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Monday - Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Thursday:

9:30 am & 12:30 pm

Friday:

9:30 am, 12:30 pm &

7:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday: 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am &

11:00 am (Spanish), 12:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4 pm - 5 pm

Place: Upper church

All other times

please call the Rectory.

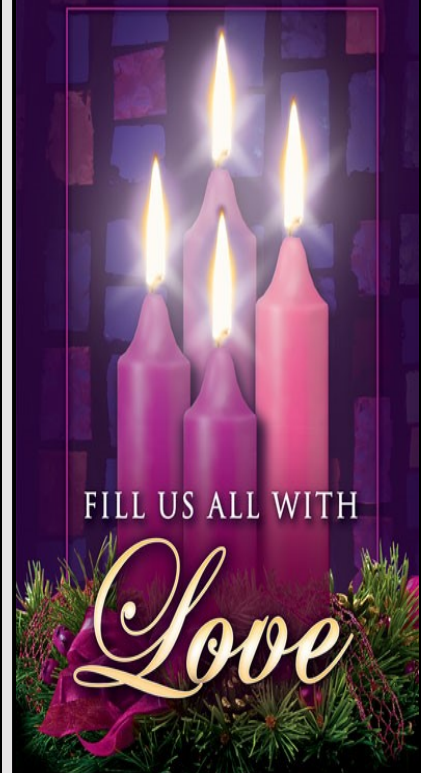
December Devotion

Immaculate Conception



December 24th, 2023

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**



Cuarto Domingo

De Adviento

24 de Diciembre 2023

Devotions

Monday: Miraculous Medal
(After 9:30 am Mass)

Tuesday: St. Anthony
(After 9:30 am Mass)

First Friday: Eucharistic
Adoration (After all Masses)



Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 23rd: 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) + Patrick & Etta Gannon by Mary & Kathleen Gannon	St. John of Kanty 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, December 24th: 9:30am + Delfino Molina by Saula Molina 11:00am + Yudelka García y Narcisa Ramírez by Daniela Ramírez 12:30pm + Veronica & William R. Wannermeyer Sr. by Bill Wannermeyer Jr. 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass (English) 9:00pm Vigilia Misa de Noche Buena (Spanish) Delfino Molina by Saula Molina	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27  Bread & Wine: Patrick & Etta Gannon From Children  Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Monday, December 25th: 9:30am + People of the Parish 12:30pm + People of the Parish	The Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday, December 26th: 9:30am + Joseph and Irene Bigos by Joan Walsh by Bozena Ramos and Family 12:30pm + Mr & Mrs Jeremiah Sheehan by Virginia Sheehan	St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday, December 27th: 9:30am + Elena Pecorino by Anna Lewicki 12:30pm + Walter & Ludwig Szalyga by Elizabeth	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday, December 28th: 9:30am + Mary Kiernan by Karen Richard, and Michael 12:30pm + Josephine Collato by Virginia Demott	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
Friday, December 29th: 9:30am H. B. Marcin Trestka by Family 12:30pm + Lottie Wojciechowicz by Elizabeth 7:30pm (Spanish) Lilia López Marizan (Anniversary) by López Marizan Family	St. Thomas Becket 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Saturday, December 30th: 9:30am + Stanley Joblonski by Wife and Children 12:30pm + Dolly Youngfleisch by John Regula	 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:22-40
Sunday, December 31st: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30am + Richard Urban (matters known to God) by Richard Urban 11:00am + Segundo Arellano by Family by Daniela Ramírez 12:30pm + Purgatorial Society	 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:22-40 Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of: Ann, Francis, Brian Dunne



Please pray for our sick: / Por favor oren por nuestros enfermos:
Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.
Sáname, oh SEÑOR, y seré sanado; Sálvame y seré salvado, Porque Tú eres mi alabanza.
Jeremiah 17:14 / Jeremías 17:14



AM, Ramona Acevedo, Milagros Álvarez, Daliah Rose Alvarado, Michael Anobile, Judith Ballaster, María del Carmen Baltazar, Baby Jozef Ban, Mary Barreta, Stephanie Batista, Elsie Baumgardt, Steve Belus, Genowefa Biernaca, Laura Borruso, Valerie Bruno, Donald Buddenhagen, Danette Colon, Brian Francis Campion, Luis Castro, Matthew Colasanti, Elvia Cuestas, Patricia Cusack, Joseph Anthony D'Avino, Joan Dobkin, Melodie Donovan, Oluyemi Falade, Henry Feith, Marie Feith, Gemma Ferrara, José Figueroa, Nancy Froelick, Julissa Garcia, Caitlyn Geer, Kataryna Gierczynska, Elizabeth "Betty" Gifford, Debbie Golenko, Adoración Junatas Gómez, Gladys Gutiérrez, Gilda Infante, Juliana Jiménez, Robert Keenan, Michael Kopec, Mary Labiak, Carolyn Lattanzio, Josep Lauron, Anna Lewicki, Zibbi Lewko, Ida M. Lopez, Oliver Jayme Lopez, Richard Lopez, Irena Maj Rodriguez, Elizabeth Malenik, Ryan Marshall, Frederick Martin, Fran Martinet Parson, Andrea Martinez, Sheila McCarthy, John Montanez, Minellis Moya, Luis Alfredo Muñoz, Carmen Muñoz, Ljivica Negovan, Gary Normandia, Phyllis Nusspickel, Laila Skye O, Zofia Orłowska, Talia Ortega, María Petrona Paiz Turcios, Claudius Peña, Edward Pertell, Amy Pisarki, José Ramos, Carmelo Reyes, A. L. Rodriguez, Laurie Rueckheim, Marylou Ryan, Allen Ryczek, Mary Sanz, Frank Sarlie, Julia Silva, Kristian Schoman, John Slattery, Karol Q. Soto, Antonio Stabile, MaryAnne Stampf, Eugene Stonebreaker, Patricia Taranovich, Stanley Toniuk, H. J. Torres, Lori Tuzzio, John Tyburezy, Molly Tyburezy, Zenon Urban, Rose Vitale, Brian Wang, Janice L. Whelan, Barbara Wielunski, Bill Wisniewski, Raymond Z., Natalie Zawlocki



Message from Fr. Sebastian

Genealogy is an interesting area to study our ancestry. During Christmas time, we hear about Jesus' genealogy traced to Patriarch Abraham. Many biblical attributes of the child whose birth we celebrate today come from the Old Testament. Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King, Emmanuel were the attributes we covered during the last week in welcoming the Babe of Bethlehem. St. Paul preaches in the Acts of the Apostles, how Jesus is the Son of David and how John the Baptist prepared the way for his coming into the world. Beyond genealogies and tradition, the beauty and wonder of the moment of Christmas is the unique and singular gift of God to humanity through his own son. It is the story of such a great divine romance where heaven and earth meet together. It reminds each and every one of us, "You are the chosen one." **Fr. Sebastian T. Augustine, CMI, Pastor**

Un Mensaje del Padre Sebastián

La genealogía es un área interesante para estudiar nuestra ascendencia. Durante la época navideña, escuchamos sobre la genealogía de Jesús que se remonta al patriarca Abraham. Muchos atributos bíblicos del niño cuyo nacimiento celebramos hoy provienen del Antiguo Testamento. Sabiduría, Señor, Raíz de Jesé, Llave de David, Aurora, Rey, Emmanuel fueron los atributos que cubrimos durante la última semana al darle la bienvenida al Niño de Belén. San Pablo predica en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, cómo Jesús es el Hijo de David y cómo Juan Bautista preparó el camino para su venida al mundo. Más allá de genealogías y tradiciones, la belleza y maravilla del momento de Navidad es el regalo único y singular de Dios a la humanidad a través de su propio hijo. Es la historia de un gran romance divino donde el cielo y la tierra se encuentran. Nos recuerda a todos y cada uno de nosotros: "Tú eres el elegido". **Rev. Sebastian T. Augustine CMI, Pastor**

Welcome

Parish Membership

We invite everyone to fully participate in our spiritual life.
Come register! Forms are available on our parish website.
Registration is required for the reception of the sacraments.

Bienvenido

Tithes & Offering Weekly Offering

Weekend December 16th & December 17th 2023
(Fri, Sat & Sun Mass) Attendance 471 Collection \$7,145
First Collection \$4,393 Retired Priests \$80
Fri Spanish Mass \$81 Christmas Flowers \$1,179
Votive Shrine \$810 Christmas Remembrance \$100
2024 Calendars \$43 Our Lady of Guadalupe \$457
Oplatki \$2

Last Year (2022)

Attendance 406 Collection \$3,334
1st Collection \$2,816 Fri Spanish Mass \$61
Votive Shrine \$275 Thanksgiving \$56
Fuel & Heat \$126

Thank you for your offerings
Gracias por sus ofrendas



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 United in Communion
United in Charity
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

As of December 18th, 2023

Parish Goal: \$37,838 Pledged Amount \$32,705.00
Paid: \$32,605.00 Open Pledge Balance \$100.00
Total Pledges: 73 Paid Pledges 72
Open Pledges: 1 Balance: \$5,233.00



Thank you for your contribution!
¡Gracias por sus contribuciones!



Happy Birthday Jesus Christ
and a
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF US

Fr. Sinto Joy, CMI

On the Anniversary
of Your Priesthood



December 28th



Sunday, December 24th

9:30am English Mass / 11:00 Spanish Mass
12:30pm English Mass
5:00pm Christmas Carols
5:30pm Vigil Mass (English)
9:00pm Vigil Mass (Spanish)

Monday, December 25th

9:30am English Mass
12:30pm English Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love



Every candle now shines on our Advent wreath. The day of Christmas have arrived. As we say "Merry Christmas," let us truly offer good will toward others.



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento - Amor

Cada vela brilla ahora en nuestra corona de Adviento El día de Navidad ha llegado. Mientras decimos "Feliz Navidad", ofrezcamos verdaderamente buena voluntad hacia los demás.



Parish Elevator Project

inspire giving

For many years the church has been fundraising in order to fulfill the Project of making the church fully handicapped accessible. It will allow our members and guests from the wider community who cannot navigate stairs to be able to attend all events at the church. If you would like to help financially with this project, you may make a donation in person, by mail or by using our GiveCentral website to secure your payment via card or bank account. All donations are 100% tax deductible. You choose to participate in our Mission. You choose to embrace our Vision. For this, we are **truly blessed** and so **very thankful!** Bequeathing a portion in your will for the church will help the restoration

To donate via GiveCentral, please visit: Givecentral.org/location/761/event/31380

Proyecto de Ascensor Parroquial

Durante muchos años, la Iglesia ha estado recaudando fondos para cumplir con el proyecto de hacer que iglesia sea totalmente accesible para discapacitados. Permitirá que nuestros miembros e invitados de la comunidad en general que no pueden subir escaleras puedan asistir a todos los eventos en la iglesia. Si desea ayudar financieramente con este Proyecto, puede hacer una donación en persona, por correo o utilizando nuestro sitio web GiveCentral para asegurar su pago mediante tarjeta o cuenta bancaria. Todas las donaciones son 100% deducibles de impuestos. Eliges participar en nuestra Misión. Elige abrazar nuestra Visión. ¡Por esto, estamos realmente bendecidos y muy agradecidos! Legar una parte de su testamento para la iglesia ayudará a la restauración.

Para donar a través de GiveCentral, visite: Givecentral.org/location/76/event/31380

50/50 Club

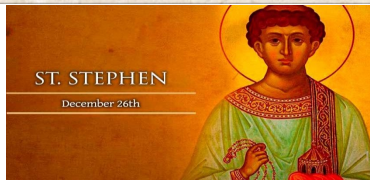
50/50 envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please feel free to take additional envelopes for neighbors and friends. **Minimum donation is \$2.00** / \$2.00 = 1 chance to win / \$5.00 = 3 chances to win \$10.00 = 6 chances to win
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME, PHONE # AND DOLLAR AMOUNT ARE ON EACH 50/50 ENVELOPE
(We will make sure your contribution is converted into the proper amount of chances to which you are entitled.)



ROMAN CATHOLIC SAINTS



THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD
December 25th



ST. STEPHEN
December 26th



ST. THOMAS
BECKET
December 29th



FEAST OF THE
HOLY INNOCENTS
December 28th



ST. JOHN
THE APOSTLE
December 27th



FEAST OF THE
HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS
MARY & JOSEPH

PRAY
for US

Fernando Rodriguez

Ann Marie Stampf

Rest in Peace



Religious Education



There will not be any Religion Classes on
Wednesday December 27th and Thursday December 28th
Classes will resume on
Wednesday January 3rd and Thursday January 4th



The Journey



HAVE A VERY
Merry Christmas

Our offices will be closed
Monday, December 25th



Baptism



Baptisms are celebrated in English on the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and Spanish baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements must be made at the Parish Office in advance. The birth certificate must be presented. Instructions are required for parents and godparents before Baptism.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Are you, a family member or friend interested in becoming a Catholic or you are Catholic and have not yet received Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process available to those who feel called to become Catholic and for those Catholics who have not yet received First Communion and /or Confirmation. If interested or for further information, please contact: RCIA Coordinator: Diane Pistey Tel: 718-383-7809



Ministry to the Sick

Priests are available anytime. Ministers of the Eucharist can be invited to bring Communion to the home of the sick.



Marriages



Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Pre-Cana workshop is part of preparation. The website address is: bqonlineformation.org



PRAY FOR UKRAINE

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Alvaro Morales

Are you interested in serving the parish as

SERVERS



LECTORS



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please speak with Fr. Sebastian

Faith Formation



Grades 1 - 6 Wednesday 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Grades 7 - HS Thursday 5:30pm - 7:00pm

RCIA

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos



¿Está usted un familiar o amigo interesado en convertirse en Católico o es Católico y aún no ha recibido la Sagrada Comunión y / o Confirmación? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) es un proceso maravilloso disponible para aquellos que se sienten llamados a convertirse en Católicos y para aquellos católicos que aún no han recibido la Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación. Si está interesado o para obtener más información, comuníquese con: Ernesto Cordero Coordinador de RICA Tel: (347) 777-6483



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BASKETBALL

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Coach Rocco Rubino 718-431-3404

Choir Practice



Meets each Monday at 7:00pm in the Church



December 27th
Madeline Sánchez



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

One Week remaining to complete our parish goal. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to our parish goal.

Please make your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023



Most High... and will be called Son of the Most High... name him Jesus. He will be great and bear a son, and you shall behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

... Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Then the angel departed from her.

What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?
What did she reply to him?
Look in the mirror to find out!

True or False?

Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?
See if you know which are true and which are false:

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?



Christmas is almost here!



Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH THE SINK FOR MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, today all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming

closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

HERE, I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP THE TOYS.



HI DAD! I VACUUMED UNDER YOUR DESK!

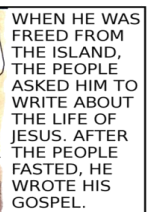
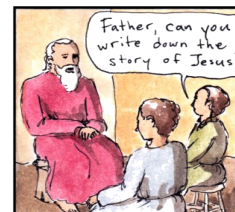
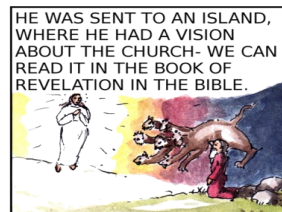
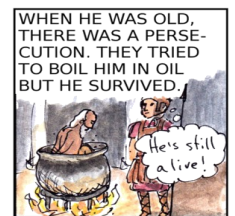
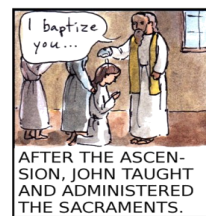
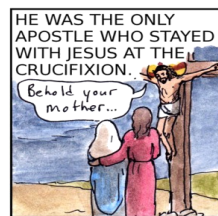


Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other people's lives! Think of some things you can do to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours this Christmas!

Answers to True or False: 1. false; 2. false; 3. true; 4. true; 5. false; 6. true; 7. true; (the baby was John the Baptist)

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Saint John the Evangelist December 27



IN HIS GOSPEL SAINT JOHN CALLS HIMSELF "THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED." HIS HEART WAS PURE AND DEDICATED TO JESUS, SO HE WAS OPEN TO RECEIVING JESUS' LOVE. WHEN HE GREW TOO OLD TO GO OUT AND PREACH, SAINT JOHN JUST TOLD THE PEOPLE, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

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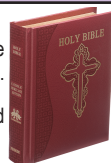
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