

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), 11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
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

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

LEGION DE MARIA: (Hay tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM - McKenna; Sábados 9:00-10:30 AM; Sábados 10:30-12 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45 Mass

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 Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves) 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14, 2013 - St. John of the Cross

- 5:00 pm - Derrick Heron, Margaret J. Berliner (dec)
Stephanie Riveaux (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec), Samuel Suarez (dec)
Guadalupe Vasquez (dec)
Ramon Rodriguez (Acción de Gracias)
Jose Azcona (Acción de Gracias)
Jesus Sacramentado (Acción de Gracias)
Paola Amaya (cumpleaños)

Sunday, December 15, 2013 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am - Vaughn Harris (dec)
- 9:45 am - Lorenzo Bernardez (dec)
- 11:30 am - Pueblo de Santa Maria y Santa Gertrudis
Mario y Emma Chavarria (40 aniv. de bodas)
Zoila Herrera (Acción de Gracias)
Luz Rodriguez (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm - Kadiri Anakhu (dec)

Monday, December 16, 2013

- 12:10 pm - For the conversion of Souls

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

- 12:10 pm - The Mc Groary Family

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mary Regina Curley (dec)

Thursday, December 19, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, December 20, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Solange Pierre Louis (birthday)
Aurea Riveaux (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio

Saturday, December 21, 2013 - St. Peter Canisius

- 5:00 pm - All souls in purgatory - requested by Sinecio
- 7:30 pm - Isabel Casanova (dec)

Sunday, December 22, 2013 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am - Celeste Jeudy (birthday)
Susan Singh-Smith (birthday)
- 9:45 am - Jace Lespinasse (birthday)
Fabean Chaves
- 11:30 am - Derrick Heron, Julian Rivas (dec)
M. Dionisio Hoyos Vergara (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Sylvia Lendore

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The candle is given for healing for Auxiliadora Sosa.

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

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 - \$6314.00

Second Collection- \$2515.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4296.00

(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.



The Sick: Evangelina Bustamante, Kiara Velazquez, Miguel Mena, Elsie Edelen, Kathleen Briza, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

All the faithful departed: Anne Rocourt.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Is 35:1-6,10 * Ps 146:6-10 * Mt 11:2-11
- Mon** * Nm 24:2-7,15-17 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 21:23-27
- Tues** * Gn 49:2, 8-10 * Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17 * Mt 1:1-17
- Wed** * Jer 23:5-8 * Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 * Mt 1:18-25
- Thurs** * Jgs 13:2-7,24-25 * Ps 71:3-6,16-17 * Lk 1:5-25
- Fri** * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-6 * Lk 1:26-38
- Sat** * Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18 * Ps 33:2-3,11-11,20-21 * Lk 1:39-45

Altar Server Assignments for Dec. 21 & 22, 2013

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Kimora George
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras,
Wendy Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu,
Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Melissa Ventura,
Jossabeth Castaneda, Miguel Garcia
- Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce

Christmas Altar Server Assignment

Tuesday, December 24, 2013 - Christmas Eve

- 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Jude Ikhalea, Alexis Small
- 12 Midnight (bilingual) - Jacques Mathieu, Jorge Santizo,
Joseph Santizo

Wednesday, December 25, 2013 - Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Kevin Robles,
Iziegbeuwa Odia
- 11:30 AM - Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Joselin Lopez
- 1:15 PM - Lisa Deryce, Jamal Michel, Sebastian Rosas



Third Sunday of Advent

GOD'S FAVOR

Jesus was deep into his work when John the Baptist was imprisoned for speaking truth to power. John's disciples were immersed in their own lives when his imprisonment was visited upon them. They didn't have the luxury of hindsight, and they were visibly shaken by John's imprisonment and certain fate. They came to Jesus to ask John's question and their own, "Are you the one?"

As evidence of his identity, Jesus recites the signs of God's favor. The words he uses echo those of Isaiah. These are the very words from the first reading, and they are fresh in our minds. Jesus does not give us abstractions or high-sounding ideas. He does not speak of a God who reigns in highest heaven. He speaks of a God who acts on our behalf. John's disciples can see that God's power plays itself out in compassion. We are invited to see this, too. Not only that, we are invited to be the instrument of God's compassion, just as Jesus was.

GOD'S WORK

Jesus also takes time to sing the praises of John, this principled man who does not change with the wind. Jesus reiterates that there is no greater person born of woman than John the Baptist. His was the privilege of heralding the coming of the Savior. But greater than this, Jesus pointedly adds, is John's participation in the reign of God.

Our role is not to announce the coming of the Lord, but to receive the Lord whom John heralded. If the earth is to bud forth a Savior in our time, it will have to be through our healing mission that is his work. For John, this work cost him his life. We have the vocation of continuing this costly work. Especially during this season, we are asked to recall our commitment to healing, reconciliation, and peacemaking. This is a rejoicing Sunday because we can see and taste Christmas. This is a season of joyful anticipation as we consciously look for ways to be active, effective members of the reign of God.

"Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy" - Isaiah 35:10a



Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. During these four weeks, we are invited to contemplate the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, as we, along with the entire Church:

The Third Week

Rejoice!

The third week of Advent begins with *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete*, meaning "rejoice," is the first word of the opening antiphon for the Mass on this day: *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always). The joy of *Gaudete* Sunday shows in the use of rose as the liturgical color – for example, on the Advent wreath and the priest's vestments.

The Gospel readings for this Sunday reveal to us the reason for our joy: the identity of Jesus. He is the Word made flesh, the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Prayer Starter for Week 3: Lord, I rejoice at the Good News of Your coming. Make my heart ready.

Third Sunday of Advent

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Christmas Schedule...

Christmas Eve – Tuesday,

December 24, 2013

Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M.	Christmas Carol	English
5:00 P.M.	Family Mass	English
11:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	English
12 Midnight	Mass	Bilingual

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2013

9:00 A.M.	English
11:30 A.M.	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	English

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.	Mass	Bilingual
11:00 P.M.	Holy Hour	Bilingual
12 Midnight	Mass	Bilingual

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2014

9:00 A.M.	English
11:30 A.M.	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	English

From the Desk of Deacon Mike, DRE**CCD Children's After Class Christmas Party:
Saturday December 21, 10:30am to 12:30pm in the
School Auditorium**

We hope all our CCD children can attend
(Parents please pick up your child by 12:15pm)

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

The current update for the 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal as of
December 9, 2013

Total Pledged - \$65,141.00

Total Received - \$54,973.50

Amt. Outstanding - \$10167.50

Total Donors - 316

Thank you so much for your generosity to this year's
campaign.

If you have made a pledge in 2013, and have not yet paid,
please remember that the 2013 campaign ends on December
31, 2013. Please honor your pledge by making payment
before December 21, 2013, to assure the monies are received
by the diocese before December 31, 2013.

Join Bishop Sanchez and the Diocese of Brooklyn to
The Canonization of Blessed John Paul XXIII
with our Holy Father Pope Francis

Rome, Italy
April 21—April 28, 2014
Call The Catholic Tour 1-877 -627-4268

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church should
share in the profits. For each car, running or not. The Society
of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100
per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family
member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in
their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the
Society of St. Vincent the Paul at 718-491-2525. Thank you
for your cooperation.

GIVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP A SPECIAL GIFT THIS YEAR!

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to
redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves
us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your
spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage
Encounter weekend. Experience a truly memorable weekend
together, just the two of you. The next WWME weekend in
your area is February 14-16 and April 25-27, 2014. Early
registration is highly recommended. For more information
call (877) NYS-WWME option 2 or visit our website
at www.wwme.org.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6314.00

Segunda Colecta: \$2515.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4296.00

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!

**Tercer Domingo de
Adviento****EL FAVOR DE DIOS**

Jesús estaba muy enfrascado en su misión cuando
Juan Bautista fue encarcelado por haber dicho la verdad a los
poderosos. Los discípulos de Juan estaban sumergidos en las
actividades de su vida cuando tuvieron que pasar por la
dolorosa experiencia del encarcelamiento de Juan. No tenían
la ventaja de una visión retrospectiva, y se estremecieron
visiblemente frente al encarcelamiento y certero destino de
Juan. Vinieron a Jesús para hacerle la pregunta de Juan y la
suya. “¿Eres tú el que ha de venir?”

Como evidencia de su identidad, Jesús menciona las
señales del favor de Dios. Sus palabras son eco de las
palabras de Isaías. Son las mismas palabras de la primera
lectura y están frescas en nuestra mente. Jesús no nos da
abstracciones ni ideas pomposas. No habla de un Dios que
reina en lo alto de los cielos. Habla de un Dios que actúa en
nuestro beneficio. Los discípulos de Juan pueden ver que el
poder de Dios se realiza en la compasión. También nosotros
estamos invitados a entender esto. Pero además, estamos
invitados a ser instrumentos de la compasión de Dios, como lo
fue Jesús.

LA OBRA DE DIOS

Jesús también toma tiempo para alabar a Juan, un
hombre de principios, que no cambia según la marea. Jesús
reafirma que no hay nadie nacido de mujer más grande que
Juan, pues tuvo el privilegio de anunciar la venida del
Salvador. Pero aún mayor que eso, añade Jesús
enfáticamente, es la participación de Juan en el reino de Dios.

Nuestro papel no es anunciar la venida del Señor,
sino recibir al Señor anunciado por Juan. Si de la tierra brotara
hoy un Salvador, tendría que ser producto de nuestra misión
misericordiosa y compasiva, lo cual es obra de Dios. Tenemos
la vocación de continuar esta obra costosa. A Juan esta obra
le costó la vida. Especialmente durante este tiempo, estamos
llamados a recordar nuestro compromiso de sanar, reconciliar
y buscar la paz. Éste es un domingo para regocijarnos, porque
podemos ver y probar la Navidad. Éste es un tiempo de
expectación jubilosa mientras conscientemente buscamos
modos de ser miembros activos y eficaces del reino de Dios.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

“Envío a mi mensajero delante de Ti para preparar su camino antes de Ti. ¿Estas llamado a ser enviado de Jesús como un sacerdote, diácono, hermana o hermano? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a :
vocations@diobrook.org.



“Volverán a casa los rescatados por el Señor, vendrá a Sion con canticos de jubilo, coronados de perpetua alegría” - Isaías 35:10a

Durante la Temporada de Adviento nos preparamos para la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús en la Navidad. Durante estas cuatro semanas, somos invitados a contemplar la riqueza del regalo de Dios que se nos fue dado en Cristo, unidos con toda la Iglesia:

La Tercera Semana

¡Regocíjense!

La tercera semana de Adviento comienza con el Domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete, que significa "regocijarse", es la primera palabra de la antifona de apertura de la misa de este día: Gaudete in Domino semper (Alégrense siempre en el Señor). La alegría del Domingo de Gaudete muestra en el uso de rosa como el color litúrgico - por ejemplo, en la corona de Adviento y las vestiduras del sacerdote. Las lecturas del Evangelio de este domingo nos revelan la razón de nuestra alegría: la identidad de Jesús. Él es la Palabra hecha carne, el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios viviente.

Comenzamos la tercera semana con esta oración: Señor, me regocijo en la Buena Nueva de tu venida. Haz que mi corazón esté listo.

Del Escritorio del Diacono Mike, DRE**Fiesta de Navidad para los Niños del Catecismo:**

Después de las clases el **Sábado 21 de Diciembre, 10:30am - 12:30pm** en el Auditorio de la Escuela

Esperamos que todos los niños del Catecismo puedan venir (Padres por favor recojan a sus niños antes de las 12:15pm)

RIFA 50/50

Los boletos para la **Rifa 50/50** están a la venta para apoyar el "Club de la Edad de Oro". La Rifa se llevara a cabo el 22 de Diciembre del 2013 después de la Misa de la 1:15 pm. No es necesario estar presente, nosotros nos comunicaremos con el ganador. El ganador se anunciara en el boletín del siguiente fin de semana.

Horario Navideño

Confesiones

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Noche Buena – Martes 24 de Diciembre del 2013

4:00 P.M. Villancicos Ingles

5:00 P.M. Misa Familiar Ingles

11:30 P.M. Villancicos Ingles

12 Medianoche MISA Bilingüe

Navidad – Miércoles 25 de Diciembre del 2013

9:00 A.M. Ingles

11:30 A.M. Español

1:15 P.M. Ingles

Año Viejo – Martes 31 de Diciembre del 2013**Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. MISA Bilingüe

11:00 P.M. Hora Santa Bilingüe

12 Medianoche Misa Bilingüe

Año Nuevo – Miércoles 1 de Enero del 2014

9:00 A.M. Ingles

11:30 A.M. Español

1:15 P.M. Bi-lingual

“Si, Gracias sean dadas a Dios por este don inefable.” - 2 Cor 9:15

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

Resumen actual de La Campaña Anual Católica 2013 hasta el 9 de Diciembre del 2013.

Compromiso Total - \$65,141.00

Total Recibido - \$54,973.50

Total por cobrar - \$10,167.50

Total de Donadores - 316

Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad a la Campaña de este año.

Si usted hizo una promesa este año 2013, y no ha cumplido con los pagos, por favor recuerden que la campaña finaliza el 31 de Diciembre, 2013. Por favor trate de cumplir con su promesa antes del 21 de Diciembre del 2013, para asegurarse que todo el dinero sea recibido por la diócesis antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2013.