

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS*Saturday, December 10*

- 12:10 pm – Roy Wendyll Bravo—Thanksgiving
 5:00 pm – Felix Jimenez (dec)
 7:30 pm – Virgen de Guadalupe— Acción de Gracias
 Oscar Soria (dec), Zoila Lopez (dec)
 Amalia Gonzalez (dec)
 Lupe—Acción de Gracias
 Abigail Campos (cumpleaños)

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)
 Francisco Rodriguez (dec)
 Pura Gonzalo (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)
 Emmanuel S. Faustin (dec)

Monday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00 am – Gina & Carmine Capone (dec)
 12:10 pm – Helen & Thomas Farrell (dec)
 Gino & Yolanda Magazzini (dec)
 7:30 pm Virgen de Guadalupe—Acción de Gracias
 Pedro & Cristina Bonilla (45 aniv. de bodas)

Tuesday, December 13—St. Lucy

- 8:00 am – Cleotilde Gutierrez (dec)
 Reyna Adamez (dec)
 12:10 pm – Emilio Adamez (dec), Mimina Adamez (dec)

Wednesday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

- 8:00 am – Jose Antonio Gutierrez (dec)
 Mimina Adamez (dec)
 12:10 pm – Petronila Gutierrez (dec)
 Tomasina Gutierrez (dec)

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Nicolas Fernandez (dec)
 Juaquin Fernandez (dec)
 12:10 pm – Kadiri Anakhu (dec)

Friday, December 16

- 12:10 pm – Juan Gutierrez (dec), Lidia
 7:30 pm – Maria Ramona Gutierrez (dec), Alcadio Diaz (dec)

Saturday, December 17

- 12:10 pm – Milito Diaz (dec), Milor Diaz (dec)
 5:00 pm – Marino Adamez (dec), Jacinto Adamez (dec)
 7:30 pm – Isabel Casanova (dec)
 Luis Antonio Castillo (dec)

Sunday, December 18 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Mass available
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Craig Sohl (dec)
 Hector Barrios (dec)
 11:30 am – Argelia Molina (dec), Luis A. Castillo (dec)
 1:15 pm – Mary Regina Curley (dec)
 Martin T. Waldron (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

1st Collection last weekend - \$4929.00
2nd Collection last weekend (Christmas Mass Remembrance - \$1454.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010):
\$5814.00**

(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 61:1-2, 10-11 * Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 * Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon * Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 * Jdt 13:18, 19 * Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47 or 707-712
Tues * Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 * Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 * Mt 21:28-32
Wed * Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 * Ps 85:9-14 * Lk 14:25-33
Thurs * Is 54:1-10 * Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 * Lk 7:24-30
Fri * Is 56:1-3, 6-8 * Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 * Jn 5:33-36
Sat * Gn 49:2, 8-10 * Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 * Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Deacon Gino Pattugalan back home for the holidays. He will be with us from December 19th to January 16th.

He will be ordained priest in this coming June 2012.



Third Sunday of Advent

AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

The Church has just celebrated two great Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is appropriate in this Advent time that we look to Mary's great song, the Magnificat, as a lens for today's readings, and to her life as the first of faithful disciples. In her canticle, Mary describes a world similar to the one for which Isaiah tells us the Spirit anoints the prophet: where the mighty arm of God scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly (the Lectionary, unfortunately, omits this verse today), where the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty. This world is upside down from the one most of us experience. But if we are to follow our call to be disciples of Jesus, as Mary did, we must be committed to believing in and proclaiming a world like this.

SENT IN THE SPIRIT

Today we hear from John's Gospel, which serves as the first of a number of interjections during this year of the proclamation of Mark's Gospel. (This is because Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels.) John the Baptist once again speaks of his role as the forerunner, the herald of the light. He himself is not the light, but the one who "makes straight" the way before the Lord. John is describing our own vocation, the one given to us when we were baptized in water and the Spirit. We proclaim the coming of the light by living out our own Spirit - anointing to bring glad tidings to the poor, to strive for the world God desires, the one described by Isaiah. As Paul tells us today, it is through our witness that we do not despise the prophetic utterances of John, Mary, and Isaiah, and that we do not quench the Spirit. As we prepare for the coming of the light in whatever vocation God has anointed us for, we must live as Paul insists: in continual prayer, and always rejoicing!



Christmas Eve – December 24, 2011

CONFESSIONS

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

MASSES

4:00 P.M. Christmas Carols - English

5:00 P.M. Family Mass - English

11:30 P.M. Christmas Carols - Bilingual

12 Midnight MASS - Bilingual

Christmas Day – December 25, 2011

MASSES

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

1:15 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

New Year's Eve Mass – December 31, 2011

CONFESSIONS

3:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.—St. Mary Star of the Sea

MASSES

5:00 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

7:30 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - Spanish

New Year's Day – January 1, 2012

8:15 A.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

9:45 A.M. - St. Gertrude - Spanish

11:30 A.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - Spanish

1:15 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

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

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 this weekend of Dec. 10 & 11th after each Mass.



2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

Yeah!!! WE MADE IT!

As of December 5, 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.



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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 20th & 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: \$4929.00

Segunda Colecta: Flores de Navidad - \$1454.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5814.00

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!

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡YEAH!! LO LOGRAMOS!

Hasta el 5 de Diciembre, 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.

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.

BIENVENIDO

Le damos la bienvenida de regreso a casa al Diacono Gino Pattugalan para la Navidad. El estará con nosotros desde el 19 de Diciembre hasta el 16 de Enero.

Gino será ordenado al sacerdocio en Junio del 2012.



LISTA PARA SANTA

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



Tercer Domingo de Adviento

UN MUNDO AL REVÉS

La Iglesia acaba de celebrar dos grandes fiestas marianas: la Inmaculada Concepción y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Es apropiado en este tiempo de Adviento que miremos a su gran canto del "Magnificat" como un lente para las lecturas de hoy, y a su vida como la primera de los fieles discípulos. En su cántico, María describe un mundo similar a aquel para el cual Isaías nos dice que el Espíritu ungió al profeta: donde el poderoso brazo de Dios dispersa al orgulloso y ensalza al humilde (el Leccionario, desafortunadamente, omite este verso hoy), donde el hambriento es saciado y el rico parte con las manos vacías. Este mundo es al revés del que la mayoría de nosotros experimenta. Pero si hemos de seguir la llamada a ser discípulos de Jesús, como lo hizo María, debemos comprometernos a creer y a proclamar un mundo como ese.

ENVIADO POR EL ESPÍRITU

Hoy escuchamos el Evangelio de Juan, que sirve como la primera de un número de interjecciones durante este año de la proclamación del Evangelio de Marcos. (Esto es porque el Evangelio de Marcos es el más corto de los Evangelios.) Juan el Bautista otra vez habla de su papel como el precursor, el heraldo de la luz. Él no es la luz, sino el que "hace recto" el camino para el Señor. Juan describe nuestra propia vocación, la que se nos dio al ser bautizados en agua y en el Espíritu. Proclamamos la venida de la luz viviendo la unción del Espíritu que hemos recibido, trayendo buenas noticias a los pobres, luchando por el mundo que Dios desea, el que describe Isaías. Como nos dice Pablo hoy, es mediante nuestro testimonio que no despreciamos las proclamaciones proféticas de Juan, María e Isaías, y que no extinguimos el Espíritu. Al prepararnos para la llegada de la luz en cualquiera que sea la vocación para la cual Dios nos ha ungido, debemos vivir como insiste Pablo, en continua oración, ¡y siempre alegres!

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.

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

Horario Navideño

Noche Buena – 24 de Diciembre, 2011 CONFESIONES

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.—Sta. María

MISAS

4:00 P.M. Villancicos - Sta. María - Ingles
5:00 P.M. Misa Familiar - Sta. María - Ingles
11:30 P.M. Villancicos - Sta. María - Bilingüe
12 Media Noche - Sta. María - Bilingüe

Navidad – 25 de Diciembre, 2011

MISAS

8:15 A.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
9:45 A.M. - Sta. Gertrudis - Ingles
11:30 A.M. - Sta. María - Español
1:15 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles

Año Viejo – 31 de Diciembre, 2011

CONFESIONES

3:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M. - Sta. María

MISAS

5:00 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
7:30 P.M. - Sta. María - Español

Año Nuevo – 1 de Enero, 2012

8:15 A.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
9:45 A.M. - Sta. Gertrudis - Español
11:30 A.M. - Sta. María - Español
1:15 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles

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.