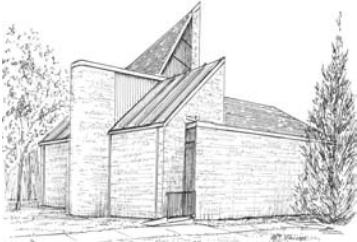


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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 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.

**Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass**

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 22, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 5:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 pm - Antonia Rosado (dec)
Olga Eraso (dec)
Margarita Posada - Acción de Gracias

Sunday, September 23, 2012 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Rosary Society
- 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Por las Almas del Purgatorio
Cruz Maria Rivera (dec)
Elida Melendez (dec)
Luis Arrauz - Acción de Gracias
Gloria & Daniel Jaquez - Thanksgiving
Nemecio Barrios (sanación)
- 11:30 am - Teofilo y Francisco Ceballos
Divino Niño - Acción de Gracias
Martha Cecilia Obregón (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Christa Toussaint (dec)
Francoise Faustin (dec)

Monday, September 24, 2012 - St. Robert Bellarmine

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

- 12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 26, 2012 - St. Cosma & Damian

- 12:10 pm - Kathleen Kelly (dec)
George Anakhu - Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 27, 2012 - St. Vincent de Paul

- 9:00 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 28, 2012 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

- 12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 pm - Mass available

Saturday, September 29, 2012 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 5:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 pm - Por las Almas del Purgatorio

Sunday, September 30, 2012 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Gabriel, Herson Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
John Norden (dec)
- 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
Esther & Frankie Latchman (dec)
John Norden (dec)
- 11:30 am - Zacarias Delgado - Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm - Mass available

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 - \$4539.35

Second Collection - \$1206.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5081.09

(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** * Wis 2:12, 17-20 * Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 * Mk 9:30-37
- Mon** * Prv 3:27-34 * Ps 15:2-5 * Lk 8:16-18
- Tues** * Prv 21:1-6,10-13 * Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44 * Lk 8:19-21
- Wed** * Prv 30:5-9 * Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163 * Lk 9:1-6
- Thurs** * Eccl 1:2-11 * Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,17 * Lk 9:7-9
- Fri** * Eccl 3:1-11 * Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 * Lk 9:18-22
- Sat** * Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12 * Ps 138:1-5 * Jn 1:47-51

The Sick and Our Faithful Departed



Betty Leon, Gilma Serpas, Emilia Melendez, John McCabe, John Conway, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, Carmelita Brazzier, Fran Clark, Marie Sanful, Emmanuel & Louise Julien and our faithful departed.

Attention: Parents of all Altar Servers



Please do not forget to fill out and return the "Altar Server Information Form" as soon as possible and bring it to the rectory. This form is required for all Altar Servers.

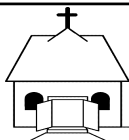
Training Date for All New Altar Servers

Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 1:00 PM

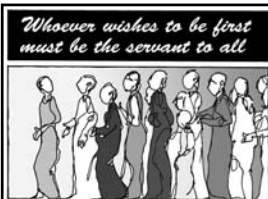
MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for Ms. Sarah King will be celebrated on October 6, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. Ms. King worked at St. Mary Star of the Sea School as a volunteer for many years.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!



Welcome to Our Parish



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST IS BEST?

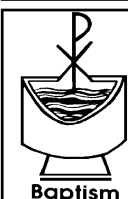
"I'm first!" "No, I'm first!" "Mom, tell Ronnie that I get to be first this time!" From the earliest moments of our lives, there is something ingrained in us that is convinced that first is best. If not chosen first for the sports team, we are immediately deflated. We are coached to be "in first." We spend hours of waiting time in order to be first in line. We are caught in a culture that makes being first the highest priority. Against this backdrop, we come to church and hear a Gospel such as the one proclaimed today from Mark: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). This is a passage all about power.

BEING POWERFUL

Putting others first is one of the greatest challenges in a world that places so much emphasis on being powerful. Americans, for the most part, pride themselves on being a "super-power." Power, in and of itself, is not the problem. What can become problematic is the way that power is used. Our example of the perfect use of power, of course, is the Lord Jesus himself. Fully human and fully divine, the Lord put all the power that had been given to him at the service of others. Unfortunately, when one hears comments such as "he is a very powerful man" or "it is a very powerful country," one usually thinks of people or countries that use power to place themselves above apparently weaker people or places. The Gospel is a challenge to turn this notion on its head. We have each been given much power—the power flowing from Christ—in our baptism. Today we are called to use this power to place the needs of others before our own.

Altar Server Assignments for Sept. 29-30, 2012

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Carolina Mayorga, Kate Mohedano, Adrian Guzman
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Bianca Romero, Chinelan Chukwu, Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett
- Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Osvaldo Flores, Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Henry Jean-Michel, Stephan Jean-Michel, Vilmar Jean-Michel



Infant Baptism Registration

Next English Baptism is Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the class. Mandatory class is Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30 in the McKenna Center.

EYE ON THE PRIZE

Today's second reading is part of a letter from James the Apostle to a community of Christians who are living in conflict. James offers advice and counsel by contrasting human wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Human wisdom is limited and intertwined with our tendency to sinfulness; hence we fall into strife, jealousy, immorality, and worse, all resulting from our self-centered desires. Heavenly wisdom, on the other hand, originates with God, so it is pure, peaceable, merciful, and expressed in good deeds. Following heavenly wisdom can lead to the perfect happiness God desires for all of us. None of us—even Jesus' own disciples—are immune to the temptations of this world, such as status, wealth, and power. In today's Gospel, Jesus urgently tells them about his impending suffering and death; yet they ignore him and continue squabbling about who is the greatest among them! We are sometimes like the disciples and the early Christians James is writing to when we indulge in behavior that contradicts who we say we are. When we reproach the pastor, complain about the parish staff or ministries, bicker and gossip, or withhold money or service from our parish, we harm the community of faith. Yet every person in a parish who freely gives their time to a ministry, who regularly prays for fellow parishioners, who brings help and comfort in times of need, who welcomes the poor and forgotten, and who gives generously to the offertory collection, is responding to heavenly wisdom. It is these continuing and cumulative acts of generosity and goodness that build up faith and strengthen the community. To follow Christ is hard work, requiring commitment, perseverance, and courage. Success in the Christian life is achieved by becoming not the greatest, but the servant of all. The prize is life eternal.

Living Stewardship Now

"For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love." —2 Peter 1:5-7



Washington DC

There are no seats available but there is a waiting list. Final payment is due **before October 15, 2012.** For more information, please call the rectory office 718-327-1133.

ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNER

Mirtha Claudio won the "Basket of Cheer" raffled by Rosary Society at the cake sale 9-16-2012.

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

We have just over 3 months to go!

As of September 14, 2012, our pledges total \$56,817.00, based 270 commitments. We have over 1100 registered parishioners and less than 23% have made a pledge. We just 3 months left in this 2012 campaign, I know that we can do more! Please consider making your pledge today. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

We look forward to receiving commitments from at least 330 more of our parishioners. Please join your fellow parishioners in supporting this most important fundraising activity for our beloved parish.

If you have not made a pledge at all, please be sure to make it as soon as possible. We need the support of all parishioners. Please consider making at least a one-time pledge and payment.

We have collected \$34,430.00 so far. Even though we've reached our diocesan goal, we still must collect all of the pledged money in order to satisfy our diocesan goal and to help our parish.

REMEMBER: *that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2012.*

MOVIE NIGHT

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to Friday Nights Movie Nights
At the McKenna Center

Save the Dates: September 21,
October 19 & November 16, 2012

7:30 P.M.

Young adults: Ages 20-35

Popcorn, soda, candy will be served.

For information contact Yvette: 917-334-7136

OPEN HOUSE

St. Francis Preparatory School
Fresh Meadows, Queens
718-423-8810

Saturday, October 20, 2012
From 12:00 till 4:30 P.M.

Grades 9-12

Auditorium Presentations: 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 & 3:30 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE—La Salle Academy, 215 East 6th Street, NY on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 10 AM to 1 PM Grades 6-8. For information, please call 212-475-8940 or visit www.lasalleacademy.org

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4539.35

Segunda Colecta: \$1206.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5081.09

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!

Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el servidor de todos



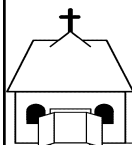
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿ES MEJOR SER PRIMERO?

“¡Yo primero!” “¡No, yo primero!” “¡Mamá, dile a René que esta vez yo tengo que ser primero!” Desde el primer momento de nuestra vida, hay algo arraigado en nosotros que nos convence que ser primero es mejor. Si no se nos escoge primero para el equipo deportivo, nos sentimos desganados. Recibimos entrenamiento para ser los primeros. Pasamos horas esperando para ser primeros en la fila. Estamos atrapados por una cultura que ha convertido en una prioridad el hecho de ser primeros. Frente a todo esto, vamos a la iglesia y escuchamos el Evangelio de San Marcos proclamado hoy: “Si alguien quiere ser primero, que sea el último y el sirviente de todos” (Marcos 9:35). Este pasaje es acerca del poder.

SER PODEROSO

Poner primero a los demás es uno de los más grandes retos en un mundo que enfatiza bastante el hecho de ser poderoso. Los estadounidenses, en gran parte, se precian de ser una “súper-potencia”. El poder, en sí mismo, no es el problema. Lo que puede ser problemático es la manera en que se ejerce el poder. Nuestro ejemplo del uso perfecto del poder, ciertamente, es el del mismo Jesús. Completamente humano y completamente divino, el Señor puso al servicio de los demás todo el poder que se le había dado. Desafortunadamente, cuando uno escucha comentarios como “él es un hombre muy poderoso” o “es un país muy poderoso”, usualmente pensamos en las personas o países que aparentemente usan el poder para estar por encima de los más débiles. El Evangelio nos reta a darle una vuelta total a este razonamiento. Todos hemos recibido bastante poder —el poder que emana de Cristo— en nuestro bautismo. Hoy se nos llama a ejercer este poder para poner las necesidades de los demás antes de las nuestras.



Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia



CON LOS OJOS PUESTOS EN EL PREMIO

En la segunda lectura de hoy Santiago aconseja a los cristianos que viven en conflicto y a la vez contrasta la sabiduría humana con la divina. La sabiduría humana es limitada y se entrecruza con nuestra tendencia a la maldad y a comportamientos egoístas. La sabiduría divina es pura, apacible y misericordiosa; se manifiesta en las buenas obras y nos lleva a la felicidad perfecta que Dios quiere para nosotros. Todos somos tentados por la posición social, la riqueza y el poder—¡aun los discípulos de Jesús que reñían sobre quién era el primero! Igual que ellos somos nosotros cuando nuestro comportamiento contradice lo que decimos ser. Cuando reprochamos al párroco, nos quejamos de la parroquia, chismorreamos o evitamos dar dinero a la parroquia eso le perjudica. La sabiduría divina resplandece en toda persona que da gratuitamente su tiempo a un ministerio, ora por los parroquianos, acoge y ayuda a los pobres y desamparados, y pone su contribución en la colecta del ofertorio. Seguir a Cristo conlleva empeño, compromiso, perseverancia y valor. En la vida cristiana el éxito no se mide por la grandeza, sino por estar al servicio de todos. El premio es la vida eterna.

La responsabilidad vivida ahora...

“Por eso, pongan el máximo empeño en incrementar su fe con la firmeza, la firmeza con el conocimiento, el conocimiento con el dominio de los instintos, el dominio de los instintos con la constancia, la constancia con la piedad, la piedad con el amor fraterno y el amor fraterno con la caridad.”



TESTIMONIO DE LA DRA. GLORIA POLO

La Dra. Gloria Polo estará con nosotros para compartir su testimonio después de experimentar la muerte causada por un rayo y cuenta las experiencias que tuvo durante su paro cardiaco.

Fecha: Domingo 11 de Octubre del 2012

Hora: 2 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Donación: \$5.00 por persona



Concluiremos con una Hora Santa y Oración de Sanación.

Washington, DC

Tenemos una lista de espera. Favor de llamar a la rectoría al 718-327-1133 para mas información. El pago final debe ser recibido **antes del 15 de octubre 2012.**

RETIRO – Se les invita a todos los Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ujieres y el Coro a un retiro el día 1 de Diciembre del 2012 de 9:00am a 3:30pm en Douglaston. Valor \$25. Favor comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

Solo nos faltan 3 meses mas!

Hasta el 14 de Septiembre del 2012, todos los compromisos llegaron a un total de **\$56,817.00** basado en **270** promesas. Nuestra parroquia tiene por los menos **1100** miembros y solo el 23% han hecho su promesa. Solo faltan 3 meses para finalizar la campaña 2012, sabemos que podemos hacer mucho mas. Por favor traten de hacer una promesa hoy. Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad.

Esperamos recibir por lo menos **330** promesas mas de nuestros feligreses. Por favor trate de apoyar nuestra querida parroquia con esta campaña.

Si usted no ha hecho su promesa, trate de hacerla lo mas pronto posible. Necesitamos el apoyo de nuestros feligreses.

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado la cantidad de **\$34,430.00** . Aunque ya alcanzamos nuestra meta diocesana todavía necesitamos coleccionar todas las promesas para poder satisfacer nuestra meta diocesana y poder ayudar a nuestra parroquia.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor hagan sus pagos antes del 31 de Diciembre, 2012.

NOCHE DE PELICULA EN INGLES

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis
los invita a los Viernes de Película
 En el Centro McKenna

Anote Estas Fechas: 21 de septiembre,
 19 de octubre y 16 de noviembre del 2012

7:30 P.M.

Jóvenes de edades 20-35

Para más información favor llamar a Yvette: 917-334-7136



Inscripción para Bautismos De Infantes

El próximo bautismo en Español es el 20 de Octubre del 2012 a la 1:00 P.M. Se requiere tomar una clase antes del bautismo que se llevara a cabo el Martes 16 de Octubre a las 7:00 P.M. en el sótano de la rectoría. Deberá registrarse por lo menos dos semanas antes de venir a la clase.

MISA MEMORIAL—El 6 de Octubre del 2012 se celebrara una Misa en memoria de la Sra. Sarah King a las 10:30 A.M. La Sra. King trabajo en la Escuela Santa María como voluntaria en la oficina por muchos años.

¡Que descanse en Paz!

GANADOR DE LA RIFA - Mirtha Claudio fue la ganadora de la Canasta que fue rifada por la Sociedad del Rosario durante la venta del bizcochos el Domingo 16 de Sept. del 2012.