

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



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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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4—St. John of Damascus

- 12:10 pm – Haydeen Tolentino (dec)
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Concepcion de Maria

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Mass available
- 9:45 am – Octavio Andujar (dec), Lorenzo Vasquez (dec)
Lily Sancho Davila (dec)
- 11:30 am – Misa por la Comunidad, Mirida Parra (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

Monday, December 6—St. Nicholas

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – James Higgins (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Mass available

Tuesday, December 7—St. Ambrose

- 8:00 am – Nicole Lake—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Catherine V. Cunningham (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Mass available

Wednesday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Mass available

Thursday, December 9—St. Juan Diego

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Ellen Ennis-Coraci

Friday, December 10

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Carmela M. De La Cruz (dec)
Virgen de la Guadalupe—Acción de Gracia

Saturday, December 11—St. Damasus I

- 12:10 pm – The Mc Groary Family (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Mrs. McMelis (dec), Marion Polichak (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Virgen de Guadalupe —Acción de Gracia
Merle Pazo Hoyos (dec), Oscar Soria (dec)
Adrian Guzman (cumpleaños)

Sunday, December 12—Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Eugene Turner (dec), Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 11:30 am – Zoila Herrera—Acción de Gracia
Fatima Molina (cumpleaños)
Por los Sacerdotes —Acción de Gracia
Zoila Yepez (sanación)
Nydia Rodriuez (sanación)
Isabel & Jesús Hernandez
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

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, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, James Iloka, Daphne Riley, Kathleen Briza and our faithful departed: Vita Alaimo.

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 11-27 & 11-28 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Christmas Flowers	Total Collection
5:00 PM	74	24	\$718.66	12	\$273.00	\$991.66
7:30 PM	218	40	\$558.25	7	\$130.65	\$688.90
8:15 AM	180	81	\$1,464.30	40	\$404.75	\$1,869.05
9:45 AM	242	61	\$930.41	27	\$248.14	\$1,178.55
11:30 AM	446	109	\$1,113.47	42	\$512.32	\$1,625.79
1:15 PM	186	45	\$1,076.30	14	\$161.10	\$1,237.40
Thanksgiving		104	\$1,085.44			\$1,085.44
Totals	1346	464	\$ 6,946.83	142	\$ 1,729.96	\$8,676.79

(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.**

Weekday Readings

- Sun * Is 11:1-10 * Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 * Mt 3:1-12
- 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 * Gen 3:9-15, 20 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 1:26-38
- Thurs * Is 41:13-20 * Ps 145:1, 9-13ab * Mt 11:11-15
- 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 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS

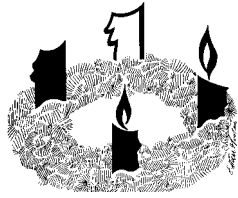
It is an ancient Christian tradition to request that Mass be offered living and deceased. You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. There are a limited number of Masses available between now and the end of the year.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***

The flowers are available for intentions.



Second Sunday of Advent

MODERN-DAY JOHN THE BAPTISTS

Have you ever wondered what John the Baptist might look and act like if he were to appear today? Each of us has probably encountered someone in our lives who prepared a way that the Lord could use to come into our presence. We often think of people like Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who certainly prepared the way for the Lord as she ministered to the poorest of the poor in the streets of India. We also think of the saints who throughout the ages have risked their lives to announce the message of salvation that comes through belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Have you ever been John the Baptist for anyone? Have you ever prepared the way of the Lord for someone in your life?

PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE LORD

We encounter people at every Mass who help prepare the way for the Lord each and every week. Our ushers and greeters make us feel welcome and help prepare us to encounter the Lord. When our musicians lead us in the opening song of the Mass, their talents help prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. When the lectors, priests, and deacons proclaim God's living word, another way of the Lord is opened before us. When the priest prays the sacred prayers of the Mass, the way is prepared for the sacramental presence of Christ to enter our hearts. We believe that the Lord Jesus is the shoot that sprouted from the stump of Jesse, the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Perhaps each of us can become a present-day John the Baptist by continuing to make the ground fertile for the sprouting and growth of the Lord Jesus in ever new and surprising ways. We can be John the Baptist for those who are seeking ways to encounter the Lord.

Christmas Schedule...

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2010

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, 2010

8:15 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrude	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish

New Year's Eve Mass – December 31, 2010

7:30 P.M.	MASS	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual
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New Year's Day – January 1, 2011

9:00 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish

ADVENT RETREAT

Father Lewis Maynard of St. Agatha's Parish will conduct a retreat for the Spanish community here at St. Mary's. He will celebrate the Mass on:

Sunday, December 5th at 11:30 AM
 Monday at 7:30 P.M.
 Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

**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

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.

Diocesan Substance Abuse Hotline Holiday Resource

For those who struggle with alcohol and substance abuse, the holidays can be a hard time. Pick up the phone if you or your loved one needs assistance in this area. Call the Diocesan Substance Abuse Hotline at 1-800-659-1603. Our hours are: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday (8:30 AM—8:00 PM) Tuesday & Friday (8:30 AM—5:00 PM) Saturday (9:00 AM—1:00 PM). Someone on the other end is waiting to assist you or your loved one in starting a new life in recovery. We are closed on Christmas Day (12/25/10.) If you need immediate assistance on this day please call Alcoholic Anonymous New York Intergroup for support and meeting information, 212-647-1680. Telecom Device for Deaf Only: 212-647-1649.

Immaculate

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Conception

On 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:

Tuesday	7:30 P.M.	Spanish
Wednesday	8:00 A.M.	English
	12:10 P.M.	English
	7:30 P.M.	Spanish

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—Sunday, December 12th from 9am to 12:00pm in the school auditorium. Tickets for the breakfast are available for \$5 per person. Everyone attending must have a ticket. Pictures with Santa will also be available for \$3 a photo. Payment for the pictures will be made at the breakfast. Tickets will also be sold at the door. All children are welcome!

CPR TRAINING—December 6, 2010 in St. Mary Star of the Sea School Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. To sign up, please call Susan at 718-327-1133 ext. 25.

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.

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!

**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

serviéndote a Ti

Y llena nuestros corazones de esperanza, para que podamos forjar con rectitud

Tu sendero y Iestar preparados para el gozo de Tu llegada!

Amen.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$8,676.79
Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6110.81
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!



Segundo Domingo de Adviento

UN JUAN BAUTISTA DE NUESTROS DÍAS

¿Te has preguntado alguna vez qué facha tendría san Juan Bautista o cómo actuaría si apareciera en nuestros días? Probablemente, cada uno de nosotros se ha cruzado alguna vez en su vida con alguien que ha preparado un camino por el que el Señor podría entrar a nuestra vida. A menudo pensamos en personas como la beata Teresa de Calcuta, que sin lugar a dudas preparó el camino del Señor al servir a los pobres más abandonados en las calles de la India. También nos acordamos de otros santos que, en el transcurso de los siglos, han arriesgado sus vidas por anunciar el mensaje de la salvación, el cual tenemos por creer en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Y tú, ¿has sido alguna vez un Juan Bautista en la vida de otra persona? ¿Has preparado alguna vez el camino para que el Señor entre en la vida de alguien que conoces?

PREPARANDO EL CAMINO PARA EL SEÑOR

Semana tras semana, cada vez que venimos a Misa, nos encontramos con personas que nos ayudan a preparar el camino del Señor. Aquellas que prestan el servicio de hospitalidad al dirigirnos hacia nuestros asientos, o saludando a los que van llegando, nos hacen sentir bienvenidos y nos ayudan a prepararnos para nuestro encuentro con el Señor. Cuando los músicos nos dirigen en el canto de entrada, sus talentos musicales también preparan el camino para ese encuentro. Cuando los lectores, diáconos y sacerdotes proclaman la palabra viva de Dios, otro camino hacia el Señor se abre ante nosotros. Cuando el sacerdote proclama las oraciones sagradas de la Misa, está abriendo el camino para que la presencia sacramental de Cristo entre a nuestro corazón. Creemos que el Señor Jesús es el renuevo que brotó del tronco de Jesé, el cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías. Tal vez cada uno de nosotros puede ser un Juan Bautista moderno, si continuamos fertilizando la tierra para que el Señor Jesús retoñe y crezca de modos nuevos y cada vez más sorprendentes. Podemos cumplir el ministerio de Juan Bautista para los que buscan la senda en la que puedan encontrarse con el Señor.

Horario Navideño

Noche Buena – Diciembre 24, 2010

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, 2010

8:15 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrudis	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español

Año Viejo – Diciembre 31, 2010

7:30 P.M	MISA	Santa María	Bilingüe
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Año Nuevo – Enero 1, 2011

9:00 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español



IMMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

El 8 de Diciembre celebraremos la Festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción, Patrona de los Estados Unidos. Tendremos Misas el:

Martes	7:30 P.M.	Español
Miércoles	8:00 A.M.	Ingles
	12:10 P.M.	Ingles
	7:30 P.M.	Español

DESAYUNO CON SANTA—Domingo 12 de Diciembre, de 9am a 12:00pm en el auditorio de la escuela Santa María. Boletos disponibles por \$5 por persona. Los niños deben de estar acompañados por un adulto. Todos deberán tener su boleto para poder entrar al desayuno. También se tomaran fotos con Santa por un valor de \$3.00 por foto. Todos los niños son bienvenidos!

RETIRO DE ADVIENTO

El Padre Lewis Maynard de la Parroquia Santa Agatha conducirá un Retiro de Adviento en Santa María para nuestra comunidad hispana. El Padre celebrará la Misa de las 11:30 A.M. el Domingo 5 de Diciembre como también el Lunes y Martes a las 7:30 P.M.

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.