

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14, 2012

5:00 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, April 15, 2012 - Second Sunday of Easter

8:15 am - Mass available
9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Ana Garcia (dec)
Ramon Montero (dec)
11:30 am - Las Almas del Purgatorio
Ruth Celia Ochoa (dec)
Janet Oleesede Itomura (salud)
Presentación del bebe Max Ormeño
Diego & Maria Luisa Zipriano (18 aniv. De bodas)
1:15 pm - Juanita Aviles (dec)
Carmen Marzan (dec)

Monday, April 16, 2012

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, April 19, 2012

12:10 pm - Erica Acosta (dec)

Friday, April 20, 2012

12:10 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, April 21, 2012

5:00 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, April 22, 2012 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:15 am - Mass available
9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Las Almas del Purgatorio
Innocent Onyemaobi (dec)
11:30 am - Teofilo & Francisco Ceballos (dec)
Michael Anthony Hercules Moreno (cumpleaños)
1:15 pm - Mass available—Healing Service after Mass

PLEASE PRAY for the sick: Anne Marie Monereau, Duane Tucker, Voltaire Mathieu, Harold Harris, Hilda Castillo, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed.



Weekday Readings

Sun * Acts 4:32-35 * Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 * Jn 20:19-31
Mon * Acts 4:23-31 * Ps 2:1-9 * Jn 3:1-8
Tues * Acts 4:32-37 * Ps 93:1-2, 5 * Jn 3:7b-15
Wed * Acts 5:17-26 * Ps 34:2-9 * Jn 3:16-21
Thurs * Acts 5:27-33 * Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 * Jn 3:31-36
Fri * Acts 5:34-42 * Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 * Jn 6:1-15
Sat * Acts 6:1-7 * Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 * Jn 6:16-21

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 - \$7412.00
Second Collection - \$2351.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011): \$5386.38

(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 –

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

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.

Thank You

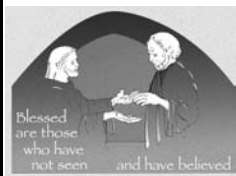
I would like to thank you for your participation during the Holy Week. Also I would like to thank all of you for your great generosity in sharing your Talent, Time and Treasure.

Happy Easter!
Father Fulgencio

MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

To my Church family, thank you for all the masses and condolences for my mom passing.

Susan Singh Smith



Second Sunday of Easter

PEACE

Throughout the liturgical year we focus on the words, actions, and miracles of Jesus as he moved from town to town. Today we focus especially on the first word of the Risen One as he greeted the disciples on the evening of that first Easter: "Peace." The first word from the mouth of God's Son—who had been unfairly tried, who had been beaten and spit upon, whose hands and feet were nailed to a tree, who suffered enormous pain in that torturous death—was the word "Peace." Not "Revenge!" Not "Retribution!" Not "Kill!" "Peace."

INSPIRED BY THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

After suffering one of the greatest injustices known in history, it would seem that Jesus had every reason to bring down vengeance upon those who had treated him with such unfairness. But instead of vengeance, he spoke of peace. To us this may seem odd. For many of us, almost from the beginning of our lives, we are taught that the response to violence must be revenge. But does this have to be the case?

Many of us remember the day when Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter's Square. Did he seek revenge on the one who shot him? No; when the pope recovered, he visited his would-be assassin in prison, bringing with him the peace that comes through reconciliation. When this occurred, many in the world were stunned by what seemed to be an unbelievable gesture. They were stunned because this is simply not what the world has come to expect. In his gesture of reconciliation, the pope showed himself as an embodiment of the actions of Christ on that first Easter evening. Today is a day to ponder the fact that Jesus Christ sought to exact no revenge for the way he was treated. Instead he inspired in his followers, and inspires within us, a deep commitment to peace.

HEALING SERVICE IN ENGLISH

After the 1:15 P.M. Mass

On Sunday, April 22, 2012

Third Sunday of Easter

The Blessed Sacrament will be expose after the Mass for those who would like to remain for the healing service.

LETTER TO JESUS FROM ONE OF OUR CCD STUDENTS...

Dear Jesus,

My name is Karina. Thank you for everything you do for me. I did my best with the rice bowl. I hope you bless my mommy, daddy, brother and me. I love you with all my heart.

Love,
Karina



P.S. I am so excited for my First Communion on May 19th, so I can receive your body in the bread.

COME FOLLOW ME

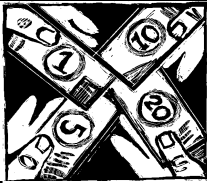
The Vocations Committee is sponsoring a one day retreat "Come Follow Me" on Sunday April 29, 2012 from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Please join us for prayer, confession, worship and conferences with our priests. Let us come together to celebrate our priests and for pray for increase in vocations to the priesthood. Please check the flyer in this week's bulletin for additional information.

SUMMER RAFFLE 2012

Get your raffle tickets now!!! Tickets are now on sale for our Summer 2012. Raffle booklets of 3 chances per book cost \$5.00. There are 4 chances to win 4 big prizes;

- 1st Prize - 42" Flatscreen TV
- 2nd Prize - Laptop Computer
- 3rd Prize - Ipod
- 4th Prize - "Kindle Fire"

The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2012.



THE ENDLESS TASK

In today's first reading the early Christians are described as having "no needy person among them" (Acts 4:34). This worked because the wealthy shared with the poorer members whom they knew and with whom they worshiped. In churches today people only know some of their fellow parishioners, and may be unaware of people's job loss, medical bills, home foreclosure, or other crisis. Some of us have "compassion fatigue." The problems reported in the media overwhelm us, so we withdraw. The cure for compassion fatigue is to commit ourselves to serve in any way we can. Thousands of people today are serving, caring for, and comforting "the needy among them." Natural disasters, economic downturns, and personal suffering are inevitable. Jesus expects us to commit our time, abilities, and financial resources to the continuing, unglamorous, sometimes thankless task of serving others as if we were serving him. On the Last Day, that is all he will ask us about (Matthew 25:31-46).

Living Stewardship Now

We all have a financial responsibility as disciples. As well as regular offertory to the Church, consider joining with family members or a church group to form a giving circle. Each member gives what she or he can and the total amount is forwarded to a worthy cause chosen by the group.



2012 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

Father in Heaven, We are humbled by Your presence and celebrate the blessings You have bestowed upon us.

In Your loving kindness, bless our Annual Catholic Appeal.

Help us to respond generously to Your goodness by returning a portion of what You have given to us.

Give us the confidence to walk in Your footsteps and the insight to recognize the real needs around us.

Give us the strength and compassion to meet the needs of those less fortunate so we can participate in "Sharing Our Gifts to Build God's Kingdom in Brooklyn and Queens."

May this Appeal reflect our commitment to the challenge of our Catholic calling.

May it advance the mission of Your Church and strengthen our resolve in returning the Lord's Goodness.

We ask You this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EXOTIC EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Come and sail away on a 8-night Catholic Exotic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Martin Jones , October 13-21, 2012, on the Carnival Miracle out of New York, N.Y. Ports of Call: Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay, (The Bahamas), and Nassau (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1542 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/dpayttc@aol.com.

OPEN HOUSE—St. Francis Preparatory School on Thursday, April 26th we will "Open Our Doors" to 8th and 9th graders that have not chosen a High School to date. A Mini Open House will be conducted from 7pm till 9pm. Tours will be given along with material about St. Francis Prep

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7412.00
Segunda Colecta: \$2351.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5386.38

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!

SERVICIO DE SANACION EN INGLES

Después de la Misa de la 1:15 P.M.

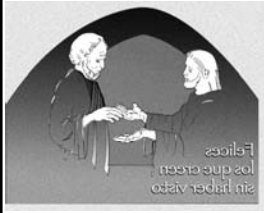
El Domingo 22 de Abril del 2012

Tercer Domingo de Pascua

El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto después de la Misa para todos los que deseen quedarse para el servicio de Sanación.

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.



Segundo Domingo de Pascua

PAZ

En el curso del año litúrgico nos enfocamos en las palabras, acciones y milagros de Jesús en su recorrido por diferentes ciudades. Ahora nos enfocamos especialmente en la primera palabra del Resucitado al saludar a sus discípulos en esa primera tarde de Pascua. “Paz”. La primera palabra de la boca del Hijo de Dios — que había sido injustamente tratado, que había sido golpeado y escupido, cuyas manos y pies fueron clavados a una cruz, que sufrió un dolor enorme en esa tortuosa muerte— fue “paz”. No “¡venganza!”, “¡desquite!”, “¡muerte!”, sino “paz”.

INSPIRADOS POR EL EVANGELIO DE PAZ

Después de sufrir una de las más grandes injusticias en la historia, aparentemente Jesús tenía toda la razón de vengarse de quienes lo trataron tan mal. Pero en lugar de venganza, Jesús habló de paz. Esto parece extraño. A muchos de nosotros, casi al comienzo de nuestra vida, se nos enseña que la respuesta a la violencia debe ser venganza. Pero, ¿debería ser ese el caso?

Muchos recordamos el día en que dispararon contra el Papa Juan Pablo II en la Plaza de San Pedro. ¿Buscó venganza del que le disparó? No. Cuando el Papa se recuperó, visitó al que iba a ser su asesino, llevándole la paz que viene de la reconciliación. Cuando esto ocurrió, muchos en el mundo se sorprendieron de lo que consideraron un gesto increíble. Se sorprendieron porque simplemente no era lo que el mundo esperaba. En su gesto de reconciliación, el Papa personificó las acciones de Cristo en esa primera tarde de Pascua. Hoy es un día para reflexionar en el hecho que Jesús no buscó venganza por el trato que recibió. Al contrario, él inspiró en sus seguidores e inspira en nosotros aún un profundo compromiso por la paz.

VEN Y SIGUEME

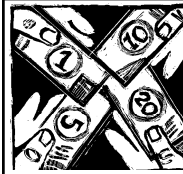
El Comité de Vocaciones tendrá un retiro de un día "Ven y sígueme" el domingo 29 de abril 2012 desde las 2:30 PM a 6:00 PM. Favor de unirse a nosotros en oración, reconciliación, adoración y conferencias con nuestros sacerdotes. Vamos a unirnos para celebrar a nuestros sacerdotes y para orar por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Por favor, vea el volante incluido en el boletín de esta semana para obtener mas información.

RIFA DEL VERANO 2012

Compre sus boletos ya!!! Los boletos están disponible para la venta. Tres boletos por libreto por el costo de \$5.00. Tendrán la oportunidad de ganar grandes premios;

- 1er Premio - TV Plana de 42"
- 2do Premio - Computadora Portátil
- 3er Premio - Ipod
- 4to Premio - "Kindle Fire"

El ganador será seleccionado el Domingo 17 de Junio, 2012.



UNA TAREA INTERMINABLE

En la primera lectura de hoy se describe a los cristianos como creyentes que “vivían unidos y lo tenían todo en común” (Hechos 4:34). Esto les funcionaba bien porque los ricos compartían con los miembros más pobres, a quienes conocían y con quienes iban a la fracción del pan. En las iglesias de hoy la gente sólo conoce a algunos de los parroquianos y puede que desconozcan a quienes han perdido el trabajo o los que andan agobiados por los gastos médicos, la pérdida de su casa, o crisis similares. Algunos de nosotros padecemos de “fatiga de compasión”. Los problemas que nos reportan los medios de comunicación nos apabullan y la reacción inmediata es retraernos. La cura para la fatiga de compasión es comprometernos a servir en lo que podamos. Millares de personas hoy día sirven, cuidan y consuelan a los más pobres, “según las necesidades de cada uno”. Los desastres naturales, los declives económicos y los sufrimientos personales son inevitables. Jesús espera el compromiso de nuestro tiempo, nuestras habilidades y nuestros recursos económicos para la simple, interminable y muchas veces ingrata tarea de servir a los demás como si lo estuviéramos sirviendo personalmente a él. Esto es lo que contará en el último día, (Mateo 25:31-46).

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Como discípulos, todos tenemos una responsabilidad económica. Además de usar el sobre de ofertorio en tu parroquia, considera formar un círculo de donantes con miembros de tu familia o de la parroquia. Cada miembro da lo que puede y el total recogido se le entrega a una causa justa que escoja el grupo.

GRATITUD



Mi agradecimiento a todos los que participaron durante la Semana Santa. También quiero darle las gracias a todos por su gran generosidad en compartir sus Talentos, Tiempo y Tesoros.

Felices Pascuas!
Padre Fulgencio