

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



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25  
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691  
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## SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

Ms. Carla Ramos - 718-327-2242, Ext. 204

## 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, 1:15

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00 & 12:10—Monday thru Wednesday  
9:00 at St. Gertrude's & 12:10 at St. Mary's - Thursday  
12:10, 7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays  
12:10 PM—Saturdays

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays at 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 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 First Fridays 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 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.

**Charismatic Youth Prayer Group:** Thursday 7:30 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, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

- 12:10 pm – Cristobal Bermudez (dec)  
Eladia Ureña (dec)43
- 5:00 pm – George Anakhu—Thanksgiving  
Shirley DuVerney (75th birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Maruja Medina (dec)  
Maria Elba Cruz (dec)  
Merle Pazos Hoyos (dec)  
Maritza Pocasangre (dec)

*Sunday, November 14—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Cristobal Bermudez (dec)
- 9:45 am – Lynda Doyle (birthday)  
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Eileen Fucci (birthday)  
Gervacio Paz (dec)
- 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes—Acción de Gracias  
Julio Villarman (dec)  
Fermina Rivas (difunta-novenario)
- 1:15 pm – West Indian Cultural Mass  
Mass for the People

*Monday, November 15—St. Albert the Great*

- 8:00 am – Cristobal Bermudez (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Pearl Waldron (dec)

*Tuesday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland  
St. Gertrude*

- 8:00 am – Cristobal Bermudez (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Josephine Tuccio (dec)

*Wednesday, November 17– St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Thursday, November 18—Dedication of the Basilicas of  
St. Peter & St. Paul, St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne*

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Charles Jolicoeur (dec)  
Rafael A. Moronta (dec)

*Friday, November 19*

- 12:10 pm – Anna Hernandez (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Virgen del Quinche— Acción de Gracias

*Saturday, November 20*

- 12:10 pm – Deceased Alumni of St. Mary School
- 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Misa en honor a la Virgen de la Providencia  
Misa por la Comunidad

*Sunday, November 21—Our Lord Jesus Christ The King*

- 8:15 am – Frank C. Webster
- 9:45 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 11:30 am – Maria Ana Morales (dec)  
Daniel David Martinez— Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Catherine Gracey (dec)

**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**

Weekend of 11-6 & 11-7 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	91	43	\$884.55	20	\$190.23	\$1,074.78
7:30 PM	112	57	\$687.35	31	\$223.33	\$910.68
8:15 AM	190	64	\$1,203.49	44	\$348.70	\$1,552.19
9:45 AM	210	68	\$880.75	26	\$222.55	\$1,103.30
11:30 AM	467	99	\$1,454.45	61	\$521.77	\$1,976.22
1:15 PM	195	49	\$862.63	26	\$199.20	\$1,061.83
All Souls		28	\$190.00			\$190.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>\$ 6,163.22</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>\$ 1,705.78</b>	<b>\$7,869.00</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$6,378.55**

**(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 –

**Make your Return to God Easier by using...  
PARISH PAY [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com).**

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun \* Mal 3:19-20 \* Ps 98:5-9 \* Lk 21:5-19
- Mon \* Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 \* Ps 1:1-4, 6 \* Lk 18:35-43
- Tues \* Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 \* Ps 15:2-4, 5 \* Luke 19:1-10
- Wed \* Rv 4:1-11 \* Ps 150:1-6 \* Lk 19:11-28
- Thurs \* Rv 5:1-10 \* Ps 149:1-6, 9 \* Lk 19:41-44
- Fri \* Rv 10:8-11 \* Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 \* Lk 19:45-48
- Sat \* Rv 11:4-12 \* Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10 \* Lk 20:27-40

**PLEASE PRAY for** Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yepez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Vivian & Edith Hall, Hyacinth Robinson, Yesenia Rivera, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, James Iloka and our faithful departed.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The bread and wine are available for intentions.*

*The sanctuary candle is available for intentions.*

*The flowers are available for intentions.*



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WHEN? WHEN? WHEN?

Biblical authors and characters are frustratingly elusive whenever we try to pin them down on the precise time of the end of the world. We tend to think that since it's a scenario they love to describe in so much detail, and one about which they seem to have so much other information, that they'd be able to give us a date and time to put into our Day of the Lord planners. But, as much as the Holy Spirit has inspired them, they have not been given the precise chronology; that remains to be revealed by God and God alone. What may be most frustrating to us is not so much not having the clear-cut information, but rather the types of lives this lack of information calls us to lead. Malachi tells us the blazing day will come, but our only way to be saved by the healing sun of justice is to live in awe and fear of the Lord. Paul instructs us not to be idle, but to work for our place in the community awaiting Christ's return. Jesus himself doesn't give the day or time, but knows that those who follow him will have to persevere day by day, in steadfast and joyful hope.

### IN GOD'S TIME

It was a very strong component of Israel's piety that the destruction of the Jerusalem temple would signal the end of the world. In Matthew's and Mark's presentation of today's Gospel scene, Jesus leaves the temple to foretell its downfall; he makes the connection to Israel's belief. In Luke, Jesus remains in the temple, predicting its downfall as one of many tribulations that the early Christian community will endure. This is a broader view of the end-times. Throughout history, many monumental buildings rose in splendor and fell violently. In our own day we have had some experience of this. Jesus seems to know the natural human reaction that when this happens to us, then surely it means the end of the world, even though the same thing has happened time and time again over the face of God's earth and the course of centuries. We are reminded today that God's plans are not tied to our architecture; God's time is not bound by our calendars. Whoever says they are is a liar. What God's own word calls us to do today is to persevere in faithful lives, until that day—whenever it may be, however it may happen—is fulfilled.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	9-12 AM	1-6 PM	
TUESDAY	9-12 AM	1-6 PM	7-9 PM
WEDNESDAY	9-12 AM	1-6 PM	7-9 PM
THURSDAY	9-12 AM	1-6 PM	7-9 PM
FRIDAY	9-12 AM	1-3 PM	
SATURDAY	9-2 PM		

### ARMED SERVICES

If you have a family member or friend on active duty in the Armed Forces, please inform the rectory so that we may recognize their service and pray for their safety and swift return home.



### Thanksgiving Day Meal

The parish community of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude is invited to come together to share a meal on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 25, 2010. Luncheon will be served between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the St Mary's school cafeteria. The stewardship and hospitality committees are coordinating this event and request the generosity of your time, talent and treasure to feed and serve one another. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located in the vestibule of the church. You may also contact Jose Velez or Vanessa Corchia and leave your name and phone number at 718.327.7591.



### Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

**Our Lord dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude the Great to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.**

**"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine**

**Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."**

St. Gertrude's life was the mystic life of the Cloister – a Benedictine nun. She meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought a flood of tears to her eyes. She did many penances and Our Lord appeared to her many times. She had a tender love for the Blessed Virgin and was very devoted to the suffering souls in Purgatory. She died in 1334. Her feast day is November 16th.



### VOCATIONS - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

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

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

**For You and Your Families**

**CATECHISM AND ROSARY  
EVENING SERIES**

**LAST NIGHT OF SERIES**

*7pm Tuesday*

*November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*The Feast Day of St. Gertrude*

**This Special Evening Will Be Held in  
St. Gertrude the Great Church  
336 Beach 38<sup>th</sup> Street FRNY 11691**

**ALL ARE INVITED**

**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.

**The Puerto Rican community** invites you to the celebration of our yearly Mass in honor of the **Virgin Mary, Mother of the Divine Providence**, Patroness of Puerto Rico on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

**PAUL JOHN PAUL II HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT** – Young men who are considering Priesthood are invited to Advent Vespers, Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:30 PM – 341 Highland Blvd. Brooklyn NY, 718-827-2454 - [www.brooklynpriests.org](http://www.brooklynpriests.org).

Cathedral Seminary-Residence of the Immaculate Conception invites you to attend our annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY. Light refreshment to follow!

**ESL (English as a Second Language)** at St. Gertrude Tessier Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:40 pm to 9:00 pm.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages in the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved. Thousands of couples all over the globe have found hope, help and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together. You Can Save Your Marriage Now! For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, Dec. 3, 2010 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 800-470-2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

**MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE**—Monsignor John Brown and the members of the St. Francis de Sales Support Group invite anyone who has recently lost a loved one to join them for a Memorial Prayer Service on Sat., November 20, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Francis de Sales Church, Beach 129<sup>th</sup> St. Everyone is welcome.

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

**Domingo Pasado: \$7,869.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6,378.55**

**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!



**Almuerzo del Día de Acción de Gracias**

La comunidad de la Parroquia de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a compartir unidos el Almuerzo del Día de Acción de Gracias, el jueves, 25 de noviembre del 2010. Se servirá el almuerzo entre la 1:00 y las 3:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la escuela de Santa María inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 12:10 P.M. El comité de corresponsabilidad y el comité de hospitalidad coordinan este evento y les piden su generosidad a través de su tiempo, talento y tesoro para poder servir nos el uno al otro. En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia encontrara las hojas para los voluntarios que deseen ayudar en este día. Usted también puede llamar a José Velez o Vanessa Corchia al 718-327-7591.

**CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATÓLICA**—Les estamos muy agradecidos a las 393 familias que han apoyado a la campaña este año. Las promesas de nuestra parroquia hicieron un total de \$76,161 del objetivo de \$49,488. Cada dólar que se colecte sobre nuestro objetivo nos será devuelto para las necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Por favor haga todo lo posible por saldar su promesa en su totalidad antes de que finalice el año.



## Trigésimo-tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿CUÁNDO? ¿CUÁNDO? ¿CUÁNDO?

Los autores y personajes bíblicos se frustran y se vuelven evasivos cuando tratamos de obligarlos a que nos digan claramente le hora en que llegará el fin del mundo. Nos parece natural, ya que describen la escena tan al detalle y tienen tanta información sobre ella, que también nos puedan ofrecer fecha y hora para apuntarlas en nuestros calendarios de actividades. Pero, a pesar de que fueron inspirados por el Espíritu Santo, no han recibido la cronología exacta; esa fecha la conoce Dios, y nadie más que Dios. Pero lo que más nos frustra no es el no saber la fecha, sino la clase de vida que esta falta de información nos llama a llevar. El profeta Malaquías nos anuncia que el día ardiente como un horno va a venir y que nuestra única esperanza de salvarnos, por medio del Sol de Justicia que trae en sus rayos la salud, es vivir respetando el nombre de Dios. San Pablo nos exhorta a no estar ociosos, sino que trabajemos para merecer nuestro lugar en la comunidad que espera el regreso del Señor. Ni el mismo Jesús nos dice el día ni la hora, pero Él sabe que los que le siguen tienen que perseverar día a día con una esperanza que es a la vez firme y alegre.

### A LA HORA QUE DIOS DIGA

Una parte muy importante de la piedad de Israel era que la destrucción del templo de Jerusalén significaría el fin del mundo. En las versiones según san Mateo y san Marcos del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús sale del templo para predecir su destrucción; así hace conexión con la creencia judía. Pero en el Evangelio según san Lucas, Jesús se queda en el templo y predice la destrucción de éste como una de las muchas tribulaciones que la comunidad cristiana de los primeros tiempos tendría que sufrir. Ésta es una visión más amplia del fin de los tiempos. A lo largo de la historia, muchos edificios monumentales que se levantaban con esplendor, más tarde han sido destruidos violentamente. Esto lo hemos visto en nuestros propios días. Jesús parece comprender que, cuando algo así nos sucede *a nosotros*, la reacción natural humana es creer que ésta es una señal de que el mundo se va a acabar, aunque esas mismas cosas han sucedido una y otra vez en muchas partes de la tierra, y a lo largo de la historia. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que los planes de Dios no están atados a nuestra arquitectura, y que la hora de Dios no se rige por nuestros calendarios. Quien diga lo contrario, miente. Lo que la palabra de Dios nos llama a hacer hoy es perseverar en la fidelidad, hasta que llegue la hora y se cumpla el día –cuando quiera que sea y como quiera que suceda.

### Oración a Santa Gertrudis La Grande

**Nuestro Señor le dijo a Santa Gertrudis la Grande, que esta oración puede liberar 1000 almas del purgatorio cada vez que se rece.**

**“Padre eterno, yo te ofrezco la preciosísima sangre de tu Divino Hijo Jesús, en unión con las misas celebradas hoy día a través del mundo por todas las benditas animas del purgatorio por todos los pecadores del mundo. Por los pecadores en la iglesia universal, por aquellos en mi propia casa y dentro de mi familia. Amén”.**



La vida de Sta. Gertrudis fue la vida mística del claustro de una monja benedictina. Meditó sobre la pasión de Cristo, lo cual le produjo en muchas ocasiones un torrente de lágrimas. Hizo mucha penitencia y nuestro Señor se le apareció varias veces. Tenía un amor muy especial hacia la Santísima Virgen y a las almas del purgatorio. Murió en 1334. Su festividad es Noviembre 16.

**La Comunidad Puertorriqueña los invita a la celebración de la Misa en honor a la Virgen de la Divina Providencia, Patrona de Puerto Rico, el Sábado 20 de Noviembre del 2010 a las 7:30 pm.**

**RECIBIMIENTO del Cursillo de Cristiandad, el Domingo 14 de Noviembre del 2010 desde las 6:00 hasta las 9:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la escuela.**

**ESL (Ingles como Segundo Idioma) los Lunes, Martes y Miércoles de 5:40 pm a 9:00 pm en el Salón Tessier en Santa Gertrudis.**

### LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS

Si usted tiene a un familiar o un amigo en servicio activo en las Fuerzas Armadas, favor de informar a la rectoría para que podamos reconocer su servicio y orar para que regrese a casa pronto.

### 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. Hay un número limitado de misas disponibles desde ahora hasta el final del año.