

# 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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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 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  
Ana Hernandez (dec)  
Ana Justina Faña (dec)  
Maria Sencion—Acción de Gracias  
Oscar Perez (cumpleaños)

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

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

*Monday, November 22—St. Cecilia*

- 8:00 am – Dalip Singh – Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Amy Mohedano (birthday)

*Tuesday, November 23—St. Clement, St. Columban  
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

- 8:00 am – Clemente Morel (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Wednesday, November 24– St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions*

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

*Thursday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria*  
9:00 am – Mass available at St. Mary (bilingual)

*Friday, November 26*

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

*Saturday, November 27*

- 12:10 pm – Nicholas Velez (birthday)
- 5:00 pm – Mass for the People
- 7:30 pm – Estabana Nino—Acción de Gracias

*Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:15 am – Waldman, Gabriel & Herson Rivera (dec)
- 9:45 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 11:30 am – Luis Nieves (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Mass available



**The Rectory Office will be closed this Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—and Friday. The Office will re-open Saturday at 9:00**

**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 11-13 & 11-14 2010**

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Feast of St. Gertrude	Total Collection
5:00 PM	80	39	\$983.65	20	\$205.58	\$1,189.23
7:30 PM	287	53	\$574.80	25	\$198.12	\$772.92
8:15 AM	183	75	\$1,253.80	47	\$404.63	\$1,658.43
9:45 AM	232	62	\$730.05	42	\$275.42	\$1,005.47
11:30 AM	487	108	\$1,482.17	25	\$602.03	\$2,084.20
1:15 PM	227	34	\$1,035.22	24	\$87.12	\$1,122.34
All Souls		6	\$39.00			\$39.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>\$ 6,098.69</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>\$ 1,772.90</b>	<b>\$7,871.59</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$6,246.65**

**(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** \* 2 Sm 5:1-3 \* Ps 122:1-5 \* Lk 23:35-43
- Mon** \* Rv 14:1-3, 4-5 \* Ps 24:1-4, 5-6 \* Lk 21:1-4
- Tues** \* Rv 14:14-19 \* Ps 196:10-13 \* Lk 21:5-11
- Wed** \* Rv 15:1-4 \* Ps 98:1-3, 7-9 \* Lk 21:12-19
- Thurs** \* Sir 50:22-24 \* Ps 138:1-5 \* Lk 17:11-19
- Fri** \* Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 \* Ps 84:3-6, 8 \* Lk 21:29-33
- Sat** \* Rv 22:1-7 \* Ps 95:1-7 \* Lk 21:34-36

**PLEASE PRAY for** Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Vivian & Edith Hall, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, James Iloka, Daphne Riley, Kathleen Briza, Joel Cruz 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.*

## THANKSGIVING WELCOME TO THE TABLE



Thanksgiving is a very American holiday. It can be an opportunity for people of every culture and heritage to celebrate together. Native peoples on this continent had a tradition of daily and seasonal feast to give thanks for the gifts of life. Europeans celebrated harvest meals and religious services. The sharing of food and company was not strange for either. However, a long history of violence and deprivation means that for many Native Americans Thanksgiving is not a happy occasion. Successive waves of immigrants, including our own Catholic forebears, were treated with suspicion and hostility and excluded from "the common table" - and not just Thanksgiving. Our Catholic faith brings us to the table of the altar, no matter where we are from or who we are, expressing the same thanks to God, sharing the same food for our souls. So pause, be grateful for all the gifts from a good and gracious God, and take that gratitude forward in more generous, welcoming hearts.

**BILINGUAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY AT 9:00 A.M.**

### 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.



## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

### SAVE YOURSELF

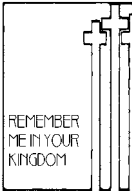
The attitude of "looking out for number one" reigns supreme in many parts of our society, even in parts of our Church. That attitude informs the Gospel passage today, as we hear three times the challenge made to Jesus to "save himself" from his awful, humiliating death on the cross. The rulers of his own people sneer at him, the soldiers jeer at him, one of the criminals crucified with him reviles him; all treat him with scorn at his refusal or inability to "look out for number one," to save himself. But if there is any doubt about the ability of Jesus to save, it is erased in his words to the other criminal: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). If there is disbelief about the cross being the source of all salvation, reconciliation, and peace, it is eradicated in the Letter to the Colossians. Christ, in whom the fullness of all things dwells, the firstborn of all creation, is also the firstborn from the dead, and it is the blood of his cross that flows with the eternal life of heaven.

### SAVE US

In Roman crucifixion, crosses had little plank seats upon which the bodies of the crucified were propped. Their bodies, growing heavy with weakening and dying, would likely fall off without this seat. This seat, propping up the body of Jesus as it gasped for its final breaths, is the royal seat of our Savior and King. For us, he sat upon that most horrid throne. Like us, Jesus would agree that you have to look out for "number one." The difference is that at the words "number one" he wouldn't jab a jaunty thumb at his own chest. He'd extend a loving embrace between earth and heaven for each of us, the children of earth, the little ones in whom his own face shines. The rulers, the soldiers, one of the criminals, all were skeptical about the saving power of our King, because he would not—and they presumed could not—save himself. What this King shows all of us is that God's power is to save us, to remember us in his kingdom, to take us with him to the light of Paradise.

Prayer for this solemnity:

Almighty and merciful God,  
You break the power of evil and  
Make all things new  
In your Son Jesus Christ,  
The King of the Universe.  
May all in heaven and earth  
Acclaim your glory  
And never cease to praise you,  
Amen.



**VOCATIONS**  
***Our Lord Jesus Christ the King***

“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered 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).

**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.

**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.

**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!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES —QUEENS WIC PROGRAM**—WIC is a federal supplement nutrition program for women, infant and children. We offer families checks for healthy foods, nutrition counseling and health education, vouchers for the farmer’s market, breastfeeding support and referrals for health care and other social services. We are located at 161-10 Jamaica Avenue Suite 306, Jamaica, NY 11432. Telephone: 718-657-2580.

“Camp Fatima and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registration for the 2011 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail [mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org](mailto:mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org), or visit us on the web at [www.campsfatimabernadette.org](http://www.campsfatimabernadette.org). Please don’t wait as sessions do fill up quickly.”

**RETOUVAILLE** 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.

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

**Domingo Pasado: \$7,871.59**  
**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6,246.65**  
**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!

**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.

**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.

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

**SERVICIOS DEL PROGRAMA WIC**—WIC es un programa federal de nutrición suplementario para mujeres, bebés y niños. Ofrecemos a las familias cheques como parte de los alimentos saludables, asesoría de nutrición y educación de salud y, los comprobantes para el Mercado del agricultor, apoyo de la lactancia materna y referencias para el cuidado de la salud y otros servicios sociales. Estamos situados en el 161-10 Jamaica Avenue Suite 306, Jamaica, NY 11432. Teléfono: 718-657-2580.



## Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

### SÁLVATE A TI MISMO

La actitud de "primero yo, después yo y siempre yo" reina en muchos sectores de nuestra sociedad, y aun en muchos sectores de la Iglesia. Esa actitud es también la de muchos de los personajes en el Evangelio de hoy, donde tres veces oímos que desafían a Cristo a que se salve a sí mismo de la horrorosa y humillante muerte de cruz. Los líderes políticos y religiosos de su propio pueblo desprecian a Jesús, los soldados se burlan de Él, uno de los ladrones crucificados con Él lo insulta y todos lo desdeñan por negarse o no ser capaz de salvarse a sí mismo. Pero si teníamos alguna duda sobre la capacidad de Jesús para salvar, esa duda queda borrada por las palabras que Jesús dirige a uno de los supuestos criminales que están a su lado: "Hoy mismo estarás conmigo en el paraíso" (Lucas 23:43). Y si nuestra fe en la cruz como fuente de salvación, reconciliación y paz llegara a flaquear, esa flaqueza quedaría erradicada en la carta a los Colosenses. Cristo, en quien se encuentra la plenitud de todas las cosas y el primogénito de la creación, es también el primogénito de entre los muertos, y la sangre que derramó en la cruz nos ganó la vida eterna del cielo.

### ¡SÁLVANOS!

En las crucifixiones romanas, las cruces tenían una especie de asiento o tabla sobre los cuales se apoyaba el cuerpo de los crucificados. Sin este asiento se hubieran caído de las cruces al aumentar el peso del cuerpo por irse debilitando en el proceso de morir. Este asiento, que le sirvió de apoyo al cuerpo de Jesús al exhalar el último suspiro, fue el trono real de nuestro Salvador y Rey. Por nosotros Él se sentó en ese trono tan horrendo. Jesús hubiera estado de acuerdo con nosotros en que hay que preocuparse ante todo por el "yo", por uno mismo. Pero, a diferencia de nosotros, Jesús no hubiera apuntado con el dedo a su propio pecho al pronunciar ese "yo", sino que hubiera abierto los brazos entre el cielo y la tierra, como en realidad lo hizo, para abarcarnos a todos y a cada uno; a los hijos e hijas de la tierra, a los pequeños hermanos y hermanas en quienes brilla el reflejo de su faz. Los líderes del pueblo, los soldados y el mal ladrón, todos miraban con cinismo el poder de nuestro Rey para salvar, porque Él no quería salvarse a sí mismo; pero ellos suponían que no podía hacerlo. Lo que este Rey nos demuestra es que el poder de Dios es para salvarnos a nosotros, para acordarse de nosotros en su reino, y para llevarnos consigo a la luz del paraíso.

Una Oración para esta solemnidad:

Dios todo poderoso y eterno,

Que quisiste fundar todas las cosas en tu Hijo muy Amado, Rey del universo, haz que toda criatura, liberada De la esclavitud, sirva a tu majestad y te alabe eternamente, Amen.

## Acción de Gracias

### BIENVENIDOS A LA MESA

El Día de Acción de Gracias es una celebración muy importante para los estadounidenses, y puede ser una oportunidad para que las personas de toda herencia vengan a celebrar juntos. Los indígenas de este continente tenían la tradición de dar gracias diariamente y en diferentes estaciones del año por los dones de la vida. Los europeos celebraban sus cosechas con comidas y celebraciones religiosas. Por tanto, compartir sus alimentos no era algo extraño para ninguno de los dos pueblos. Sin embargo, la larga historia de violencia y depravaciones hace que muchos amerindios no vean el Día de Acción de Gracias como una ocasión alegre. Las personas de sucesivas olas de inmigrantes, incluso nuestros propios antepasados católicos, fueron tratadas con sospecha y hostilidad, y excluidas de "la mesa común", y nos solo en el Día de Acción de Gracias. Nuestra fe católica nos trae a la mesa del altar, no importa de donde venimos y quienes somos, para juntos dar gracias a Dios y compartir el mismo alimento para nuestra alma. Así es que, detente y se agradecido por todos los dones recibidos de un Dios bueno y misericordioso, y sigue adelante con un corazón mas abierto y generoso.

**SE CELEBRARA MISA BILINGÜE A LAS 9:00 A.M. EN SANTA MARIA EL DIA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS**

### 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.

### 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.