**Tuesday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

8:00 am – For the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude

12:10 pm – Mass available

**Wednesday, January 25 - The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle**

8:00 am – Mass available

12:10 pm – Mass available

**Thursday, January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus**

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available

12:10 pm – Mass available

**Friday, January 27 – St. Angela Merici**

12:10 pm – Mass available

7:30 pm – Mass available

**Saturday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas**

12:10 pm – Gaetano &amp; Magdalena Capone (dec)

5:00 pm – Mass available

7:30 pm – Misa disponible

**Sunday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am – For the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available

11:30 am – Misa disponible

1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—*Thanksgiving***MEMORIALS THIS WEEK***The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for  
**Rosalie McAllister.****The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for  
**Rosalie McAllister.****The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie  
McAllister.*****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:

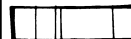
**Offertory Collection****1st Collection last weekend - \$4208.00****2nd Collection - \$1645.00****First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011):  
\$5986.39****(Parish weekly expenses average: \$8756.25)**“Our Weekly Offering is One Way of Saying: WE BELONG to the Lord... And One Another?”. What Does **YOUR** Weekly Offering Say? Pray for His Guidance! THEN Make or Renew Your Commitment to Tithing.**Weekday Readings****Sun** \* Jon 3:1-5, 10 \* Ps 25:4-9 \* Mk 1:14-20**Mon** \* 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 \* Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 \* Mk 3:22-30**Tues** \* 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 \* Ps 24:7-10 \* Mk 3:31-35**Wed** \* Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 \* Ps 117:1-2 \* Mk 16:15-18**Thurs** \* 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 \* Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 \* Mk 4:21-25**Fri** \* 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 \* Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 \* Mk 4:26-34**Sat** \* 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 \* Ps 51:12-17 \* Mk 4:35-41

Pray for ...

Rosalie McAllister, Eileen Barton, Roberto Bonilla, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially David Andujar and Haydee Almodovar.



VOCATIONS



The Vocations Crosses are available for 2012. Sign-up sheets may be found in the lobbies of both parish locations.

Please sign-up and take home the Vocations Cross for 1 week and pray for vocations. It is important that we, the faithful, pray for our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

There are two crosses available at each location.

**VOCACIONES**

Las Cruces de Vocaciones están disponibles para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontrarán las hojas para anotarse para recibir la Cruz por una semana.

Por favor anótese para llevar la Cruz de Vocaciones a su casa por una semana para orar por las vocaciones. Es muy importante que nosotros, los fieles, oremos por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, hermanos y hermanas religiosas.

Tenemos dos cruces disponibles en cada parroquia.



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE TIME IS SHORT

A sense of urgency is reflected in all of today's readings. Jonah warns the Ninevites, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims that "this is the time of fulfillment." There is no denying that we humans tend to respond more readily to an urgent request; we seem to be much more motivated by something that must be done right now. This tendency makes it all too easy to put off less urgent things: "Oh, we've got time for that later."

For the people in Jonah's day, for the people of Jesus' time and Paul's time, the end was believed to be imminent. The words of the prophets and reformers frequently tried to evoke a sense of urgency. We don't know, of course, how much time we have as individuals or as nations to reform our ways, but it's safe to say that there's less time left today than there was yesterday. Today's readings may be inviting us to revise our priorities.

### BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' urgent message to the people of Galilee contains two important declarative statements. The command to "repent" is commonly heard. Far less common is a command that requires the hearer to have faith. Yet Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is not a request or a suggestion. He does not say, "I hope you can believe" or "Would you consider believing?" Baptized Christians, believers by definition, are to live their lives as if their beliefs mattered. That is why we must repent as well as believe. Whatever our calling in life, our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers should all be able to tell that we believe in the gospel by the way we live the gospel. Time is too short to do otherwise.

### MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude would like to inform our parishioners that beginning Wednesday, February 1st, 2012, we will no longer have the 8:00 A.M. daily Mass. The decision was made because of the low attendance at this Mass and because Fr. Yvon will not be replaced. The Sunday 8:15 A.M. Mass will remain the same.

### CAMBIO EN EL HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis desea informarle a todos sus feligreses que comenzando el Miércoles 1 de Febrero ya no tendremos la Misa de las 8:00 A.M. durante los días de la semana. Esta decisión fue tomada debido a la baja asistencia en esta Misa y porque el Padre Yvon no será remplazado. La Misa de las 8:15 A.M. del Domingo continuará igual.

## St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish

**Invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving And Farewell for**

**Father Jean Yvon Pierre  
On The 29th Day of January 2012  
During the 1:15 P.M**

**All are invited.**

The 2011 tax statements are now available. Please fill in the form below; drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, bring it to either rectory, or mail request form to:

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church  
1920 New Haven Avenue  
Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
Attn: Joanne Murray

**NOTE: Tax statements will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.**

### Request for 2011 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**

### Speech and Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Help—

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** Speech and Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Help from January 30, 2012 through May 7, 2012. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

**ROCKAWAY LITTLE LEAGUE**—Registration for the 2012 baseball and softball seasons are now underway online. For more information or to register, go to [www.rockawaylittleleague.com](http://www.rockawaylittleleague.com). Fees increase in February.

**A WALK THROUGH THE MASS** BY: THOMAS RICHSTATTER, O.F.M.

Continued from last week...

**Penitential Act, Gloria.** All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to gather us together into a worshiping assembly. Sometimes we are asked to pause and recall our common need for salvation (the Penitential Act). Sometimes the hymn “Glory to God in the highest” is sung or recited at this point. The “Gloria” has been a part of the Mass since about the sixth century! These longer hymns and responses are found in the service book (or prayer card) at our seat.

**Collect Prayer.** At the close of this first part of the Mass the priest will ask us to join our minds in prayer, and after a few moments of silence he will collect our intentions into one prayer to which we all respond “Amen,” a Hebrew word for “So be it.”

### Part Two Storytelling

**Liturgy of the Word.** When we gather at a friend’s home for a meal, we always begin with conversation, telling our stories. At Mass, after the rites of gathering, we sit down and listen as readings from the Word of God are proclaimed. They are the stories of God’s people—they are our story.

**Three readings and a psalm.** On Sundays there are three readings from the Bible. The first reading will be from the Hebrew Scriptures. We recall the origins of our covenant. It will relate to the Gospel selection and will give background and insight into the meaning of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. Then we will sing or recite a psalm—a song from God’s own inspired hymnal, the Book of Psalms. The second reading will usually be from one of the letters of Paul or another apostolic writing. The third reading will be taken from one of the four Gospels.

**Standing for the Gospel.** Because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel, it has long been the custom to stand in attentive reverence to hear these words. We believe that Christ “is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the church” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #7). The priest will again greet us with “The Lord be with you.” He then introduces the Gospel reading while marking a small cross on his forehead, lips and heart with his thumb while praying silently that God cleans his mind and his heart so that his lips may worthily proclaim the Gospel. In many places, the congregation performs this ritual action along with the priest. The Gospel reading concludes with the ritual formula “The Gospel of the Lord” and we respond, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,” again proclaiming our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Word. Then we sit for the homily.

**Homily.** The Homily is more than a sermon or a talk about how we are to live or what we are to believe. The Homily is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and especially in the readings from Scripture which have just been proclaimed. The

Homily takes the Biblical word and applies it to our life situation today. Just as a large piece of bread is broken to feed individual persons, the Word of God must be broken open so it can be received and digested by the congregation.

**Creed.** The homily is often followed by a few moments of silence during which we each thank God for the Word we have heard and apply the message of today’s readings to our daily living. We then stand and together recite the Creed. (You will probably want to use the service book or pew card for the text of the Creed until you know it by heart.) The Creed is more than a list of things which we believe. It is a statement of our faith in the Word we have heard proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily, and a profession of the faith that leads us to give our lives for one another as Christ gave his life for us. Originally the Creed was the profession of faith of those about to be baptized at this point in the Mass.

**General Intercessions.** The Liturgy of the Word (our “storytelling” part of the Mass) comes to an end with the General Intercessions. The General Intercessions help us become who God is calling us to be. We are the Body of Christ by Baptism. Now, as we prepare to approach the table for Eucharist, we look into the readings, like a mirror, and ask: Is that who we are? Does the Body of Christ present in this assembly resemble that Body of Christ pictured in the Scripture readings? Usually not! And so we make some adjustments; we pray that our assembly really comes to look like the Body of Christ—a body at peace, with shelter for the homeless, healing for the sick, food for the hungry. We pray for the Church, nations and their leaders, people in special need and the local needs of our parish—the petitions usually fall into these four categories. A minister will announce the petitions, and we are usually given an opportunity to pray for the intentions in our heart, then make some common response aloud like, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

### Part Three

**Meal sharing**—After the readings, we move to the table. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we 1) set the table, 2) say grace and 3) share the food (we eat and drink). At Mass, these ritual actions are called 1) the Preparation of the Gifts, 2) the Eucharistic Prayer and 3) the Communion Rite.

**Preparation of the Gifts.** The early Christians each brought some bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions. Members of the parish bring these offerings to the altar with the bread and wine to be used for the sacrifice. The priest places the bread and wine on the table. He then mixes water with the wine and washes his hands. (Mixing water with wine and washing hands are things all Jews did at meals in Jesus’ time; today they remind us of the origins of the Eucharist at a Jewish meal.) Finally, the priest invites us to pray that the sacrifice may be acceptable to God. We respond “Amen” to the Prayer over the Offerings and

stand to participate in the central prayer of the Mass.

**The Eucharistic Prayer.** The long prayer which follows brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. While the words of the prayer may vary from Sunday to Sunday, the prayer always has this structure: 1) We call upon God to remember all the wonderful saving deeds of our history. 2) We recall the central event in our history, Jesus Christ, and in particular the memorial he left us on the night before he died. We recall his passion, death and resurrection. 3) After gratefully calling to mind all the wonderful saving acts God has done for us in the past, we petition God to continue those deeds of Christ in the present. We pray that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**Invitation.** The prayer begins with a dialogue between the leader and the assembly. First, the priest greets us with "The Lord be with you." He then asks if we are ready and willing to approach the table and to renew our baptismal commitment, offering ourselves to God: "Lift up your hearts." And we say that we are prepared to do so: "We lift them up to the Lord." We are invited to give thanks to the Lord our God. And we respond: "It is right and just." To "give thanks" translates the traditional Greek verb which now names the whole action: Eucharist.

**Preface and Acclamation.** The priest enters into the Preface, a prayer which prepares us to come before the face of God. We are brought into God's presence and speak of how wonderful God has been to us. As the wonders of God are told, the assembly cannot hold back their joy and sing aloud: "Wow! Wow! Wow! What a God we have!" In the ritual language of the Mass, this acclamation takes the form of "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts./ Heaven and earth are full of your glory."

**Institution Narrative: Consecration.** The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist. At this important moment in the prayer, we proclaim the mystery of faith. Several texts are possible, for example: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection / until you come again." The priest continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

**Prayer for unity and intercessions.** The grateful memory of God's salvation leads us to make a bold petition, our main petition at every Eucharist: We pray for unity. "Humbly we pray / that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, / we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit" (Eucharistic Prayer II). To this petition we add prayers for the bishop of Rome and for the bishop of the local Church; we pray for the living and the dead and especially for ourselves, that through the intercession of the saints we may one day arrive at that table in heaven of which this table is only a hint and a taste.

## EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$4208.00**

**Segunda Colecta: \$1645.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5986.39**

**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!



## Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### EL TIEMPO ES CORTO

Un sentimiento de urgencia se refleja en todas las lecturas de hoy. Jonás advierte a los ninivitas: "Cuarenta días más y Nínive será destruida". Pablo recuerda a los corintios que "el tiempo se hace corto". Jesús proclama que "el plazo está vencido". No hay duda que los humanos tendemos a responder más prontamente a una petición urgente, parece estamos mucho más motivados cuando hay que hacer algo enseguida. Esta tendencia hace fácil posponer lo que no consideramos urgente: "Oh, ya habrá tiempo para eso más tarde".

Para la gente en los días de Jonás, para la gente en tiempos de Jesús y de Pablo, el fin se consideraba inminente. Las palabras de los profetas y de los reformadores frecuentemente trataban de evocar un sentimiento de urgencia.

No sabemos, por supuesto, cuánto tiempo tenemos como individuos o como nación para reformar nuestros caminos, pero sabemos por seguro que hoy nos queda menos tiempo que ayer. Las lecturas de hoy pueden ser una invitación para que revisemos nuestras prioridades.

### CREE EN LA BUENA NUEVA

El urgente mensaje de Jesús al pueblo de Galilea contiene dos importantes declaraciones. El mandato a "arrepentirse" se escucha comúnmente. Mucho menos común es un mandato que exige que quien lo escucha tenga fe. Pero Jesús dice, "Cree en la Buena Nueva". Esta no es una petición o una sugerencia. Él no dice: "Espero que puedas creer" o "¿Considerarías creer?" Los cristianos bautizados, creyentes por definición, han de vivir como si sus creencias importaran. Por eso debemos tanto arrepentirnos como creer. Cualquiera sea nuestro llamado en la vida, nuestros familiares, vecinos, amigos y compañeros de trabajo, deben todos poder decir que somos creyentes en la Buena Nueva por la forma en que vivimos el Evangelio. El tiempo es demasiado corto para obrar de otra manera.