

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



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## ADMINISTRATOR:

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## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
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Deacon Rene Hernandez

## PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
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## IN RESIDENCE:

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## TRUSTEES:

Miguel Jimenez  
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## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
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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 15, 2012**

- 12:10 pm - All Souls in purgatory—Sinécio Gutierrez  
Nicole Navarro (birthday)
- 5:00 pm - Kadiri Anakhu (dec)  
James F. Mc Closkey (healing)
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)  
Sergio & Paola Caceres (25 aniv.)  
Isabel Casanova (dec)  
Isabel Sierra (dec)  
Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias

**Sunday, December 16, 2012 - Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:15 am - Eugene Turner (dec)  
Susan Singh-Smith- Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am - Jorge Santizo & Family (Acción de Gracias)
- 11:30 am - Zoila Herrera - Acción de Gracias  
Jaime y Carla Taveras— Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm - Bishop Paul Sanchez—Thanksgiving  
Divine Child—Thanksgiving

**Monday, December 17, 2012**

- 12:10 am - Salvatore R. Stracquadanio (dec)

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

- 12:10 pm - Mary T. Waldron (dec)  
Mary Regina Curley (dec)

**Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

- 12:10 pm - Adam Halsey (healing)

**Thursday, December 20, 2012**

- 9:00 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 12:10 pm - Solange Pierre-Louis (birthday)

**Friday, December 21, 2012 - St. Peter Canisius**

- 12:10 pm - Thomas Valentine (healing)
- 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

**Saturday, December 22, 2012**

- 12:10 pm - For all the souls in purgatory
- 5:00 pm - For Voctions to the Priesthood  
Graig Sohl (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio

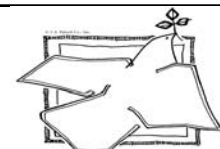
**Sunday, December 23, 2012 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8:15 am - Rosary Society  
Celeste Judy (birthday)  
Susan Singh-Smith (birthday)
- 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
- 11:30 am - Teofilo y Francisco Ceballos  
Dionisio Hoyos Vergara (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Mary Redican (dec)

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for  
Francine Clark.*

## 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 - \$4296.00**

**Second Collection- \$1274.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$6190.52**

**(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**

Dorothy Dumb, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* Zep 3:14-18 \* Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 \* Lk 3:10-18

**Mon** \* Gn 49:2, 8-10 \* Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17 \* Mt 1:1-17

**Tues** \* Jer 23:5-8 \* Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 \* Mt 1:18-25

**Wed** \* Jsg 13:2-7, 24-25 \* Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17 \* Lk 1:5-25

**Thurs** \* Is 7:10-14 \* Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 \* Lk 1:26-38

**Fri** \* Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18 \* Lk 1:39-45

**Sat** \* 1 Sm 1:24-28 \* 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 \* Lk 1:46-56

**Altar Server Assignments for Dec. 22 & 23, 2012**

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Osvaldo Flores, Lisbed Flores, Melissa Ventura
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko
- Sun. 9:45 – Jorge Santizo, Joseph Santizo, Kimora George
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Alejandra Zarate, Jeison Fernandez,  
Joselin Lopez
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Stephan Jean-Michel, Christina Gonsalves,  
Charisma Gonsalves

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**Christmas Mass Assignments****Christmas Eve—Dec. 24th**

- 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Henry Jean-Michel,  
Melissa Ventura
- 12 Midnight - Bianca Salonga, Jorge Santizo, Joseph Santizo

**Christmas Day—Dec. 25th**

- 9:00 AM - Jude Ikhalea, Jacques Mathieu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
- 11:30 AM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Sebastian Rosas
- 1:15 PM - Lisa Deryce, Jamal Michel, Kevin Robles



## Third Sunday of Advent

### “THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIDST”

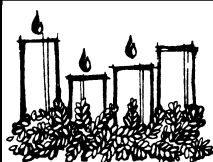
Both today's reading from Zephaniah and the responsorial psalm exult that “the LORD is in your midst.” They proclaim the presence of God among the people of Israel and foretell the core of our faith in the Incarnation. God is not far off. God's love was manifested in Jesus' coming as a human person and is present here and now in us. John the Baptist also proclaims the coming of Christ into our midst and reminds us that our lives must change if we are to be ready to welcome the Messiah at his coming.

These scriptures are not unlike the bells that seem to surround us at this time of year. They call us to rejoice. They call us to worship. And they call us to change. One bell in particular, the Salvation Army bell, reminds us that not everyone has experienced God's saving presence yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. “What should we do?” John the Baptist calls us to respond to their need. He calls us to change our ways so that Christ's saving presence can truly be manifested “in our midst.”

### “WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

One way to discover what we should do this Advent is to pray the Our Father with extra sincerity and attentiveness. We pray, “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done.” We commit ourselves to a spirit of trust and forgiveness and ask to be kept from temptation. As we get ready for the coming of Christmas it is good to ask ourselves what God's will is for us, whom we are called to forgive, and how we are tempted. What should we do so that God's kingdom might come into our lives more fully this Christmas?

How would John the Baptist reply to us if we asked him, “What should we do?”



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve – December 24, 2012

##### Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

##### 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, 2012

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

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

##### Confessions

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.	MASS	Bilingual
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#### New Year's Day – January 1, 2013

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

### "Year of Faith" Event

Please join us this 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.

Tobit 4:15A, 16A, 18-19A

Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Seek counsel from every wise man at all times bless the Lord God, and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans.

### CHRISTMAS TOYS

Those families that registered for the Christmas toys can pick up the package between December 20th and December 23rd from 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

**No packages will be given out after December 23rd.**



## Your Christmas Gift to the Church

Dear Parishioners;

This past week, you received a special envelope for 'Your Christmas Gift to the Church.' Please use that envelope for your donation this weekend. I urge all of you to use these envelopes, and I ask that you be as generous as you can.

Let us show our appreciation and our support for our parish by our generosity.



The Golden Age Club is coming to St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude Church beginning on January 19, 2013 from 9:30 to 12 Noon at the McKenna Center. Please join us for coffee, cakes and fun! For info call 718-327-3427.

## Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

We have 2 weeks to go!

As of December 10, 2012, our pledges total \$58,772.00 based on 292 commitments. Please consider making a one-time pledge today. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

We have collected \$43,025.00 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 \$1464.00 more before the end of the year to satisfy our diocesan obligation. We almost there!

**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!!*

**Again, thank you for supporting this yearly campaign.**

**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. The 2013 Mass Book is now open.

## EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4296.00  
Segunda Colecta: \$1274.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6190.52

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

**“TU DIOS ESTÁ EN MEDIO DE TI”**

La lectura de hoy de Sofonías y el salmo responsorial resaltan que “tu Dios está en medio de ti”. Tanto la una como el otro proclaman la presencia de Dios en el pueblo de Israel y predicen nuestra fe en la Encarnación. Dios no está lejos. El amor de Dios se manifestó en la venida de Jesús como persona humana y ese amor se hace presente aquí y ahora en nosotros. San Juan Bautista también proclama la venida de Cristo en medio de nosotros y nos recuerda que nuestra vida debe cambiar si queremos estar listos para recibir al Mesías a su venida.

Estas Escrituras, al igual que las campanas que escuchamos por todo lugar durante este tiempo, nos llaman a estar alegres. Nos llaman a rendirle culto a nuestro Dios. Y nos llaman a un cambio. Escuchar el repicar de la campana del *Salvation Army* en estos días, nos hace consciencia de que no todos han experimentado la presencia salvadora de Dios. Hay muchos que sufren mientras otros viven en la abundancia. ¿Qué debo hacer? San Juan Bautista nos llama a responder a las necesidades de los que viven con carencias básicas. Nos llama a cambiar nuestro camino, si fuese necesario, para que la presencia salvadora de Cristo se manifieste verdaderamente en medio de nosotros.

### “¿QUÉ DEBO HACER?”

Una manera de descubrir lo que debemos hacer en este Adviento es rezar el Padrenuestro con más sinceridad y atención. Oramos: “Venga a nosotros tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad”. Nos comprometemos a mantener un espíritu de confianza y perdón, y pedimos no caer en la tentación. Al prepararnos para la llegada de la Navidad es oportuno preguntarnos cuál es la voluntad de Dios para nosotros, a quién estamos llamados a perdonar, y de qué manera somos tentados. ¿Qué debemos hacer para que el reino de Dios venga a nuestra vida de una manera más plena en esta Navidad?

¿Qué nos respondería san Juan Bautista si le preguntáramos, “¿Qué debemos hacer?”



El Señor está cerca

**HORARIO DE NAVIDAD 2012****Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Noche Buena – Diciembre 24, 2012**

4:00 P.M. Villancicos Ingles

5:00 P.M. Misa Familiar Ingles

11:30 P.M. Villancicos Bilingüe

12 Medianoche MISA Bilingüe

**Navidad – Diciembre 25, 2012**

9:00 A.M. Ingles

11:30 A.M. Español

1:15 P.M. Bi-lingual

**Año Viejo – Diciembre 31, 2012****Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M. MISA Bilingüe

**Año Nuevo – Enero 1, 2013**

9:00 A.M. Ingles

11:30 A.M. Español

1:15 P.M. Bi-lingual

**Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica****Solo nos faltan dos semanas más!**

Hasta el 10 de Diciembre del 2012, el total de todos los compromisos es **\$58,772.00** basado en **292** promesas. Por favor traten de hacer una promesa hoy. Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad.

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado la cantidad de **\$43,025.00**. 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 **\$1464.00** más antes que finalice el año para poder satisfacer las obligaciones diocesana. **Ya casi llegamos!**

**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!**

**Una vez mas, muchas gracias por apoyar la Campaña de este año.**

**La Ofrenda Navideña**

**Su Regalo Navideño a la Iglesia**

Queridos Feligreses;

Usted debió haber recibido un sobre especial para 'Su Regalo Navideño a la Iglesia.' Por favor les pido que usen este sobre para su donación de Navidad este fin de semana y por favor sean los mas generosos posible.

Tratemos de mostrar nuestra apreciación y nuestro apoyo a la Iglesia a través de nuestra generosidad.



AÑO DE LA FE 2012-2013

**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**

Tobit 4:15A, 16A, 18-19A

Lo que no quieras que te hagan, no se lo hagas a los demás. Comparte tu pan con el hambriento y tu ropa con el harapiento. Pide consejo a las personas prudentes y no desprecies ningún consejo útil. En toda ocasión alaba a Dios, el Señor, y pídele que te vaya bien en tus acciones y en todo lo que emprendas.

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.



El Club Edad de Oro comenzará en Santa María Estrella del Mar el 19 de Enero del 2013 de 9:30 AM a 12:00

mediodía en el Centro McKenna. Únase a nosotros para compartir postre y diversión! Para info llame al 718-327-3427.

**REGALOS DE NAVIDAD**

Aquellas familias que se anotaron para recibir los regalos de Navidad podrán recogerlos desde el 20 de Diciembre al 23 de Diciembre de 3:00 P.M. a 8:30 P.M.

**No entregaremos regalos después del 23 de Diciembre.**