

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



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691
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SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

Ms. Carla Ramos - 718-327-2242, Ext. 204

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, 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 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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19

- 12:10 pm – Kathleen Kelly (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
James P. Mc Cabe Jr. (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Emma De Paz (dec)
Flavio Guerra (dec)

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Marva Taylor (dec)
Washington Cragwell (dec)
- 11:30 am – Eugenio Fernando Araugo (dec)
Nidia Rodriguez (salud)
Zoila Yepez (salud)
Omar Cabrera (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – James Sugrue (dec)
Joselito De La Paz (dec)

Monday, February 21—St. Peter Damian

- 8:00 am – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Tullio Gaudio (dec)
Cantalisa Brea (dec)

Tuesday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Safety for those serving in the Armed Forces

Wednesday, February 23—St. Polycarp

- 8:00 am – Mary Murphy (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Erika Roman (dec)

Thursday, February 24

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, February 25

- 12:10 pm – For the children of the parish
- 7:30 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Saturday, February 26

- 12:10 pm – For the children of St. Mary's School
- 5:00 pm – Married Couples
- 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Antonio Alzate (dec)
Por las Almas del Purgatorio
Jose Crespo (dec)
- 11:30 am – Elizabeth Zeising (dec)
Sanación de los niños Villarman
- 1:15 pm – Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)
Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

**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

Weekend of 2-12 & 2-13 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Fuel	Total Collection
5:00 PM	82	33	\$668.00	24	\$245.00	\$913.00
7:30 PM	205	43	\$196.66	24	\$371.00	\$567.66
8:15 AM	195	71	\$1,805.12	36	\$259.00	\$2,064.12
9:45 AM	169	58	\$501.30	28	\$148.40	\$649.70
11:30 AM	526	134	\$1,305.37	65	\$556.10	\$1,861.47
1:15 PM	152	38	\$640.01	10	\$144.95	\$784.96
Totals	1329	377	\$5,116.46	187	\$1,724.45	\$6,840.91

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$6373.92

(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 –

Make your Return to God Easier by using...

PARISH PAY

www.parishpay.com.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Lv 19:1-2,17-18 * Ps103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 * Mt 5:38-48
- Mon** * Sir 1:1-10 * Ps 93:1-2, 5 * Mk 9:14-29
- Tues** * 1 Pet 5:1-4 * Ps 23:1-3a, 4- 6 * Mt 16:13-19
- Wed** * Sir 4:11-19 * Ps 119:154, 71-172, 174-175 * Mk 9:38-40
- Thurs** * Sir 5:1-8 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Mk 9:41-50
- Fri** * Sir 6:5-17 * Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 * Mk 10:1-12
- Sat** * Sir 17:1-15 * Ps 103:13-18 * Mk 10:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS—It is an ancient Christian tradition to request that Mass be offered living and deceased. You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. There are a limited number of Masses available between now and the end of the year.

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.

Pray for ... Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yepez, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Patrick Scannell, Derek Abraham, Peggi Pauguanm, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza, Auddie Naraine and our faithful departed.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WISDOM OR FOOLISHNESS?

Sometimes the idea of “repentance” can seem old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so called practical realities of life. St. Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers himself wise had better become a fool, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19).

This “foolishness” continues in today’s Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, turn the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “Be perfect,” Jesus says, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

THE “FOOLISHNESS” OF THE GOSPEL

The so called “wisdom” of this world tells us that it is foolish to keep working for peace, to keep up the struggle for life against the many and various merchants of death. It is foolish to keep siding with the poor and downtrodden against the economic forces of the marketplace. It is foolish, also, to “give to the one who asks of you” (Matthew 5:42). Or so goes the wisdom of this world.

It is foolish to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). It is foolish to let someone get away with striking you in the face, to give in when someone sues you for the very clothes off your back, to let someone make you work without pay. Yet that is what Jesus encourages us to do.

Why? Maybe only the poets, the prophets, and the so called “fools” can answer, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19). It does seem, however, that if we want to follow the path of Jesus, we must eventually come down firmly on the side of what the world deems “foolishness.”



THE FIGHT WITHIN

Today’s readings revolve around the “logic of violence” and turn it on its head. “You shall not bear hatred . . . Take no revenge and cherish no grudge,” says God through the prophet Moses (Leviticus 19:17, 18). Jesus says, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:43–44). The struggle to do this begins within our own hearts. An old tale of the Cherokee people concerns a boy who was angry at a friend who had done him an injustice. His grandfather sat him down, saying, “I too, at times, have felt hatred toward those who have injured me, with no sorrow for what they did. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times.” He continued, “It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him, and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight as the last resort, and in the right way. But the other wolf—ah, he is full of anger. The smallest thing will send him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, for his anger will change nothing. Sometimes it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit.” The boy looked intently into his grandfather’s eyes and asked, “Which one wins, Grandfather?” The old man smiled and said, “The one I feed.”

Living Stewardship Now

Make a list of enemies—people who have harmed you personally or those you love, harmed our country, and harmed our world. Put this list in a place where you can pray for each one on it regularly for the next month.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, February 24th
at 7:00 P.M. in the McKenna Conference Center.



The Rectory Office will be closed all day Monday, February 21st in observance of President’s Day.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

O Jesus, we pray for you to turn your eyes in love and mercy upon our young men and women who, in fulfillment of their military obligations, have been called upon to leave their native land and face the dangers of their service.

Far away from all who are dear to them, they are often exposed to grave dangers of both body and soul.

O Lord, be their guide upon their way, their support in labor, their consolation in sorrow, their courage in combat and their strength against temptation. Keep them safe from harm; loyal to their faith; their country and their cause; and faithful to all their family ties.

Grant that when their military service is ended they may all be reunited with their families in their earthly homes and when this life's journey is over they may enjoy the blessedness of the heavenly home you have prepared for them.

Sacred Heart of Jesus protect them in times of Danger, watch over them and guide them in times of trials.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, be with them always; obtain for them from thy Divine Son the favor that they may live and die in His grace; protect them from harm; deliver them safely home to their families and loved ones once their task is done. AMEN.

ARMED SERVICES—If you have a family member or friend on active duty in the Armed Forces, please inform the rectory so that we may recognize their service and pray for their safety and swift return home.

The 2010 tax statements are now available. Please cut out and fill in the form below; drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, bring it to the 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 are will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.

Request for 2010 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 in our files



The St. Mary's & St. Gertrude's Rosarian are sponsoring a Cake & Food Sale on Sunday, Feb. 27 after the 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM and the 1:15 PM Masses. Sale at St. Gertrude's.

BLOOD PREASURE SCREENING—St. John's Hospital will conduct blood pressure screenings here at St. Mary and St. Gertrude Parish on:

Sun. Feb. 27— 11 am to 2:30 pm

Sun. Mar. 20—11 am to 2:30 pm

The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary** celebration will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2011** at Immaculate Conception Church, located at 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin at 11:00 A.M. **All couples celebrating 25th, 30th, 40th, and 50th anniversary** are invited to attend with their families. Registration forms are in the church entrance.

Catholic Charities has partnered with the **Fresh Air Fund**. The program is **FREE** to all participants. Children who qualify for the free lunch program is school through USDA are eligible. An application must be completed, submitted and then reviewed by Fresh Air Fund. Awards for camp are first come, first serve. Applications process begins now through May. **For information, please call 718-217-1238.**

Do you or someone you know attend **YORK OR LA GUARDIA COLLEGE**? Do you know if faith and reason are compatible? Are you looking for meaning and direction in your life?

You are not alone—become part of college students following the Lord! Contact: Fr. Martin—Catholic Chaplain, Phone: 347-261-4406 E-mail: mesguerra@dobmail.org

The Catholic Tour a 30 year old pilgrimage Apostolate is please to announce pilgrimages now available to the Beatification of Pope John Paul II in Rome, Italy on May 1, 2010. Please call 1-877-627-4268 to free before the signing deadline of February 20, 2011 in order to secure your place to this momentous event.

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 24-April 1, 2011

(optional extension to Egypt)

Only 20 seat available

For a brochure call: The Pilgrimage Office 718-965-7313

Or email: Pilgrimages@rcdob.org

The Substance Abuse Hotline at Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services

1-800-659-1603

Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs (8:30 AM—8:00 PM)

Tues. & Fri. (8:30 AM—5:00 PM)

Sat. (9:00—1:00 PM)

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$6840.91****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6373.92****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!



Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿SABIDURÍA O IGNORANCIA?

La idea del "arrepentimiento" a veces puede parecer anticuada, inocente o aún tonta. Pero si andas buscando una verdadera ignorancia, la encontrarás en las lecturas de hoy.

Comenzamos con la admonición en Levítico: "No te vengues ni guardes rencor" (19:18). Por supuesto que ya hemos oído esto antes, así es que podríamos olvidarnos de cuán lejos está este mensaje de las llamadas realidades prácticas de la vida. Sin embargo, san Pablo nos advierte acerca de ser prácticos. Quien se considere a sí mismo sabio, mejor que se convierta en tonto, porque "la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios" (1 Corintios 3:19).

Esta "ignorancia" continúa en el evangelio de hoy: "No hagan resistencia al hambre malo" (Mateo 5:39). De hecho, cuando te golpeen una mejilla, ofrece la otra. Entrega tu manto así como tu camisa. Sé como Dios, que envía el sol y la lluvia sobre malos y buenos. Jesús dice: "Sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto" (Mateo 5:48).

LA "IGNORANCIA" DEL EVANGELIO

La llamada "sabiduría" de este mundo nos dice que es una ignorancia seguir trabajando por la paz, seguir luchando a favor de la vida y en contra de los tantos y variados mercaderes de la muerte. Es una ignorancia ponerse de parte de los pobres y oprimidos y en contra de las fuerzas económicas del mercado. También es una ignorancia "al que te pide, dale" (Mateo 5:42). Así lo dice la sabiduría de este mundo.

Es una ignorancia eso de "amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian" (Mateo 5:44). Es una ignorancia dejar que alguien te golpee la cara, o permitir que te quiten hasta la ropa que llevas puesta, o que te hagan trabajar sin remuneración. No obstante, eso es lo que Jesús nos anima a hacer.

¿Por qué? Quizás sean sólo los poetas, los profetas o los llamados "tontos" los que puedan responder, porque "la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios" (1 Corintios 3:19). Tal parece, sin embargo, que, si queremos seguir el camino de Jesús, a la larga tendremos que ponernos firmemente de parte de lo que este mundo considera "ignorancia".

LA LUCHA INTERIOR— "No odies a tu hermano . . . No te vengues ni guardes rencor", dice Dios por medio de su profeta Moisés (Levítico 19:17, 18). Jesús dice: "Han oído ustedes que se dijo: *Ama a tu prójimo y odia a tu enemigo*. Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian" (Mateo 5:43-44). La lucha comienza dentro de nuestro propio corazón. Una historia Cherokee cuenta acerca de un niño que estaba enojado por un desaire que le habían hecho. Su abuelo le dijo: "Yo he conocido el odio y me agobia". Y prosiguió con su relato: "Es como dos lobos dentro de mí. Uno es bueno, no hace daño y vive en armonía con los demás. Casi nunca se ofende. Pero el otro lobo está lleno de rencores. La cosa más pequeña lo provoca para pelear con cualquiera y sin razón. El odio y el enojo que siente no lo dejan pensar claro. Es muy difícil lidiar con estos dos lobos que tratan de dominar mi espíritu". El niño fijó su mirada inquisitiva en la de su abuelo y preguntó: "¿Cuál de los dos lobos gana, abuelito?" El anciano sonrió y le dijo: "Aquél a quien alimento".



La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora—Haz una lista de tus enemigos—personas que te han herido a ti personalmente o a los que tú amas; los que han herido a nuestra nación y a nuestro mundo. Pon esta lista en un lugar donde puedas rezar por cada uno de ellos regularmente durante todo el mes próximo.

Oración por los que Sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

Dios Omnipotente y Eterno,
sabemos que aquellos que se refugian en Ti,
se alegrarán y exultarán de gozo por siempre.
Protege a estos hermanos y hermanas militares
en el cumplimiento de su deber.
Cuídalos con el escudo de tu fuerza
y mantenlos libres de todo peligro.
Que el poder de tu amor les permita
regresar al hogar donde están los que les aman;
y así, te alaben y bendigan por tu cuidadoso amor.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amen

LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS - Si usted tiene a un familiar o un amigo en servicio activo en las Fuerzas Armadas, favor de informar a la rectoría para que podamos reconocer su servicio y orar para que regrese a casa pronto.

El Grupo del Rosario tendrá una venta de comida y biscochos el domingo 27 de Febrero después de las misas de las 9:45 AM, 11:30 A.M. y la 1:15 PM. Venta en Santa Gertrudis

El Consejo Pastoral se reunirá el Jueves 24 de Febrero a las 7:00 P.M. en el Centro de Conferencias McKenna.



La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 21 de Febrero en observación del Día de los Presidentes.