

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:

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Haitian Committee

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

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves)
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

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

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

Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday, January 24, 2015 - St. Francis de Sales

5:00 pm - For the people of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
 7:30 pm - Jose Morales (dec)
 Alfredo Suarez (dec)
 Domingo Vasquez (dec)
 Daira Gabriela Ramirez (cumpleaños)

Sunday, January 25, 2015 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - The Rosary Society
 Gina & Carmine J. Capone (dec)
 9:45 am - Fr. James Cunningham (healing)
 Lillie Santiago (dec)
 11:30 am - Anna Hernandez (dec)
 Bonifacia Laguna (dec)
 Ermelinda Guardado (dec)
 Wilber Machado (dec)
 Ernesto Gonzalez (dec)
 Al Divino Niño por la Familia Hoyos
 1:15 pm - Pearl Waldron
 English Charismatic Prayer Group (Special Intention)

Monday, January 26, 2015 - St. Timothy & St. Titus

12:10 pm - For the people of St. Mary and St. Gertrude

January 27, 2015 - St. Angela Merici

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - St. Thomas Aquinas

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, January 29, 2015

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, January 30, 2015

12:10 pm - St. Andre (thanksgiving)
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - St. John Bosco

5:00 pm - Stanley Bonny (dec)
 7:30 pm - Maria Diaz (dec)

Sunday, February 1, 2015 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - For the people of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
 9:45 am - Fr. James Cunningham (healing)
 Divino Niño Jesús (acción de gracias)
 11:30 am - Angel Lozada (dec)
 1:15 pm - Martin T. Waldron

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick: Marie Claude Guieau, Clide Oliver, Wendy Blackman, Geraldine Miller, Donna J. Mohammed, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Kriston Singh.

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 - \$4767.22
Second Collection – \$1312.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4789.00

"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 * Jon 3:1-5, 10 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mk 1:14-20
Mon * 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 * Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 * Mk 3:22-30
Tues * Heb 10:1-10 * Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 * Mk 3:31-35
Wed * Heb 10:11-18 * Ps 110:1-4 * Mk 4:1-20
Thurs * Heb 10:19-25 * Ps 24:1-6 * Mk 4:21-25
Fri * Heb 10:32-39 * Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 * Mk 4:26-34
Sat * Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 * (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 * Mk 4:35-41

Altar Server Assignments for Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Noah Roberts
Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada
Sun. 8:15 AM – Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Bianca Salonga, Adaora Madubuko
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Jossabeth Castaneda, Lexa Torres
Sun. 1:15 PM – Alexis Small, Dennys Castillo

PARISH HOLY HOUR

Today, Jan 25th
 AFTER THE 1:15PM MASS

For VOCATIONS and CATECHESIS

ALL ARE WELCOME...BRING A FRIEND

ALL PARISH MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." If you are considering a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS BORN IN JANUARY

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| January 16 | Miguel Garcia |
| January 19 | Carolena Mayorga |
| January 20 | Gabriele Forbes-Bennett |
| | Adaora Madubuko |
| January 21 | Noah Roberts |
| January 26 | Chinelan Chukwu |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Reflecting on God’s Word

First apprentice, then journeyman, and finally master. That’s the way someone “travels” when learning a trade. But before “setting out” one must find a trustworthy master who will accept him to study with her. Then he must commit himself to the “journey” of learning the trade. By watching and listening to the master, by imitating her example and following her advice, the disciple gradually learns her “ways.”

The Scriptures this week present a journeyman, Jonah, and a master, Jesus. Why did people trust and follow them? People responded to Jonah because he was traveling the way of the Lord himself; he had repented and set out on the journey of discipleship. They responded to Jesus because he was a master worthy of their trust and because he invited them to be his disciples, to walk at his side and to study his ways. People followed them not because of their words, but because they knew the way.



Living God’s Word

There is one problem with Christian discipleship. No one will ever become a master. The most we can strive for is to be journeymen, like Jonah and Jesus’ disciples. We can only show others the way if we commit ourselves to the journey and walk at the Master’s side, trusting and listening and following the ways of the Lord.



ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Communities of Faith,
Knowledge and Services
January 25th-31st

Monday

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Community

Parent Visit: 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Senior Appreciation- Music from K, 1 and 2

Tuesday

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Students

BLUE AND GOLD PRE-K-3

Wednesday

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Nation

Morning Prayers- Pray the Rosary for Peace in our Nation

BLUE AND GOLD 4-8

Thursday

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Vocations

Pajama and Movie Day

Parent Visit: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday

Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

“Caring for Christ” Mural (in classroom) 12:30-1:30

Read Across Saint Rose - 1:30-2:15 (auditorium)

Community Happenings Corner

Disaster Hotline for Homeowners—For homeowners who are still unable to resolve disputes with insurers, call the Disaster Hotline who will be able to answer questions and help with problems. You may also file complaints at: <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

Build it Back at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway Office
A Build it Back representative is available on Mondays from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway office – 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 410. Please take advantage of this assistance, even if you have already went through the Build it Back process. Must call to make an appointment – 718 471-7014.

The Salvation Army is here to help the people of Far Rockaway—The Salvation Army Rockaway Disaster Recovery Office has opened and is accepting impacted individuals for disaster case management. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call their office at (347) 926-4167 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance “Call to Action”

- The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meet every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

VBCC Honors Black History Month—The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns of the Diocese of Brooklyn is sponsoring a Black History Month celebration Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3PM, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn. This year's celebrant and homilist will be Most Reverend Sheldon Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. Immediately following the Mass, there will be refreshments and fellowship in the undercroft of the Co-Cathedral where everyone is welcomed to join. St. Joseph Co-Cathedral is located at 856 Pacific St, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

ReServe is offering paid, part-time positions for afternoon Tutors through the MS ExTRA program with the NYC Department of Education and the After School Corporation (TASC). Visit their website for more information – www.reserveinc.org, or call 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back is hiring! For an up-to-date listing of positions, visit their website at <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Keyword = build+it+back.

Annual Civil Service Exam Schedule - The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services currently has Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers (CTACs) open to the public. Visit their website to apply for jobs and get exam schedules and filing deadlines at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs.

HHA JOBS ALERT—Join our team of Home Health Aides—Summit Home Health Care is currently seeking HHA's. Immediate hire if you meet all the requirements. No appointments needed. We are located at 1797 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Call us at 718-376-3100 or visit us at: www.TrustSummit.com.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4767.22

Segunda Colecta: \$1312.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4497.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4787.00

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.

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Dirijamos nuestras vidas según la vocación a la que el Señor nos ha llamado” Si estás considerando la vocación a la vida consagrada o al sacerdocio, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

Primero aprendiz, después obrero y por fin maestro. Ésa es la "travesía" de cualquier persona que está aprendiendo un oficio. Pero antes de "partir" hay que encontrar un maestro (o maestra) confiable que nos acepte a estudiar bajo él (o ella). Luego el estudiante tiene que comprometerse a hacer la "travesía" de aprender un oficio. Fijándose en el maestro, escuchándolo, imitando su ejemplo y siguiendo sus consejos, el discípulo llega a aprender "el estilo" del maestro. Las Escrituras de esta semana presentan a un obrero, Jonás, y un maestro, Jesús. ¿Por qué la gente confió en ellos y los siguieron? La gente le respondió a Jonás porque él iba por el camino del Señor, se había arrepentido y partió para hacer la travesía del discipulado. Le respondieron a Jesús porque él era el maestro digno de la confianza de ellos y porque los invitó a ser sus discípulos, a caminar junto a él y a estudiar su estilo de vida. La gente los siguió no por las palabras que ellos dijeron, sino porque conocían el camino.



Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Hay un problema con el discipulado cristiano. Nunca nadie se convertirá en maestro. A lo más que podemos aspirar es a ser obreros como Jonás y los discípulos de Jesús. Sólo podremos enseñarles a otros el camino si nosotros nos comprometemos a hacer la travesía y caminar junto al Maestro, confiando, escuchando y siguiendo los caminos del Señor.

VIGILIA MENSUAL DEL MINISTERIO DE SAN PABLO

Santa María y Santa Gertrudis con el Ministerio de San Pablo les invitan a su vigilia mensual con la exposición del Santísimo el Lunes 26 de Enero del 2015 de 7:00 P.M. a 10:00 P.M. La enseñanza será presentada por Ronald Sequeiro con el tema: 'Porque Tanto Sufrimiento En El Mundo'. Todos son bienvenidos!

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Línea directa de Desastres para Propietarios—Los propietarios que todavía no han podido resolver los conflictos con las aseguradoras, llame a la Línea de Desastres los cuales podrán responder a sus preguntas. También puede presentar quejas en : <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

Reconstruyendo de Nuevo—Un representante de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo estará disponible los lunes de 12:00-5:00 en la oficina del Concejal Richards Far Rockaway, 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 410. Por favor trate de aprovechar esta oportunidad de ayuda, aunque haya pasado por el proceso de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo.

El Ejército de Salvación está aquí para ayudar al pueblo de Far Rockaway - El Ejército de Salvación (Salvation Army) ha abierto su oficina y esta aceptando casos para ayudar a aquellos afectados por el huracán Sandy. Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda, llame al (347) 926-4167.

"Llamada a la Acción" Asistencia de Recuperación a Largo Plazo de Far Rockaway—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo Miércoles en la noche. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos en su próxima reunión el Miércoles, 28 de enero de 2015 de 7:00 a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Corra la voz a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos.

VBCC Rinde Honor a la Historia Afroamericana

El Vicariato de Asuntos católicas Afroamericanos de la Diócesis de Brooklyn está patrocinando una Misa en celebración del Mes de la Historia Afroamericana el Domingo, 08 de febrero del 2015 a 15:00, en la Con-catedral de San José en Brooklyn. Celebrante y predicador de este año será el Reverendísimo Sheldon Fabre, Obispo de la Diócesis de Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. Inmediatamente después de la misa, habrá refrescos y comunión en la cripta de la Co-Catedral, donde todos son bienvenidos a unirse. St. Joseph Co-Catedral se encuentra en el 856 Pacific St, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

TRABAJOS DISPONIBLES

ReServe está ofreciendo puestos a tiempo parcial para tutores de la tarde a través del programa MS ExTRA con el Departamento de Educación de NYC y la Corporación del Programa Después de la Escuela (TASC). Visite su sitio web para obtener más información - www.reserveinc.org, o llame al 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back está contratando! Para obtener una lista actualizada de las posiciones, visite su sitio web en <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Palabra clave = build+ it+

Horario de exámenes del Servicio Civil - El Departamento de Servicios Administrativos de la Ciudad de Nueva York tiene actualmente Centros de Exámenes & Aplicaciones (CTACS) abiertos al público. Visite su sitio web www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs para solicitar puestos de trabajo y obtener los horarios de exámenes.

ALERTA DE EMPLEOS EN CUIDADO DE ENFERMOS/ ANCIANOS EN EL HOGAR—Únete a nuestro equipo de Home Health Aides. Summit Home Health Care está actualmente buscando personas para cuidado de enfermos/ancianos en el hogar. Empleo inmediato si cumple con todos los requisitos. No necesita hacer cita. Estamos localizados en el 1797 Coney Island Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11230. Llámenos al 718-376-3100 o visítenos en: www.TrustSummit.com.