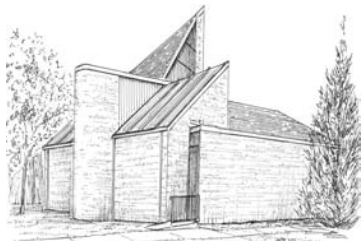


# St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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## ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Rene Hernandez

## PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

## IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

## TRUSTEES:

Miguel Jimenez  
Lillian Virginia Roundtree

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
Dr. Emy Punsalan, RCIA  
Ms. Estabana Nino, RICA  
Ms. Carmen Macfie, CCD  
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, CCD  
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 at 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.**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, February 25*

- 12:10 pm – Leon Gryczyniec (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Nathaniel Ignatius George (birthday)  
Sebastian Anthony Alexander (birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

*Sunday, February 26 – First Sunday of Lent*

- 8:15 am – Rosary Society
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Jose Crespo (dec)  
Antonio Alzate (dec)  
Por las benditas almas del Purgatorio  
Victorina Nuñez (dec)  
Agustina Bernandez (dec)
- 11:30 am – Zoila Yopez (dec)  
Gregory Garcia (dec)  
Por las Almas del Purgatorio  
Teofilo & Francisco Ceballos (dec)  
Julio Reyes Oleese (salud)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

*Monday, February 27*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Tuesday, February 28*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Wednesday, February 29*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Thursday, March 1*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Frank, Mildred & Nick Cavallo (dec)

*Friday, March 2*

- 12:10 pm – Seberina Polanco (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Arnoldo Blanco (dec)

*Saturday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Angeline Pandolfo (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Santa Marta— Acción de Gracias

*Sunday, March 4 – Second Sunday of Lent*

- 8:15 am – Mass available
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 11:30 am – Carmela Morales de De La Cruz (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

**Pray For**

Sister Dolores Foster CSJ, Harold Harris, Claire Borgella, Rosalie McAllister, Roberto Bonilla, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed.

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

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

**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 - \$4558.00**  
**2nd Collection - \$1388.00**

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011): \$4810.45**

**(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** \* Gn 9:8-15 \* Ps 25:4-9 \* Mk 1:12-15
- Mon** \* Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 \* Ps 19:8-10, 15 \* Mt 25:31-46
- Tues** \* Is 55:10-11 \* Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 \* Mt 6:7-15
- Wed** \* Jon 3:1-10 \* Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 \* Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs** \* Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 \* Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 \* Mt 7:7-12
- Fri** \* Ez 18:21-28 \* Ps 130:1-8 \* Mt 5:20-26
- Sat** \* Dt 26:16-19 \* Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 \* Mt 5:43-48



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.

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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the Cross

**St. Mary**

**Tuesday: 7:30 PM**  
**Friday: After the 12:10 Mass—English**  
**After the 7:30 Mass—Spanish**

**St. Gertrude**

**Thursday: 7:30—Bilingual**

# First Sunday of Lent

## A POWERFUL PROCLAMATION

As we reflect on how we spend our time, we could well ask ourselves, "What would you want to be caught dead doing?" If we take seriously Jesus' Gospel proclamation, if we chew on the words until they become part of us, we will find our answer.

After coming out of the desert and learning of John's arrest, Jesus knew it was time to act. Forty days of prayer and fasting had prepared him well. He knew exactly what he wanted to be caught dead doing. His desert experience had prepared him. Fully aware that his actions would put his life in jeopardy, he went to Galilee, where he made the powerful proclamation found in today's Gospel.



### "THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT"

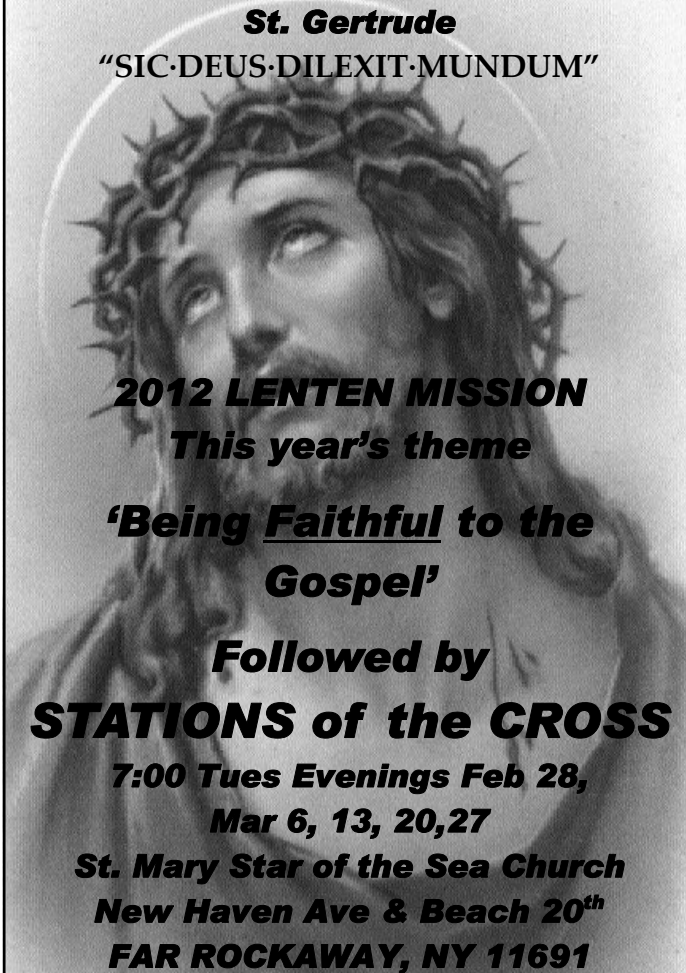
*This* is the time. Not tomorrow, or after Lent, or after you finish your degree, or after you feel a little better about yourself, or after you retire. *This* is the time and the place. Here, today, this minute, now. By your baptism, you *are* fulfilled. All you need to do is realize it.

"The kingdom of God is at hand." It is in the present moment, mirrored back to us many times each day. It is everywhere, even in the darkest corners of the world. To gain access to the kingdom, we just give ourselves to Jesus each morning, and examine ourselves in light of his love each evening. Submit and commit—day after day.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." For those preparing for full Church membership this Lent, today's message is especially liberating. When we drop our own agendas and tune in to God's, miracles begin to happen. And if angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, we know that they will be there for us, too. So as we begin our Lenten observances, let's listen openly and trustingly to the still small Voice whispering in the silence of the season and then pray for the courage to believe and act on what we hear.

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

"SIC DEUS DILEXIT MUNDUM"



### 2012 LENTEN MISSION

*This year's theme*

**'Being Faithful to the Gospel'**

**Followed by**

## STATIONS of the CROSS

**7:00 Tues Evenings Feb 28,**

**Mar 6, 13, 20, 27**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea Church**

**New Haven Ave & Beach 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691**

### Lent - Time for Fasting?



LENT

Lent should be a time to happily fast from some things and celebrate others. Often we find that to fast from food is not as hard as:

- To Fast** from judging others and instead **celebrate** that God is in each one of us
  - To Fast** from pointing out differences and instead **celebrate** what we have in common
  - To Fast** from wanting praise and instead **celebrate** quiet and anonymous work
  - To Fast** from sadness and instead **celebrate** happiness
  - To Fast** from harsh words and instead **celebrate** loving and uplifting words
  - To Fast** from disillusionment and instead **celebrate** gratitude
  - To Fast** from grudges and instead **celebrate** forgiveness
  - To Fast** from pessimism and instead **celebrate** the Hope of our Faith
  - To Fast** from complains and instead **celebrate** generosity
  - To Fast** from deceit and instead **celebrate** fidelity
  - To Fast** from disloyalty and instead **celebrate** friendship
  - To Fast** from hate and instead **celebrate** LOVE
- Let's fast like this during Lent so we will be stronger on Easter Sunday!

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**

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION –**  
 Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11:00 A. M. at Our Lady of Angels Church, 7320 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries are invite to attend with their families. This is a beautiful celebration of love and commitment. All couples will receive a personalized certificate and will have their picture taken with the Bishop. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 718-281-9540

 **Catholic Charities Queens Community Center** is excited to announce the establishment of our **Far Rockaway Field Office** at **St. Mary Star of the Sea RC Church** 1920 New Haven Ave. Far Rockaway

The following services in English are available

**2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 9:00am – 4:30pm**  
**Wednesdays 2:30pm – 5pm by appointment only.**

For more information, please contact Christina Smith via phone 1.347.472.5043 or visit us at [www.CCBQ.org](http://www.CCBQ.org).

**MEET THE AUTHOR AND ENJOY FREE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT** - On Sunday, March 4th you are all invited to St. Edmund's Hall in Breezy Point to hear John Baxter of Rockaway, discuss his recent memoir about his life in Ireland, "From the Mountains of Munlough". John is also a writer of songs and he will entertain us by playing his guitar and singing some of his self composed songs. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and will be over about 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



**Cuaresma ¿Tiempo de Ayuno?**

La Cuaresma debía de ser un tiempo de ayunar alegremente de algunas cosas y también para hacer fiestas de algunas otras. Muchas veces el ayuno de comida es mucho más fácil que:

**Ayunar** de juzgar a los demás y **festejar** que Dios habita en ellos

**Ayunar** de fijarnos siempre en las diferencias y **festejar** lo que nos une en la vida

**Ayunar** de buscar alabanzas y **festejar** el trabajo callado y anónimo

**Ayunar** de las tristezas y **festejar** que tenemos alegrías

**Ayunar** de palabras hirientes y **festejar** las palabras cariñosas y halagadoras

**Ayunar** de desilusiones y **festejar** la gratitud

**Ayunar** del rencor y **festejar** el perdón

**Ayunar** del pesimismo y **festejar** la esperanza de nuestra Fe

**Ayunar** de quejas y **festejar** el agradecimiento

**Ayunar** de egoísmos y **festejar** la generosidad

**Ayunar** de engaños y **festejar** la fidelidad

**Ayunar** de traiciones y **festejar** la amistad

**Ayunar** de odios y **festejar** el AMOR.

Hagamos este nuestro ayuno de Cuaresma y llegaremos a la Pascua de Resurrección llenos de fortaleza. ¡Adelante!

**INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS**

Ha sido una antigua tradición cristiana solicitar que una misa sea ofrecida por una persona en vida o fallecida. En la rectoría usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada. La donación de una misa es quince dólares.

**VOCACIONES—**Las Cruces de Vocaciones están disponibles para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontraran 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.

**PROGRAMA PARA CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO—**Las aplicaciones están disponibles para el Programa de Campamento de Verano 2012 por Fresh Air Fund. Sus hijos pueden tener la oportunidad de tener unas vacaciones de dos semanas este verano sin costo alguno para usted. Para más información y aplicaciones, favor de ver a Christina Smith, de Caridades Católicas en la rectoría los miércoles de 2:30 PM a 5:00 PM o puede llamar al 347.472.5043.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

Domingo Pasado: \$4558.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1388.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4810.45

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!



## Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

### UNA PROCLAMACIÓN PODEROSA

Al reflexionar sobre cómo pasamos el tiempo, podemos preguntarnos: “¿Por qué causa estaría dispuesto a dar la vida?” Encontraremos la respuesta si tomamos seriamente la proclamación de Jesús en el Evangelio, si “digerimos” sus palabras hasta que sean parte de nosotros.

Después de regresar del desierto y saber del arresto de Juan, Jesús sabía que era tiempo de actuar. Estaba bien preparado por los cuarenta días de ayuno y oración. Sabía exactamente lo que quería hacer aunque le costara la vida. Su experiencia en el desierto lo había preparado. Completamente conciente que sus acciones pondrían en peligro su vida, fue a Galilea donde hizo una proclamación poderosa que se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy.

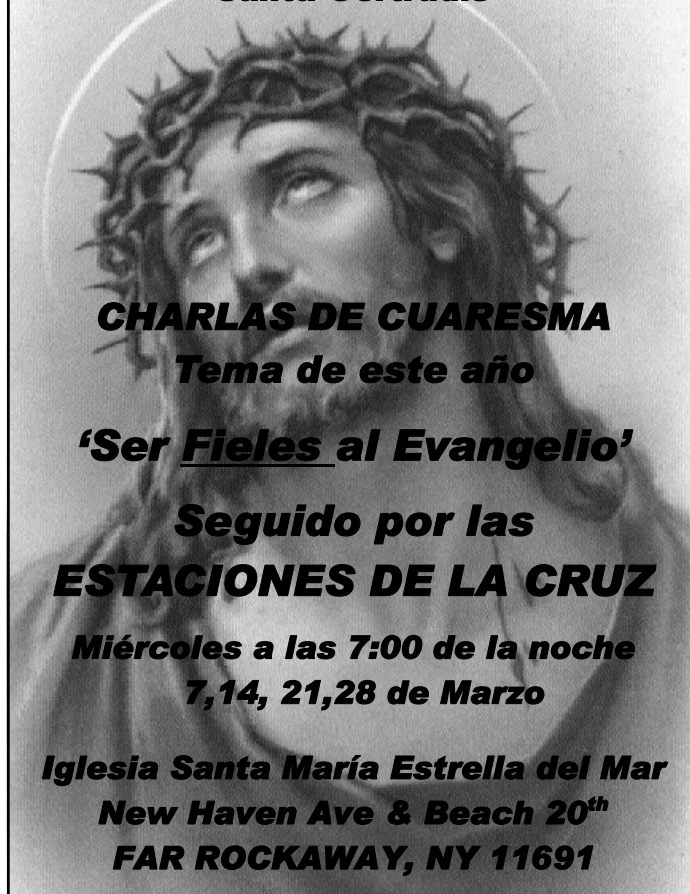
### “EL TIEMPO SE HA CUMPLIDO”

Este es el momento. No mañana, ni después de Cuaresma, ni cuando termines tu carrera, ni cuando te sientas un poco mejor ni cuando te retires. Este es el momento y el lugar. Aquí, hoy, en este minuto, ahora. Por tu Bautismo, el tiempo se te ha cumplido. Sólo necesitas darte cuenta.

“El Reino de Dios está cerca”. Está en este preciso momento, que vemos por reflejo muchas veces cada día. Está en todo lugar, hasta en los rincones más oscuros del mundo. Para ganar acceso al reino, solamente debemos entregarnos a Jesús cada mañana y examinarnos a la luz de su amor cada tarde. Someternos y comprometernos, día tras día.

“Cambien sus caminos y crean en la Buena Nueva”. Para los que se preparan para integrarse por completo a la Iglesia en esta Cuaresma, el mensaje de hoy es especialmente liberador. Cuando dejamos nuestras agendas y tomamos la de Dios, los milagros ocurren. Si los ángeles sirvieron a Jesús en el desierto, ellos también nos cuidarán de nosotros. Al empezar la celebración de la Cuaresma, escuchemos abierta y confiadamente a la todavía pequeña voz que susurra en el silencio de este tiempo y después pidamos en oración el ánimo para creer y poner en práctica lo que escuchemos. Seremos cambiados, y también el mundo con nosotros.

## Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis



### CHARLAS DE CUARESMA

Tema de este año

### ‘Ser Fieles al Evangelio’

Seguido por las

### ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Miércoles a las 7:00 de la noche

7,14, 21,28 de Marzo

Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar

New Haven Ave & Beach 20<sup>th</sup>

FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691

### ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ



Sta. María— Martes: 7:30 PM

Viernes: Después de la Misa de las 12:10 —Inglés  
Después de la Misa de las 7:30 —Español

Sta. Gertrudis— Jueves: 7:30—Bilingüe

### RETIRO DE CUARESMA

Para Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Acomodadores y el Coro en el Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, el día 31 de Marzo de 8:30am a 3:00pm en Douglaston. Valor \$25 incluyendo almuerzo. Favor comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

### NOCHE DE PREDICACIÓN POR EL SEÑOR SALVADOR GOMEZ

El Grupo de San Pablo Apóstol los invita a una noche de predicación con el Señor Salvador Gomez el Jueves 29 o el Viernes 30 de Marzo. Mas información la próxima semana.