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Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm

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Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

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Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: First Saturday of the Month

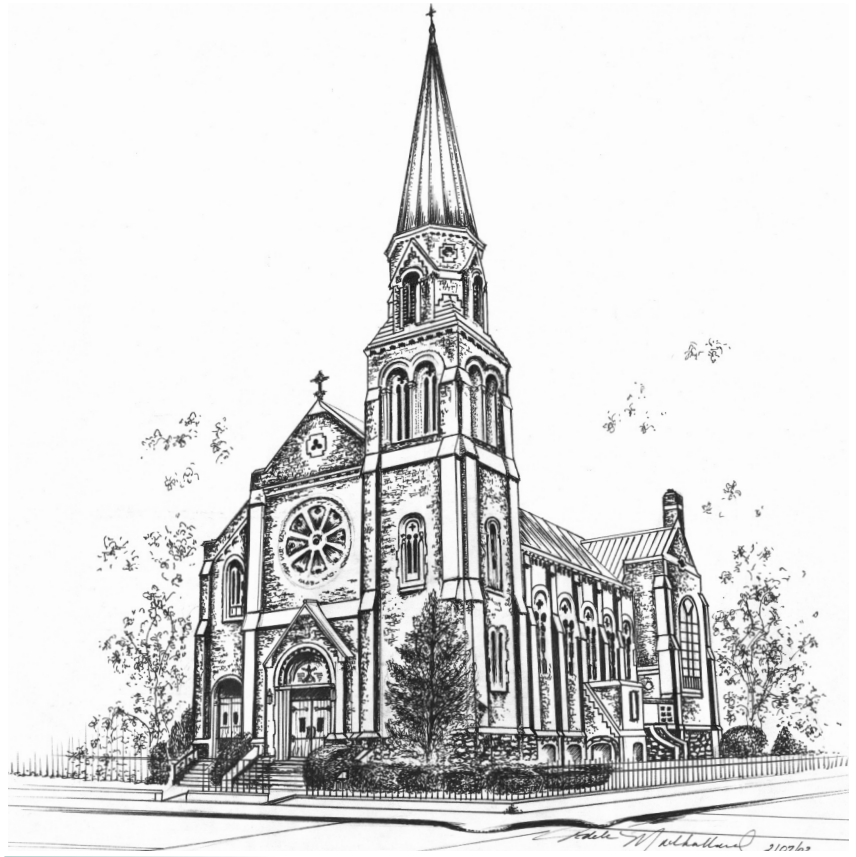
In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre January 21, 2024

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●

Fr. Victor Karls, CSSR / DearPadre.org



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 21st

- 8:30am For the People of the Parish
10:00am For the Youth of the Parish
11:30am Accion de Gracia para la Virgem de Alta Gracia-Hilda
1:00 pm +Włodzimierz Kędzierski

Monday, January 22nd

- 8:30am For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 8:30am +Raymond Iacobacci

Wednesday, January 24th

- 8:30am For All those in Agony
7:00pm For All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 25th

- 8:30am +Juan Negreros - Angeles & Ana

Friday, January 26th

- 8:30am St. Anthony
7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, January 27th

- 8:30am +Pedro Rios - Familia
5:00pm +John Nelson

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 14: \$3,715

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards
God & your parish!*

21 de enero de 2024

3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Haciendo memoria, a lo largo de la vida, nos daremos cuenta que todos necesitamos arrepentirnos de algo. Sea grande o sea pequeño. También, muchas veces tuvimos que pedir perdón. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos dice que los ninivitas se convirtieron de su mala vida: “Los ninivitas creyeron en la advertencia de Dios y ordenaron un ayuno, y se vistieron de saco desde el mayor al menor” (Jonás 3,5). Todo el movimiento de la ciudad y sus habitantes se desencadena con la Palabra de Dios, que invita al arrepentimiento antes de ser destruida. Cuando el mal es mucho, se necesitan profetas y misioneros que evangelicen. La misión es inmensa.

La conversión consiste en abandonar el mal, las malas costumbres, las obras que llevan al pecado y dañan a los demás. ¿Crees tú que necesitamos algo así en nuestra sociedad actual? ¿Qué actitudes se necesitan para llegar a una verdadera conversión personal, familiar y comunitaria? Definitivamente, una de ellas es la decisión al cambio, seguida por la esperanza de que este sucederá. Jesús tiene esa esperanza e inicia el proceso de conversión de arrepentimiento llamando a sus primeros colaboradores e invitándolos a la conversión, es decir a que cambien su modo de vivir y de proceder: “El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva” (Marcos 1,15). Renunciar al mal camino y creer que lo lograremos, ¡es el reto de este Evangelio! Oremos para que llegue la conversión a nuestro corazón.



Recaudación de fondos de Navidad

Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que participaron en nuestra segunda recaudación de fondos anual de Ángeles de Navidad y adornos para árboles de Navidad.

Ofrenda del día de Navidad: \$2,836

Ángeles de Navidad: \$4,080

Adornos para árboles de Navidad: \$2,296

Ofrenda de la Solemnidad de María: \$

Campaña Católica Anual 2023

Queremos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud a todas las familias que han contribuido generosamente a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Su compromiso de apoyar a nuestra comunidad y la misión más amplia de la Iglesia en Brooklyn y Queens es reconfortante.

Meta: \$23,409

Compromiso: \$30,925

Pagado: \$23,621

Registración a la Parroquia

Nuestra parroquia tiene el estatus de Parroquia Personal, lo que significa que solo la persona que declara su voluntad de pertenecer a la parroquia es considerado un feligrés.

Todos los domingos, la participación en misas, o el hecho de vivir en la parroquia no es sinónimo de pertenecer a ella.

Además, el hecho de que alguien en nuestra parroquia haya participado en las enseñanzas prematrimoniales, se casó o bautizó a un niño no significa pertenecer automáticamente a la parroquia, porque en nuestra comunidad hay bodas y bautizos de personas de fuera de la parroquia.

Cada feligrés puede recibir varios certificados por medio de pertenecer a una comunidad determinada y organizar todos los trámites relacionados con los sacramentos, por ejemplo:

- El bautismo o el Sacramento del matrimonio.
- Recibir certificados para ser padrino/a de confirmación o testigo/a de boda.
- También pueden recibir permiso para ser bautizados o bautizar a su propio hijo/a en otra parroquia (por ejemplo, en sus respectivos Países)
- Permiso para casarse en otra parroquia.

Para poder recibir los formularios de registro parroquial favor de visitar la rectoría.

21 STYCZNIA 2024

III NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Niejednokrotnie lepiej jest nie „zastanawiać się”, lecz pozwolić zapaść słowu w serce. Powtarzam sobie w duchu: „To słowo opisuje prawdziwą rzeczywistość. Gdy jest po mojej myśli, jak się wtedy czuję, jak postrzegam świat i siebie?”. Gdy pozwalam zapaść słowu w serce, owocuje ono we mnie, przynosząc pokój i wolność, otwartość i miłość.

Dobrze jest czytać Biblię w samotności.

Zrozumieć tekst zawsze oznacza również lepiej zrozumieć samego siebie.

Zrozumieć oznacza zawsze: zyskać nową perspektywę, być bardziej świadomym siebie i znaleźć odwagę, by zaaprobować samego siebie.

Przy czytaniu Biblii nie chodzi o to, by poznać wszystkie fakty historyczne albo wniknąć w koncepcję teologiczną każdego pojedynczego autora. O wiele istotniejsze jest czytanie i zadawanie pytań temu tekstowi w kontekście własnego życia: jaki jest sens tych słów dla mnie? Co we mnie poruszają?

Czego we mnie dotyczą? Co w moim postrzeganiu siebie stawiają pod znakiem zapytania? Gdzie ukazują mi nowy horyzont? Prowadząc dialog z tekstem, zaczynam rozumieć, kim jestem i jak mam pojmować własne życie. Bardzo często odkrywam także miejsca, które powinienem zmienić, bo się wewnątrz pogubiłem.

Obrazy są oknem, przez które możemy oglądać tajemnicę naszego życia i misterium Boga.

Wystarczy, jeśli będziemy czytać Biblię, przyjmując trzy postawy.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Chcielibyśmy wyrazić naszą szczerą wdzięczność każdej rodzinie, która hojnie przyczyniła się do tegorocznego Apełu Katolickiego. Serdeczne Bóg Zapłać

Cel: \$23,409

Zadeklarowane: \$30,925

Zapłacone: \$23,621

„Nieznamość Pisma Świętego jest nieznamością Chrystusa”

Ojciec Święty ustanowił Niedzielę Słowa Bożego. Ma ona przypadać w III. niedzielę zwykłą, w tym roku 21 stycznia, o czym czytamy w ogłoszonym, 30 września 2019, w Liście Apostolskim w formie Motu Proprio „Aperuit illis”:

Dokument został podpisany w 1600 rocznicę śmierci św. Hieronima - wielkiego miłośnika i tłumacza Pisma Świętego, a jednocześnie w dzień wspomnienia liturgicznego tego Doktora Kościoła.

„Ustanawiam zatem III Niedzielę Zwykłą w ciągu roku jako poświęconą celebracji, refleksji oraz krzewieniu Słowa Bożego.

Papież Franciszek zachęca by przeżywać tę niedzielę jako dzień uroczysty i przywołuje takie święto Słowa Bożego opisane w ósmym rozdziale Księgi Nehemiasza. Osobiście porównuję tę Niedzielę Słowa Bożego do święta Bożego Ciała – codziennie uobecniamy Chrystusa w chlebie Eucharystycznym na naszych ołtarzach, ale raz w roku, w święto Bożego Ciała uroczysto świętujemy obecność Boga w Eucharystii. Podobnie ma się rzecz ze Słowem Bożym.

Sobór Watykański II w konstytucji o Bożym objawieniu przypomina nam, że „Kościół miał zawsze we czci Pisma Boże, podobnie jak samo Ciało Pańskie, skoro zwłaszcza w Liturgii św. nie przestaje brać i podawać wiernym chleb żywota tak ze stołu słowa Bożego, jak i Ciała Chrystusowego”.

Dlatego też papież Franciszek poleca także praktyki „Lectio divina”, jako modlitewnego wsłuchania się w Słowo Boże. Warto podkreślić tutaj pewien niuans, który nie powinien nam umknąć. Papież nie ustanowił *Niedzieli Biblijnej*, lecz „Niedzielę Słowa Bożego”. Niby jest to samo, ale nie całkiem.

W adhortacji „Verbum Domini”, w jej numerze siódmym, papież Benedykt XVI przypomina nam, że „wiera chrześcijańska nie jest « religią Księgi »: chrześcijaństwo jest « religią „słowa” Bożego», nie «słowa spisane i milczącego, ale Słowa Wcielonego i żywego»” (VD 7).

**(Godziny Urzędowe po Polsku)
Poniedziałek (Monday) & Środa (Wednesday):
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir



Christmas Fundraiser's

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd Annual Christmas Angels & The Christmas Tree Ornaments Fundraisers.

Christmas Day Offering: \$2,836
Christmas Angels: \$4,080
Christmas Tree Ornaments: \$2,296
Solemnity of Mary Offering:

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

Goal: \$23,409
Pledged: \$30,925
Paid: \$23,621

Parish Registration

Our parish has the status of a Personal Parish, which means that only the person who declares their will to belong to the parish is considered a parishioner.

Every Sunday, participation in masses, or the fact of living in the parish is not synonymous with belonging to it.

In addition, the fact that someone in our parish has participated in the premarital teachings, married or baptized a child does not mean automatically belonging to the parish, because in our community there are weddings and baptisms of people outside the parish.

Each parishioner can receive several certificates by belonging to a particular community and organizing all the procedures related to the sacraments, for example:

- Baptism or the Sacrament of Marriage
- Receive certificates to be a confirmation sponsor or wedding witness.
- They may also receive permission to be baptized or baptize their own child in another parish (for example, in their respective Countries)
- Permission to marry in another parish.

In order to receive the parish registration forms, please visit the rectory.

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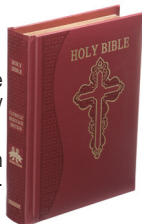
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