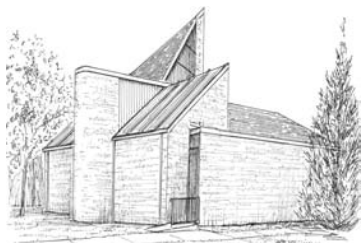


# St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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## ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, Ext. 27

## 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 Roundtree

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
Dr. Emy Punsalan, RICA  
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's),  
11:30 (Spanish), 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 & 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.

**Nigerian Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier**

12:10 pm – Nicole Lake (birthday)  
 5:00 pm – Mass available  
 7:30 pm – Inmaculada Concepcion  
 Jamie Sequeira (cumpleaños)

**Sunday, December 4 –Second Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am – Lake Family  
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Ana Santiago (dec)  
 11:30 am – Misa disponible  
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

**Monday, December 5**

8:00 am – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Matilda & Joseph Dolan (dec)

**Tuesday, December 6—Saint Nicholas**

8:00 am – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – George Smith (dec)  
 James J. Higgins (dec)

**Wednesday, December 7—St. Ambrose**

8:00 am – Alcadio Diaz (dec)  
 12:10 pm – Milito Diaz (dec)

**Thursday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception**

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Immaculate Conception—Thanksgiving  
 George Smith (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Ramona Matin Gutierrez (dec)

**Friday, December 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin**

12:10 pm – Antonio Adamez (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Marino Adamez (dec)

**Saturday, December 10**

12:10 pm – Roy Wendyll Bravo—Thanksgiving  
 5:00 pm – Mass available  
 7:30 pm – Virgen de Guadalupe— Acción de Gracias  
 Oscar Soria (dec)

**Sunday, December 11 –Third Sunday of Advent**

8:15 am – Vaughn Harris (dec)  
 Zoila Lopez (dec)  
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available  
 11:30 am – Zoila Herrera—Acción de Gracias  
 Por los Sacerdotes  
 Merle Pazo Hoyos (dec)  
 Mercedes Espinal (dec)  
 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)  
 Emmanuel S. Faustin (dec)

**PLEASE PRAY for** Elias Rodriguez, Marie Gedeon, Ruben de la Cruz, Kristina Payne, Bill Anthony, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Elsa Perez.

**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 - \$5969.00**  
**2nd Collection last weekend - \$1807.00**

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$6946.83**

**(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 40:1-5, 9-11 \* Ps 85:9-14 \* Mk 1:1-8  
**Mon** \* Is 35:1-10 \* Ps 85:9-14 \* Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues** \* Is 40:1-11 \* Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 \* Mt 18:12-14  
**Wed** \* Is 40:25-31 \* Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 \* Mt 11:28-30  
**Thurs**\* Gn 3:9-15, 20 \* Ps 98:1-4 \* Lk 1:26-38  
**Fri** \* Is 48:17-19 \* Ps 1:1-4, 6 \* Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat** \* Sir 48:1-4,9-11 \* Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,18-19 \* Mt 17:9, 10-13

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*Immaculate*

On Thursday, December 8th we will honor Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. She is the patroness of the United States. Masses will be celebrated at:



*Conception*

9:00 A.M. English (St. Gertrude)  
 12:10 P.M. English  
 7:30 P.M. Spanish

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:** In memory of a departed relative or friend.

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| FLOWERS (each arrangement) | \$55.00 |
| BREAD AND WINE             | \$50.00 |
| CANDLES                    | \$15.00 |

**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.



## Second Sunday of Advent

### THE PROPHET'S SONG

The rapturous lines we hear at the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Word today are some of the most familiar of this season. They were written by an author whom scripture scholars call "Second Isaiah," since this one writes with a different style, vocabulary, and content from the author of the first thirty-nine chapters of this book of the Bible. The beautiful words of trust, confidence, and faith were written when Israel was in one of its most profound periods of sadness and turmoil: exile from their land, their Temple, and (some would have believed) their God. Scholars also tell us that this passage was most likely a song or canticle sung by the exiled Israelites during prayer or worship. Like today's psalm, it calls us to look forward in confidence to that day when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:11).

### THE HERALD'S CALL

Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, herald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

#### For Advent

Lord, As we journey through this Advent Season,  
give us the wisdom to be good stewards  
of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful,  
to listen more intently to Your Word,  
a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.

Show us how to give witness to your  
Good News more fervently  
among our families, friends and those  
with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those  
who are poor, lonely or suffering;  
and to serve them as if we were serving You.

And fill our hearts with hope,  
so that we may make straight Your path  
and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

Amen

### 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

Yeah!!! WE MADE IT!

**As of November 28, 2011, our pledges total \$59,644.12. The contributions received to date is \$48,787.62; which means that we've surpassed our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00. Thanks to all of you, the 41% of our parishioners, who made this possible.**

If you still have not yet completed your pledge payments, please do So **before** December 31, 2011.

If you have not made a pledge at all, please consider making a one-time pledge of at least \$5.00

**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, 2011.**

### Raffle

In two weeks, Sunday, December 18,2011, we will have our raffle drawing. Father Fulgencio has given us a goal of \$10,000.00. So far, we have only collected a little less than \$5,000.00. Please purchase raffle books and help reach our parish to reach our goal of \$10,000.00. We need everyone's help.

Remember, this raffle will be done just in time for Christmas.

### SANTA'S LIST

Sign-up for Christmas Toys will be held on the weekend of Dec. 4 & 5th and Dec. 10 & 11th after each Mass.



**St Mary Star of the Sea and  
St Gertrude**

**Annual Family Advent Series**

*This year's Reflections and Meditations  
will be on Holy Mary, Mother of God  
With Special Insights from the writings of  
St Thomas Aquinas  
Blessed Pope John Paul II  
and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**Four Special Nights  
With Seasonal Songs and Hymns Preceded  
By the Holy Rosary  
@ St Mary Star of the Sea Church  
Beach 20<sup>th</sup> & New Haven Ave, FR NY**

**7:00pm TUESDAYS NOV. 29  
through DEC. 20, 2011**

**"The family that *prays* together *stays* together"**

**JOSEPH P. ADDABBO 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. For information, please contact the J.P. Addabbo Family Health Center at 718-945-7150.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MARKET**

Sunday, December 18th  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
St Rose of Lima School  
154 Beach 84th Street, Rockaway Beach  
718-474-7079  
'ALL NEW MERCHANDISE'

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


**Domingo Pasado: \$5969.00  
Segunda Colecta: \$1807.00  
Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6946.83  
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!



**IMMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN**

El 8 de Diciembre celebraremos la Festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción, Patrona de los Estados Unidos. Tendremos Misas a las:  
9:00 A.M. Ingles (St. Gertrudis)  
12:10 P.M. Ingles  
7:30 P.M. Español

 **Catholic Charities Queens Community Center**  
is excited to announce the establishment of our  
**Far Rockaway Field Office  
at St. Mary Star of the Sea RC Church  
1920 New Haven Ave. Far Rockaway**

The following services in English are available

**Tuesdays 9:00am – 5pm  
Wednesdays 2:30pm – 5pm  
Preferably BY APPOINTMENT:**

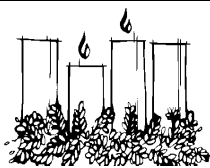
For more information, please contact Christina Smith via phone 1.347.472.5053 or 1.718.217.1238 or email at [csmith@cbbq.org](mailto:csmith@cbbq.org)

**Mass offered for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** followed by an evening of reflection, adoration and fellowship on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm—10:00 pm for men 18 to 40 who may be considering priesthood and/or religious life at St. Michael Friary, 282 Warwick St. Brooklyn, NY. Presented by Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, a Capuchin Franciscan preacher and author. To register call br. Tim Jones, OFM Cap. At 845-642-1025. Please consider this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas, as well as to reflect on your possible call to follow the Lord as a Priest or a Brother.

**ORACION DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD  
Para el Adviento**

Señor, Al transitar a través de esta época de Adviento, danos la sabiduría para ser Buenos corresponsables de este periodo de gracia, un tiempo para ser mas devotos, para escuchar mas cuidadosamente Tu Palabra; un tiempo para permitir que nuestra fe crezca y madure. Muéstranos como dar testimonio de tus Buenas Nuevas mas fervientemente, entre nuestras familias, amigos y aquellos con quienes compartimos el culto. Ayúdanos a ser mas conscientes de aquellos que se encuentran en pobreza, soledad o sufrimiento; y a servirlos, como si estuviéramos sirviéndote a Ti  
Y llena nuestros corazones de esperanza, para que podamos forjar con rectitud Tu sendero y !estar preparados para el gozo de Tu llegada!

Amen.



## Segundo Domingo de Adviento

### LA CANCIÓN DEL PROFETA

Las arrebatadoras líneas que escuchamos al comenzar la Liturgia de la Palabra de hoy son de las más familiares de esta estación. Fueron escritas por un autor que los peritos en las Sagradas Escrituras llaman el "Segundo Isaías", porque su estilo, vocabulario, y contenido son diferentes a los del autor de los primeros 39 capítulos de este libro de la Biblia. Las bellas palabras de confianza, confidencia, y fe fueron escritas cuando Israel pasaba por uno de los más profundos periodos de tristeza y desasosiego: exiliado de su tierra, su Templo, y (algunos llegaron a creer) su Dios. Los especialistas nos dicen también que este pasaje fue, muy posiblemente, una canción o un cántico que los israelitas exiliados cantaban mientras oraban o adoraban. Como el salmo de hoy, nos llama a mirar hacia adelante con confianza, al día en que "la bondad y la verdad se encontrarán, la justicia y la paz se besarán".

### LA LLAMADA DEL HERALDO

Pocos de nosotros sabemos lo que es ser exiliado. Quizás hemos, en uno u otro momento, sentido nostalgia o echado de menos a nuestra familia. Pero hacemos muchas cosas en la vida que nos exilian, nos ponen a gran distancia de Dios. Juan el Bautista, heraldo de Cristo, hoy se nos presenta llamando a la gente a poner fin al exilio mediante el bautismo de arrepentimiento para perdón de los pecados. Es este arrepentimiento, nos dice Pedro hoy en su carta, el que debemos buscar mientras esperamos el retorno del Señor. Aunque el Adviento no se concentra en el arrepentimiento del mismo modo o al grado que la Cuaresma, nuestro arrepentimiento es definitivamente un componente de nuestro propio esfuerzo por enderezar la senda para la venida del Señor. Recordamos las palabras de Jesús la semana pasada en la parábola sobre estar vigilantes; porque el maestro no necesariamente termina nuestro exilio, nuestro distanciamiento, haciéndonos regresar a él, sino regresando a nosotros y esperando que estemos listos cuando nuestros días de separación lleguen a su fin.

### RIFA

**En solo dos semanas, el 18 de Diciembre, 2011 se llevara a cabo la rifa. El Padre Fulgencio nos ha puesto una meta de llegar a los \$10,000.00. Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado un poco menos de \$5,000.00. Por favor trate de comprar boletos para esta gran rifa y ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta de los 10,000.00. Necesitamos su ayuda.**

**Recuerden, esta Rifa estará a tiempo para la Navidad.**

### Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

**¡¡YEAH!! LO LOGRAMOS!**

**Hasta el 28 de Noviembre, el total de las promesas es de \$59,644.12. Hasta la fecha hemos recibido \$48,787.62 de estas promesas. Esto significa que sobrepasamos nuestra meta diocesana de \$44,489.00. Muchas gracias al 41% de nuestros feligreses que nos apoyaron a alcanzar nuestra meta.**

Si usted no ha terminado de cumplir con su compromiso, por favor trate de hacer antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011.

Si usted no hizo una promesa, trate de hacer tan solo una promesa de por lo menos \$5.00.

**No se olvide** que todo el dinero recaudado sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor continúe haciendo su contribución lo mas pronto posible, antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011.



### LISTA PARA SANTA

Este fin de semana del 4 y 5 de Diciembre y el próximo fin de semana del 10 y 11 de Diciembre estaremos anotando nombres en la Lista de Santa para los juguetes después de las misas.

### DIA DE FORMACION

Todos los ministros laicos están cordialmente invitados a participar de **Un Día de Formación** en el Centro de la Inmaculada Concepción, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, en Douglaston el Sábado 10 de Diciembre del 2011 de 8:30 A.M. a 1:00 P.M. Donación \$15.00. Para información favor de ponerse en contacto con Zoila Herrera.

### 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.

**MEMORIALES DE LA SEMANA:** En memoria de un ser querido, familiar o amigo.

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