

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.

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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), 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 9:00-10:30 AM; Sábados 10:30-12 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 Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement

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**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

5:00 pm - Mary Leon (dec)
7:30 pm - Oscar Soria Suarez (dec), Clara Garcia (dec)

Sunday, March 30, 2014 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Ramona Valdez (dec)
Howard & Viola Gannon (dec)
9:45 am - Jorge Mario Santizo (healing)
Jose Santos (dec)
11:30 am - Jennifer Hercules (cumpleaños)
Norma Mancia (cumpleaños)
Amparo Gutierrez (dec)
1:15 pm - Mass available

Monday, March 31, 2014

12:10 pm - Ramona Henriquez (dec)

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 - St. Francis of Paola

12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory by Sinecio Gutierrez

Thursday, April 3, 2014

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

Friday, April 4, 2014 - St. Isidore

12:10 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
7:30 pm - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)

Saturday, April 5, 2014 - St. Vincent Ferrer

5:00 pm - Deliverance of addictions
7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio por Sinecio Gutierrez

Sunday, April 6, 2014 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Sylvia Rodriguez (dec)
9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio por Sinecio Gutierrez
11:30 am - Misa disponible
1:15 pm - Divino Niño - Acción de Gracias

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

CONFIRMATION 2014**Important dates:**

April 6, 2014—Confirmation Retreat at 8AM, candidates only
April 26, 2014—Retreat for sponsors and candidates 10AM
May 7, 2014—Rehearsal for sponsors and candidates followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church at 7PM
May 9, 2014—Sacrament of Confirmation

The Golden Age Club—All senior citizens are invited to join us for fun and games, light exercising, movies and upcoming events. We meet at 10:00 AM on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the McKenna Center at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. All seniors are welcome.

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 - \$3947.00

Second Collection- \$2133.00

First Collection Last Year: \$7351.00

(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.



Pray For

The Sick: Carmen Santos, Adeline Labatte, Blanca Negrón, Gisele Munez, Fernando Flores, Eddie Toro Jr., Cecilio Gonzalez, Geraldine Miller, Derrick Heron, Sylvia Lendore, Miguel Mena, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla.

All the faithful departed especially Amparo Gutierrez, Ruby Williams.

Weekday Readings

Sun * 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a * Ps 23:1-6 * Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Mon * Is 65:17-21 * Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b * Jn 4:43-54

Tues * Ez 47:1-9, 12 * Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 * Jn 5:1-16

Wed * Is 49:8-15 * Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 * Jn 5:17-30

Thurs * Ex 32:7-14 * Ps 106:19-23 * Jn 5:31-47

Fri * Wis 2:1a, 12-22 * Ps 34:17-21, 23; * Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

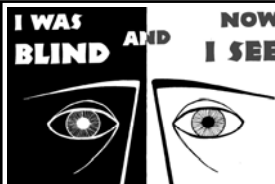
Sat * Jer 11:18-20 * Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12 * Jn 7:40-53

Altar Server Assignments for April 5 & 6, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Jacques Mathieu
Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores, Carolena Mayorga, Melissa Zarate
Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM - Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Joselin Lopez, Aaliyah Mayorga-Miranda
Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce

An Invitation

"Don't just come to Church, be the Church"



I WAS BLIND AND NOW I SEE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

OTHER CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

Some early Christians gave the woman at the well from last week's Gospel the name "Photina," which means "she who has received light." We hear another story from John's Gospel today about someone who receives light, is enlightened. The man blind from birth receives the light of Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus' day, being blind from birth was an important distinction to make: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily viewed as God's displeasure with one's sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, even a sign of the sinfulness of the individual's parents. Jesus breached the religious code and teaching of his day twice: by removing the obstacle purportedly placed there by God as a sign of the presence of sin, and doing so by committing the "sin" of working on the Sabbath, making mud to heal the blind man.

LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit (as does David in today's first reading), we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism. Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News.



Parish of St Mary Star of the Sea & St Gertrude

2014 Holy Season of Lent

7:00PM TUESDAY EVENINGS
PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 1

The Way of the Cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus

APRIL 8 - For Our Families in Preparation for Holy Week



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

2014

PALM SUNDAY MASSES— April 12th & April 13th

Saturday, April 12th

5:00 P.M. - English

7:30 P.M. - Spanish

Sunday, April 13th

8:15 A.M. - English

9:45 A.M. - (St. Gertrude) English

11:30 A.M. - Spanish

11:45 A.M. - Spanish in the Auditorium

1:15 P.M. - English

RECONCILIATION MONDAY—April 14th

Confessions: 3 P.M. until 9 P.M. - Bi-lingual

HOLY THURSDAY - April 17th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

7:30 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Bi-lingual

Visit to the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY— April 18th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross – English

1:30 P.M. - Procession of the Stations of the Cross –
Bilingual from St. Gertrude to St. Mary

3:00 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Bi-lingual

7:30 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Bi-lingual

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

8:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil Services and Mass in the
Auditorium - Bi-lingual

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20th

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

8:15 A.M. – English

9:45 A.M. – (St. Gertrude) Bi-lingual

11:30 A.M. - Spanish

11:45 A.M. - Spanish in the Auditorium

1:15 P.M. - English

Trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call 516-812-9563.



Youth News

Summer Youth Employment applications are now being accepted. You may fill out the application online at: <https://application.nycsyep.com>, or pick up an application from the RDRC Office at 1931 Mott Avenue.

Reflections for the 4th week of LentSunday – March 30th

God, help me to be loyal to the fact of your Son's presence in my life, and thus be able to confess always that you are my Father, and Mary is my Mother.

Monday – March 31st

Heavenly Father, give me the grace of faith to walk with confident knowledge that Jesus walks ahead of me. May my life be lived in the footsteps of Jesus.

Tuesday – April 1st

Loving God, I am grateful for the memory of your grace and the healing your Son has brought to me.

Wednesday – April 2nd

Heavenly Father, help us not to become defensive in the face of judgment, but see it as an instrument of your grace in our lives.

Thursday – April 3rd

Gracious Father, forgive our wayward hearts that seek first the praise and approval of approval of others, and oriented us toward you.

Friday – April 4th

Loving Father, in sending us your Son to endure humiliation and death, we hope to see the promised exaltation to come. May we always be given the grace to move in darkness toward the light of Easter Day.

Saturday – April 5th

Father in heaven, your son reveals all that is required of me. Help me to attend to his Word!

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER**

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, in creating the universe. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your faithful love for every human person.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us you have given us as a gift to your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith and become a caring people.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the love for Jesus.

For **"When We Give, We Share the Light of Faith"** throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **Amen.**

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$3947.00

Segunda Colecta: \$2133.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7351.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: **\$4368.00**

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!

**Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma****OTROS HIJOS DE LA LUZ**

Algunos de los primeros cristianos dieron a la mujer que estaba junto al pozo en el evangelio de la semana pasada el nombre de "Fotina", que significa "la que recibió luz". Hoy escuchamos otro relato del Evangelio según san Juan en el que alguien recibe luz, o sea, es iluminado. El hombre ciego de nacimiento recibe la luz de Cristo cuando desaparece el impedimento de su ceguera. En tiempos de Jesús se hacía una importante distinción si la persona era ciega de nacimiento, pues, si uno quedaba ciego por accidente, no necesariamente se consideraba como castigo de Dios por los pecados de uno; por otro lado, se creía que la ceguera de nacimiento era señal de pecaminosidad y hasta señal de la pecaminosidad de los padres de la persona. Jesús rompió dos veces el código y la enseñanza religiosa de su tiempo al remover el impedimento, erróneamente creído impuesto por Dios como señal de pecado, y cuando "cometió el pecado" de hacer barro para devolver la vista al ciego en día sábado.

VIVIR COMO HIJOS DE LA LUZ

Después de ser sanado, el ciego de nacimiento pudo haber hecho varias cosas. Pudo haber usado su reciente adquirida vista para bien o para mal, o pudo simplemente haber dicho "gracias" y continuar su camino. Cuando recibimos la luz de Cristo en el bautismo, así como la unción del Espíritu de Dios (como David en la primera lectura de hoy), nos unimos a la comunidad de fe que profesa a Jesucristo como Luz de Luz y Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero. Somos parte del Cuerpo de Cristo –la Iglesia– que glorifica a Dios y adora a Cristo, como lo hace hoy el hombre ciego de nacimiento. Sin embargo, somos llamados a hacer más. La carta a los efesios nos dice que nosotros, que fuimos ciegos mas ahora vemos, somos llamados a vivir diariamente como hijos e hijas de la luz. No meramente decimos "gracias" por nuestro bautismo. Más bien, nuestra vocación es vivir esa gratitud al hacer las obras de la luz, al compartir el evangelio de gozo, justicia, belleza y paz que encontramos en Jesús. Ésta es una de las intenciones de las disciplinas de la Cuaresma, para ayudarnos a dejar atrás las obras de la oscuridad y vivir a la luz de la Buena Noticia.



"No solo vengan a la Iglesia, sean la Iglesia"

SEMANA SANTA

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Misas—12 & 13 de Abril

Sábado: 5:00 PM - Ingles

7:30 PM - Español

Domingo: 8:15 AM - Ingles

9:45 AM - (Santa Gertrudis) Ingles

11:30 AM - Español en el Auditorio

11:45 AM - Español

1:15 PM - Ingles

LUNES DE RECONCILIACION — 14 de Abril

Confesiones: 3 PM - 9 PM - Bilingüe

JUEVES SANTO - 17 de Abril

10:00 A.M. - Oración de la Mañana – Bilingüe

7:30 P.M Misa de la Cena del Señor - Bilingüe

Repositorio estará abierto hasta la medianoche

VIERNES SANTO – 18 de Abril

10:00 AM - Oración de la Mañana – Bilingüe

12:00 Mediodía - Estaciones de la Cruz – Ingles

1:30 PM - Estaciones de la Cruz – Bilingüe

Seguida por la procesión de Santa Gertrudis a Santa María

3:00 PM - Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Bilingüe

7:30 PM - Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Bilingüe

SABADO DE GLORIA – 19 de Abril

10:00 AM - Oración de la Mañana – Bilingüe

8:00 PM - Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en el Auditorio - Bilingüe

DOMINGO DE PASCUA – 20 de Abril

MISA DE LA RESURRECCION DEL SEÑOR

8:15 AM – Ingles

9:45 AM – (Santa Gertrudis) Bilingüe

11:30 AM - Español

11:45 AM - Español en el Auditorio

1:15 PM - Ingles



**NOCHE DE PREDICACIÓN
CON EL PREDICADOR SALVADOR GOMEZ**
Santa María y Santa Gertrudis los invita a una noche de predicación con el Predicador Salvador Gomez el Jueves 10 de Abril del 2014 a las 7:30 PM. Donación: \$5.00.

RETIRO DE CUARESMA— Para Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ujieres y Coro en el Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, el Sábado 12 de Abril del 2014 de 8:30 am a 3:00 pm en Douglaston. Valor \$30 incluyendo almuerzo. Favor de comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia

Santa María y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 27 de Abril del 2014. Costo \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información favor llamar a Concepción Martinez al 718-440-1328.

Reflexiones para la 4^a semana de Cuaresma



Domingo 30 de marzo -Dios, ayúdame a ser fiel a la realidad de la presencia de tu Hijo en mi vida, para así poder siempre decir que eres mi Padre, y María mi madre.

Lunes 31 de marzo -Padre Celestial, dame la gracia de la fe para caminar seguro de que Jesús camina delante de mí. Que mi vida sea vivida en los pasos de Jesús .

Martes 01 de abril - Dios Amoroso, estoy agradecido por la memoria de Tu gracia y de la sanación que Tu Hijo ha traído a mí.

Miércoles 2 de abril - Padre Celestial, ayúdanos a no ponernos a la defensiva al enfrentarnos ante tu juicio, sino que podamos verlo como un instrumento de tu gracia en nuestras vidas.

Jueves 3 de abril - Padre misericordioso, perdona nuestros corazones caprichosos que buscan primero la alabanza y la aprobación de los demás, y no nos conduce hacia ti.

Viernes 4 de abril - Padre amoroso, al enviarnos a Tu Hijo quien tuvo que soportar humillación y muerte, esperamos ver la exaltación prometida a venir. Que siempre se nos de la gracia para poder caminar de la oscuridad a la luz del día de Pascua.

Sábado 5 de Abril - Padre en el cielo, tu Hijo me revela todo lo que esperas de mi. Ayúdame a poner atención a Tu Palabra!

Cuarto Domingo de Tiempo Cuaresma "El Señor mira los corazones." Siente el llamado a hacer la voluntad de Cristo como sacerdote o en la vida consagrada, proclamando el reino del amor misericordioso de Dios nuestro Padre? Llame a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454.

CONFIRMACIÓN 2014

Fechas importantes:

Abril 6, 2014—Retiro de Confirmación a las 8AM, solo candidatos

Abril 26, 2014—Retiro para padrinos y candidatos 10AM

Mayo 7, 2014—Practica para los padrinos y candidatos seguida por el Sacramento de Reconciliación en la Iglesia a las 7PM

Mayo 9, 2014—Sacramento de Confirmación

ORACION DE LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA

Señor Dios, solo Tú eres la fuente de todo bien, en la creación del universo. Te alabamos y te damos gracias por tu gran poder y tu fiel amor por cada ser humano.

Todo lo que somos y lo todo lo que tenemos ha sido un regalo tuyo, y después de habernos creado nos ha dado como regalo a tu Hijo, Jesús.

Llena nuestras mentes con Su verdad y nuestros corazones con Su amor, que en Su Espíritu podremos unirnos entre sí en una comunidad de fe y convertirnos en personas comprensivas.

En el nombre y el espíritu de Jesús, nos comprometemos a ser buenos administradores de los dones que nos has confiado, a compartir nuestro tiempo, nuestro talento y nuestros recursos materiales como un signo externo del amor por Jesús.

Ya que **“Cuando damos, Compartimos la Luz de la Fe”**
A través de Brooklyn y Queens. AMEN