

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



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## **PASTOR:**

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  
Rev. David Bertolotti, Ext. 27

## **TRUSTEES:**

Miguel Jimenez  
Lillian Virginia Rountree

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

Yvonne Hall

## **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Ext. 25**

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
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),  
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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.  
Mass

**Haitian Committee**

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

**Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro)** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, August 16, 2014 - St. Stephen of Hungary**

- 5:00 pm - Joseph Curley (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Maria Burgos (dec), Tobia Gutierrez (dec)  
Jose Antonio Del Pinal (dec)  
Candelario Gomez (dec)  
Carlos Sanchez (sanación)  
Zulma y Estefani Maldonado Rivas (protección)

**Sunday, August 17, 2014 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Mass for the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
- 9:45 am - Jennifer Garcia (birthday)  
Luis Rodriguez (dec)
- 11:30 am - Samuel Suarez (dec)  
Julio Rene De La Cruz (dec)  
Familia Mayorga (acción de gracias)  
Presentación del bebe Adam Manuel Coravantes
- 1:15 pm - For the conversion of souls  
Venel Delu (dec)

**Monday, August 18, 2014**

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014 – St. John Eudes**

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014 - St. Bernard**

- 12:10 pm - Thomas A. Marcos (birthday)

**Thursday, August 21, 2014 - St. Pius X**

- 12:10 pm - Gina, Gaetano & Antonio Capone (dec)  
Marie Regine Borgella (birthday)

**Friday, August 22, 2014 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Por las vocaciones al Sacerdocio y vida consagrada

**Saturday, August 23, 2014 - St. Rose of Lima**

- 5:00 pm - Anthony Ajibade (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Rosa Tapia Suarez (dec)

**Sunday, August 24, 2014 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - The Rosary Society, Baby Shauna Gannon (dec)  
James & Julia Iloka (45th wed. annv.)
- 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
- 11:30 am - Hugo y Jacqueline Larios (21 aniv. de bodas)
- 1:15 pm - Catherine Uwaechie



**The Sick:** Blanca Esther Cales, Remi Gardner, Kathleen Briza, Kiara Velazquez, Sylvia Madison, Percival Riveaux, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

**All the faithful departed.**

**An Invitation**



**“Don’t just come to Church, be the Church”**



**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 - \$3546.08**

**Second Collection – \$1506.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$3976.08**

**(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** \* Is 56:1, 6-7 \* Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 \* Mt 15:21-28
- Mon** \* Ez 24:15-24 \* Dt 32:18-21 \* Mt 19:16-22
- Tues** \* Ez 28:1-10 \* Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b \* Mt 19:23-30
- Wed** \* Ez 34:1-11 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Mt 20:1-16
- Thurs** \* Ez 36:23-28 \* Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 \* Mt 22:1-14
- Fri** \* Ez 37:1-14 \* Ps 107:2-9 \* Mt 22:34-40
- Sat** \* Ez 43:1-7a \* Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 \* Mt 23:1-12

**Altar Server Assignments for Aug. 23 & 24, 2014**

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Alexis Small
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Melissa Ventura, Monica Ventura, Miguel Garcia
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Elsa de la Cruz, Dennys Castillo, Hilda Hernandez
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Kevin Robles

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The bread and wine are given in **Thanksgiving.***

*The flowers are given in **Thanksgiving.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in **Thanksgiving.***

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Woman, you have great faith.” It takes faith to hear God’s call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email : vocations@diobrook.org



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

Following their exile to Babylon, the people of Israel came home to find other banished people living in Israel. It was, therefore, not uncommon for foreigners to attempt to come to the Temple to worship. In the reading from Isaiah, the Jewish people are urged to welcome the foreigners and encourage their worship, for it was clearly the understanding of the author of Isaiah that everyone would be redeemed. The Jewish people had a strong sense of what was right and wrong and how to live just lives. This did not mean they had to embrace the religions of others, only to accept the people themselves and recognize that they and all people were entitled to God's salvation.

Paul's Epistle to the Romans is equally evangelizing. He states that his ministry and God's love stretch out to all people, not just the Israelites. Frustrated at times with the Jewish people's rejection and refusal to listen, Paul turned to the Gentiles. All people, Paul explains, have sinned against God. Only because of our disobedience can God show love and mercy for *all* people. God loves us, and without exclusion each human being can claim the gift of salvation.

### SALVATION FOR ALL

More severe than the other readings, the Gospel nonetheless asserts that salvation is for all people. It is the amazing and intense faith of the Canaanite woman that catches our attention in the Gospel. The disciples saw her as a nuisance and someone to remove from Jesus' presence. Jesus clearly considered his mission at this point particularly to the Israelites. Yet the woman knew that Jesus could heal her daughter and God's healing is, indeed, for all of us. The woman was so sure of Jesus and God's love that she recognized that something greater than crumbs would come someday to those outside the Jewish faith. Each of us in our own calling is challenged to multiply and supplement the crumbs generously, making a nourishing meal to show all people of the world God's great love.

### From the Desk of Deacon Mike,

### Office of Faith Formation & Religious Education

#### CCD Registration...For Children... Come Early

**Attention Parents...** Registration for our 2014-2015 Religious Education Program for our children has begun... **Please register your child EARLY...** Classes begin on Saturday **September 27...** please do not wait until the last minute... every child from Kindergarten to Eight Grade should be enrolled...our children really like to come to these classes...call our Faith Formation Office 1(718)327-1133 Ex 25 for further information.

#### RCIA/RICA

**Adult Classes...** If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you have not received ALL THREE Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church, please do not wait any longer... call our office to make an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to enroll... it's easy, but YOU need to contact US...ALL are welcomed.

#### CATECHESIS & EVANGELIZATION

Be on the lookout for all the events that the Office of Faith Formation is planning for you and your families this year.... These events are for **everyone...** please try to participate in some or all of them.

This **Campaign of Catechesis and Evangelization**, as it will be called, will include multi-lingual Retreats, Family Masses, Lent and Advent Seasonal Series, Novenas, Faith Sharing & Testifying, Musical Concerts, and Special Guest Speaker Series. **ALL** are encouraged to participate. The Church is **ONE!!** No matter what our station in life, we are called to increase our knowledge of our Catholic Faith so as to be able to Evangelize in some way for the Good of Souls. You are never too young, you are never too old and you should never be too busy to give back to the Lord in some way in gratitude for all His Blessings. Join us as we go deeper into our Faith, it will be awesome...

*Your in Christ, Deacon Mike*

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

**C.A.R.E.S.**

**Catechism And Rosary Evening Series**  
Back by popular request

**BRING FRIENDS...ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Inter Active - Q&A - Lively Discussions -  
Faith Sharing

**SERIES II**

**St. Gertrude the Great Church**  
336 Beach 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Edgemere NY  
3 Tues Evenings @7pm 19 and 26

*"To get the most out of these evenings, you will need a Bible, a Rosary and a Catechism of the Catholic Church... These interactive nights will be very exciting, very lively, very interesting and very informative..."*, Deacon Mike

**2014 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update**

**Remember, all money received above the \$47,883.00 will be returned to the parish.**

As of August 11, 2014 our numbers are the same as last week. We have 183 donors who have pledged \$46,571.00 which represents 97% of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00.; **we are almost there!!!** We need \$1,312.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. Last year, 2013, 311 donors from the parish contributed to the appeal. With 4 1/2 months left to fulfill our goal, we need your help. All of our parishioners are being called on to make a pledge.

So far, we've collected \$29,487.00; we have \$18,396.00 more to collect to satisfy our diocesan goal. However, our goal is to surpass \$47,883.00 to make sure that a nice amount of money is returned to our parish. We have 1100 registered parishioners. **WE CAN DO IT!**

**Can Father Fulgencio count on all of you to make a pledge? It doesn't matter how much you pledge; \$5.00, \$25.00, \$500.00, whatever you can afford.** The goal is to have all parishioners make a commitment and a contribution. If you have not yet done so, please fill out a commitment form and return it to the diocese, or drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Masses, or drop it at the rectory. Also, please speak to your family, friends and fellow-parishioners to ask them to make their pledges. **Pledges can be made up to December 15, 2014, to assure that all monies are properly recorded and credited to our parish by December 31, 2014.**

**REMEMBER:** *that every dollar that we receive over \$47,883.00 from now until December 15, 2014, is returned to our parish. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!*

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
January 8-17, 2015

And  
Shrines of Italy  
May 12-21, 2015

Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members:  
Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and Father Francis  
Pizzarelli, SMM

For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at  
631-654-0199 or e-mail  
growland@sjcny.edu

**St. Mary / St. Gertrude**

**Rosary Society**

Join the Rosary Society at their  
2nd Annual Breakfast and Music  
on Saturday, August 30, 2014  
9 AM to 2 PM

In the school auditorium  
1920 New Haven Avenue

Price is \$20.00 each for adults  
\$10.00 each for children

For tickets and information, call Janet Thomas  
on 718 309-1748

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

**Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$3546.08**  
**Segunda Colecta: \$1506.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$3976.08**

**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!

El Grupo Carismático les invita a un Día al Aire Libre en el Santuario de la Virgen María en Haverstraw el Sábado 30 de Agosto del 2014. Costo \$30 por persona. Para mas información favor de llamar a María Zipriano al 516-384-1846.



## Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### EL AMOR DE DIOS POR TODO EL MUNDO

Al volver de su cautiverio en Babilonia, los israelitas encontraron a otros desterrados viviendo en Israel. De modo que no era raro que los extranjeros fueran a orar al templo. En la lectura de Isaías se exhorta al pueblo judío a recibir al extranjero y a apoyar su culto a Dios, pues claramente el autor de Isaías entendía que todos serían redimidos. El pueblo judío tenía un profundo sentido de lo bueno y lo malo, y de cómo ser justos. Esto no quiere decir que ellos tuvieran que abrazar la religión de otros sino aceptar a los demás, y reconocer que ellos y todo el mundo tenía derecho a la salvación.

La epístola de Pablo a los romanos es igualmente evangelizadora. Él dice que su ministerio y el amor de Dios se extienden a todos los pueblos, no sólo a los israelitas. Frustrado a veces por el rechazo de los judíos que no querían escuchar, Pablo se dirige a los paganos. Todo el mundo, explica Pablo, ha pecado contra Dios. Sólo por nuestra desobediencia puede Dios mostrar su amor y su misericordia a *todos* los pueblos. Dios nos ama y, sin excepción, todo ser humano puede reclamar el don de la salvación.

### SALVACIÓN PARA TODOS

Más severa que las otras lecturas, el evangelio también asegura que la salvación es para todos los pueblos. La admirable e intensa fe de la cananea es lo que cautiva nuestra atención en el evangelio. Los discípulos la consideraban un estorbo que debía removerse de la presencia de Jesús. Jesús considera que su misión en ese momento es particularmente para los israelitas. Pero la mujer sabía que Jesús podía curar a su hija y que la curación de Dios es, sin duda, para todos. La mujer estaba tan segura del amor de Jesús y de Dios que reconoció que algo mejor que migajas llegaría algún día a aquéllos ajenos a la fe judía. Cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra propia vocación está retado a multiplicar y a suplementar las migas generosamente, haciendo una cena nutritiva para mostrarle a todo el mundo el gran amor de Dios.

### Vigésimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Tu mujer, tienes gran fe." Se necesita de fe para oír la llamada de Dios en nuestras vidas. Y Su llamada nos lleva a caminos inesperados de mayor confianza y amor. Sientes el llamado de Dios a la vida religiosa como hermana, hermano, diácono o sacerdote? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a : [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### Del Escritorio del Diacono Mike,

#### Oficina de Formación de Fe y Educación Religiosa

### Registración del Catecismo para los niños Regístrese temprano

Atención padres ... La inscripción para el Programa de Educación Religiosa 2014-2015 para nuestros hijos ha comenzado ... Por favor, registre a su hijo TEMPRANO ... Las clases comienzan el sábado 27 septiembre ... por favor no espere hasta el último momento ... todos los niños desde el kindergarten hasta el octavo grado deben de estar registrados ... nuestros hijos realmente les gusta venir a estas clases ... llame a nuestra Oficina de Formación de Fe (718) 327-1133 Ex 25 para más información.

### Las clases RCIA / RICA para Adultos ...

Si usted desea ser católico, o si no ha recibido los tres Sacramentos de Iniciación en la Iglesia Católica, por favor no espere más ... llame a nuestra oficina para hacer una cita con un sacerdote o diácono para inscribirse ... es muy fácil, pero necesita ponerse en contacto con nosotros ... Todos son bienvenidos.

### CATEQUESIS Y EVANGELIZACIÓN

Este pendiente de todos los eventos que la Oficina de Formación de Fe está planeando para ustedes y sus familias este año.... Estos eventos son para todos... por favor trate de participar en algunas o en todos ellos.

Esta Campaña de Catequesis y Evangelización, como se llamará, incluirá Retiros multilingües, misas familiares, y Series de Cuaresma y Adviento, Novenas, Testimonio y compartir la fe, Conciertos Musicales y Series Especiales con Oradores invitados. Todos están invitados a participar. La Iglesia es UNA! No importa cuál sea nuestra posición en la vida, estamos llamados a profundizar en el conocimiento de nuestra fe católica con el fin de ser capaces de evangelizar, de alguna manera para el bien de las almas. Nunca se es demasiado joven, nunca se es demasiado viejo y nunca debemos estar demasiado ocupado para devolverle al Señor de alguna manera, nuestro agradecimiento por todas sus bendiciones. Únase a nosotros para profundizar nuestra fe, será impresionante ...

En Cristo, Diácono Mike



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