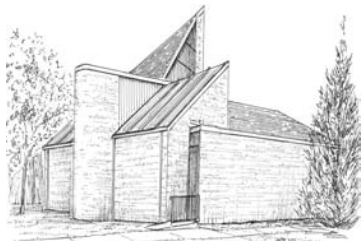


# St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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## ADMINISTRATOR:

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

## TRUSTEES:

Miguel Jimenez  
Lillian Virginia Rountree

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

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

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 1, 2012**

12:10 pm - Mass available  
 5:00 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - En honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de María  
 Presentación del bebe Carlos Rodolfo Esplinger  
 Jamie Sequeira (cumpleaños)

**Sunday, December 2, 2012 - First Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am - Mark Gryczyniec, parents, brother & husband  
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Mary Sakalosh-Ukson (dec)  
 11:30 am - Misa disponible  
 1:15 pm - Mass available

**Monday, December 3, 2012 - St. Francis Xavier**

12:10 am - Emmanuel & Franz Jr. Maisonneuve (dec)

**Tuesday, December 4, 2012 - St. John Damascene**

12:10 pm - Thomas Valentine (healing)

**Wednesday, December 5, 2012**

12:10 pm - Adam Joel Halsey (healing)

**Thursday, December 6, 2012 - St. Nicholas**

9:00 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available  
 12:10 pm - Mass available

**Friday, December 7, 2012 - St. Ambrose**

12:10 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass (bilingual)  
 Inmaculada Concepción (Vigilia bilingüe)

**Saturday, December 8, 2012—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

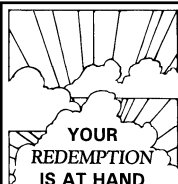
12:10 pm - Mass available  
 5:00 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - En honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

**Sunday, December 9, 2012 - Second Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am - Eugene Turner (dec)  
 Vaughn Harris (dec)  
 Mark Gryczyniec, parents, brother & husband  
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available  
 11:30 am - Por los sacerdotes  
 1:15 pm - Angeline & Joseph Pandolfo (dec)

**COMING SOON**

**The Golden Age Club is coming soon to St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude Church. Please see up coming bulletins for more information.**



**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. The 2013 Mass Book is now open.



**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 - \$5322.35**  
**Second Collection- \$974.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$5978.82**

**(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.



**The Sick and Our Faithful Departed**

... Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Ana Hernandez.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* Jer 33:14-16 \* Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10-14 \* Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
**Mon** \* Is 2:1-5 \* Ps 122:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9 \* Mt 8:5-11  
**Tues** \* Is 11:1-10 \* Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 \* Lk 10:21-24  
**Wed** \* Is 25:6-10 \* Ps 23:1-4, 5, 6 \* Mt 15:29-37  
**Thurs** \* Is 26:1-6 \* Ps 118:1-9, 19-21, 25-27 \* Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Fri** \* Is 29:17-24 \* Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 \* Mt 9:27-31  
**Sat** \* Gn 3:9-15, 20 \* Ps 98:1, 2-4 \* Lk 1:26-38

**Altar Server Assignments for Dec. 7 & 8, 2012**

Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Henry Jean-Michel, Jude Ikhalea  
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Carolena Mayorga, William Castro Chinchilla, Aaliyah Mayorga Miranda  
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Chinelan Chukwu, Jacques Mathieu  
 Sun. 9:45 – Jorge Santizo, Tiffany Santizo, Kayla Marie Rivera  
 Sun. 11:30 AM – Axel Lopez, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada  
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Bianca Salonga, Christina Gonsalves, Charisma Gonsalves

**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



# First Sunday of Advent

## ADVENT ABCs

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord’s “holy ones” it is a reason to “stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand” (Luke 21:28).

The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today’s psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from “A” to “Z.” That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm’s instruction on following God’s way of faithful love. Today’s New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do “to be blameless in holiness ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 3:13).

### “COME, LORD JESUS!”

We are to “be vigilant,” expecting Christ to come into our lives at every moment. We are to “abound in love for one another,” working constantly for the coming of Christ’s love into our relationships and communities. And we are to “stand erect” and pray without fear for the coming of the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come bringing perfect justice and peace. Christians in the first centuries of the church prayed the acclamation, “Come, Lord Jesus!” The Advent season invites us to enter into this spirit of hopeful expectation for the “advent” of Christ’s reign.

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus’ first coming in time, we anticipate Christ’s coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: “Come, Lord Jesus!”



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve – December 24, 2012

#### Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Star of the Sea

#### Masses

4:00 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
5:00 P.M.	Family Mass	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual
12 Midnight	MASS	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual

### Christmas Day – December 25, 2012

9:00 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bi-lingual

### New Year’s Eve Mass – December 31, 2012

#### Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Star of the Sea

7:30 P.M.	MASS	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual
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### New Year’s Day – January 1, 2013

9:00 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bi-lingual

## "Year of Faith" Event

Please join us on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 4:00 PM as we welcome Bishop Paul Sanchez who will celebrate a bilingual Evening Prayer, here at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. All are welcome. Please invite your fellow parishioners, friends, and family.



## The Year of Faith

During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.

### YEAR OF THE FAITH PRAYER

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed?

And how can they believe in him whom they have not heard?

And how can they hear without someone to preach?

And how can people preach unless they are sent?"

—Romans 10:13-15

### Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

We have 3 weeks to go!

**As of November 25, 2012, our pledges total \$58,557.00, based on 288 commitments.**

**Please consider making a one-time pledge today.**

**Thanks for your continuing generosity.**

**We have collected \$41,455.00 so far. Even though we've reached our diocesan goal in pledges, we still must collect all of the pledged money in order to satisfy our diocesan goal and to help our parish. We still need to collection over \$3034.00 more before the end of the year to satisfy our diocesan obligation.**

**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. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

## EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$5322.35**

**Segunda Colecta: (Colecta Diocesana) \$974.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5978.82**

**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!



## Primer Domingo de Adviento

### EL ABECÉ DEL ADVIENTO


Si la motivación es la llave del éxito, el tiempo de Adviento es un buen comienzo para nuestro año litúrgico, pues dirige nuestra atención hacia la razón principal de nuestra esperanza y de todo nuestro actuar cristiano. La primera lectura y el Evangelio nos dicen que al final de los tiempos el Mesías cubrirá la tierra con su justicia. Ésta puede ser una realidad aterradora para los de conciencia culpable, pero para los “santos” del Señor es un motivo para que “cobren ánimo y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca la hora de su liberación”.

Las Escrituras también muestran el abecé para alcanzar nuestra meta. En el texto completo del salmo de hoy cada versículo comienza con una letra sucesiva del alfabeto hebreo —de la “A” hasta la “Z”. Esto facilitó aprender de memoria las instrucciones que da el salmo para seguir el camino del amor fiel de Dios. Las Escrituras del Nuevo Testamento también nos instruyen sobre lo que debemos hacer para ser “santos e irreprochables ... el día en que venga Jesús, nuestro Señor”. (1 Tesalonicenses 3:13)

### “¡VEN, SEÑOR JESÚS!”

Debemos estar “atentos”, esperando en todo momento que Cristo venga a nuestra vida. Debemos “desbordar de amor de unos a otros”, trabajando constantemente por la venida del amor de Dios a nuestras relaciones y comunidades. Y debemos “estar firmes” y orar sin temor por la venida del final de los tiempos, cuando el Señor Jesús traiga la justicia y la paz perfectas. Los cristianos en los primeros siglos de la Iglesia clamaban “¡Ven, Señor Jesús!” El tiempo de Adviento nos invita a entrar en este espíritu de anhelosa espera por el “adviento” del Reino de Cristo.

Durante este tiempo de Adviento recordamos la primera venida de Jesús, esperamos la venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos y con una gran esperanza para nuestra vida presente rogamos: “¡Ven, Señor Jesús!”



**HORARIO DE NAVIDAD 2012**

Advento

**Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Santa María Estrella del Mar

**Noche Buena – Diciembre 24, 2012**

4:00 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Misa Familiar	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Bilingüe
12 Medianoche	MISA	Santa María	Bilingüe

**Navidad – Diciembre 25, 2012**

9:00 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español
1:15 P.M.	Santa María	Bi-lingual

**Año Viejo – Diciembre 31, 2012**


**Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Santa María Estrella del Mar

7:30 P.M	MISA	Santa María	Bilingüe
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**Año Nuevo – Enero 1, 2013**

9:00 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español
1:15 P.M.	Santa María	Bi-lingual



**Evento del Año de la Fe**

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Domingo, 16 de diciembre 2012 a las 4:00 PM para darle la bienvenida al Monseñor Paul Sánchez, quien celebrará una tarde de oración bilingüe, aquí en Santa María Estrella del Mar. Todos son bienvenidos. Por favor invite a los demás feligreses, a sus amigos y familiares.

**ORACION DEL AÑO DE LA FE**

Porque todo el que invoque el Nombre del Señor se salvará.  
Pero ¿cómo invocarán al Señor sin haber creído en él?  
Y ¿cómo podrán creer si no han oído hablar de él?  
Y ¿cómo oirán si no hay quien lo proclame?  
Y ¿cómo lo proclamarán si no son enviados?  
Como dice la Escritura: Qué bienvenidos los pies de los que traen buenas noticias.  
–Romanos 10:13-15

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no tendríamos Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.

**Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica**

**Solo nos faltan tres semanas más!**

Hasta el 25 de Noviembre del 2012, el total de todos los compromisos es **\$58,557.00** basado en **288** promesas. Por favor traten de hacer una promesa hoy. Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad.

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado la cantidad de **\$41,455.00**. Aunque ya alcanzamos nuestra meta diocesana todavía necesitamos coleccionar todas las promesas para poder satisfacer nuestra meta diocesana y ayudar a nuestra parroquia. Todavía necesitamos coleccionar por lo menos **\$3034.00** más antes que finalice el año para poder satisfacer las obligaciones diocesana.

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

**NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!**

**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. El libro de las Misas ya esta abierto para el 2013.

**MEMORIALES DE LA SEMANA**

En memoria de un ser querido, familiar o amigo.

FLORES (cada arreglo)	\$55.00
PAN Y VINO	\$50.00
VELAS	\$15.00