



# Saint Catherine of Genoa R. C. Church

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ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA~ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Catherine of Genoa parish, “Home of Faith Away From Home”, is to carry out evangelization, to help each and everyone to know and live God’s love in faith and hope, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

## OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sundays & Holidays by appointment only.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Rev. Raphael Munday Kukana

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Peter Mawusi

Secretary - Mrs. Bernadette Johannes

Director of Religious Education - Ms. Agnes Mills

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## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

**Weekends:** Saturday: 5:00 PM (*English*)

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (*English*)

1:00 PM (*French & Kreyol*),

5:00 PM (*Twi*)

**Weekdays:** Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM

**Holy Days:** 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM (*English-French*)

**Catholic Cemeteries:** for information and availability  
please call (718) 894-4888.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Catholics should be officially registered in a Parish. Call the Rectory to register and use the offering envelopes as a sign of your commitment.

## PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://stcatherinegenoabrooklyn.com>

See what’s new and get the information you may need.

## 2nd Sunday of Advent



**SACRAMENTS:** are celebrations of the faith community. It is important that our members be registered and participate fully and regularly in the sacramental life of the parish.

**R.C.I.A.** is the Adult Preparation for Sacraments. For more information please call the Rectory (718) 282-7162.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
(**CONFESSION**) Saturday at 4:00 PM or by Appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the rectory for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

**BAPTISM:** is celebrated every 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:30 PM. Baptism Class is offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month for parents and godparents in the rectory basement at 12 Noon. Please call the rectory to register for baptism.

**December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent- Year B**

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM Rev. Cesaire Mounda (d)  
5:00 PM B.B. Marthe Aurelien



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Bertrand Antoine (d) — the Antoine family  
11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 PM B.B. Marthe Aurelien  
1:00 PM Healing and peace Marie Yolaine Adam  
1:00 PM Magarette Desir  
5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Mr. Michael K. Korkordi (d)  
9:00 AM B.B. Alex-Hendrah Aimé — Fresner Aimé

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM Mr./Mrs. Leon Adam (d) — Marie Yolaine Adam

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM Deceased members of the Noone, Benson, Mc Callion & Mc Laughlin families — Msgr. Kevin B. Noone

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM In thanksgiving the Desrosiers family

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Adrien Louis-Sauver Come (d) — Sr. Irma Symby  
5:00 PM Dave Williams (d) — Yvonne & Edna Williams

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Bertrand Antoine (d) — the Antoine family  
11:00 AM  
1:00 PM B.B. Marthe Aurelien  
1:00 PM Healing and peace Marie Yolaine Adam  
5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

# Sponsorship of Poinsettias

The Desrosiers family; The Jean-Louis family;  
Clescina Ackie; Veronica Antoine; Norma Bishop;  
Yvette Dabel; Joycelyn David; Veronica Davis;  
Merle Gibbs; Hazel Hercules; Rosemene Jacques;  
Laurel Jordan; Rose M. Jacques; Doris St. Rose.

Alistine Aikins; Maria Alexander; Marie Veronique Cadet;  
Trevor & Linet Charles; Mary Cornwall;  
Lawrencia Gyapong-Owusu; Iris Herry; Pearl C Jones;  
Octavia A. Leonce-Bertin; Albert Neufville;  
Yverose Theodore; Elvis & Gail Ann Venzen; Philip Wells;  
Kelly & Imelda Williams.



Mass	#	December 2nd & 3rd		Amount \$
Saturday	31	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	981
Sunday	57	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	965
	57	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	384
	48	1:00 PM	KREYOL	302
	33	5:00 PM	TWI	442
			Mail-In	715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>			<b>\$3,789</b>

Please remember that our parish needs your weekly support. **Our weekly expenses goal is \$5,432.00.** You may mail-in, give online or drop-off your contributions at the rectory. Thank you for your generous support.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*burns this week in memory of*

◆ Bertrand Antoine ◆ Charles Leazard



## DECEMBER MONTH SPONSORSHIP OF BREAD & WINE

Christian Mothers and a faithful.



Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday *St. John Damascene, Priest, Dr. of the Church:*  
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday *Our Lady of Guadalupe:* Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday *St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr:*  
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday *St. John of the Cross, Priest, Dr. of the Church:*  
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24;  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

# MEMORIAL TREE OF LIFE



Memorialize your loved one (s) in our Tree of Life

Inscription reads: “ *In loving memory of* (name of loved one)

*donated by* (person/family/organization/society).

## Donations for the various items:

Leaf (\$500). Acorns (\$750), Stones (\$850) or mini-tree (\$1000).

**Payments can be made in installments.**

Please call or stop by the office to make your reservation. You may also fill out a form and place it in the collection basket with your payment at the weekend Mass you attend.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

- 10:00 AM Grenadian Society - Dec 24
- 3:00 PM French Legion of Mary - Weekly
- 3:00 PM Christian Mothers - Dec 10
- 6:30 PM Ghanaian Gentlemen’s Club - (Rect. Bsm’t, Dec 17

### Thursday

- 10:30 AM **PANTRY** - Dec 14 & 28
- 8:00 PM HOLY HOUR – Church**

Pope Francis has designated this year to Parish Eucharistic Revival. Come recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist, adore Jesus’ real presence.

### Friday

- 7:00 PM French Choir – Church

### Saturday

- 10:00 AM Girl Scouts – Weekly Meeting
- 5:00 PM St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Dec 30

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Our Parish Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, December 16 from 9pm to 2am. Tickets are \$75** and are on sale **after all weekend Masses**. Raffle will be drawn on the night of the dance! Get your tickets after all weekend Masses.
2. Everyone is invited to attend the “**Carols from around the world**” event in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass next Sunday, December 17.

## UPCOMING SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULES

12/17/23	12:00 PM	Christmas from Around the World Concert
12/18/23	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<i>Advent Reconciliation Monday</i>
12/24/23	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve (Trilingual)
12/25/23	11:00 AM	Christmas Day (English)
12/25/23	1:00 PM	Christmas Day (French/Kreyol)
12/31/23	10:00 PM	New Year’s Eve (Trilingual) <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
1/1/2024	11:00 AM	New Year’s Day (English)

Please note outside of these dates our weekly Mass schedules remain unchanged.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—FOOD PANTRY

Please do not forget the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** of our parish. You may bring non-perishable food items *whenever you come to church*. Thank you to all who donate to those in need during this time of the year.

## SICK LIST

Our list is being updated. Please call the rectory to have the names of your loved ones added to the new list.



### PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners are encouraged to register. We are only able to give recommendations to those who are registered for at least **6 MONTHS**. Please register (or update your information if you have recently moved or gotten married) with the form below. Place the form in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment# \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration  Moving Out of the Parish

Change of Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



Girl Scouts meet at  
St. Catherine of Genoa  
on **Saturdays at 10am in**  
**the newly renovated**  
**Parish Hall.**

## **MEETINGS ON SATURDAYS**

Please contact Mrs. Alistine Aikins at  
(718) 346-1923.

**Ages :Girls Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

### BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*(Composed by  
The Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan)*

Almighty God, we turn to you at this hour with all our hearts. Hear our prayer as we ask for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life to serve your Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

May we always have the ministers we need to stand at Your Altars, administer Your Sacraments, and lead Your people on the path to Heaven.

We pray that we will always be attentive to Your Call and that if today we hear Your Voice, we may not harden our hearts; rather, that we have the courage to respond with generosity. *Amen*

**VOCATION OFFICE  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN  
TEL: 718.827.2454 \*\* FAX: 718.827.2167  
Rev. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director**



### **NATIONAL KIDNEY REGISTRY**

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### From the Pastor's Desk



*My dear parishioners,*

On this second Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of John the Baptist, inviting us to prepare the way of the

Lord.

The great mystery of the incarnation that we will celebrate at Christmas and for which we are preparing ourselves was willed by our heavenly Father. God has formed a plan of salvation from of old to enter human history and to redeem us. He sent prophets to prepare a people fit for the Lord. All the messages and promises of God through his prophets were pointing to the coming of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the fulfillment of God's promise of redemption.

The last prophet of the Old Testament was John the Baptist whose voice echoes in today's Gospel. At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah prophesied about him and said: *"And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the day-break from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace"* (Luke 1:76-79). It was a statement of the clear mission that was entrusted to John the Baptist by God himself, to be a prophet, to go before the Lord and to prepare his people. What is it that John the Baptist is telling us? *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths"* (Mark 1:3). The way and the path that need to be prepared and leveled are our hearts.

During this season of Advent, we look into our hearts so that we may change some of our habits that are contrary to our Christian calling. The best way to do that is through penance. John the Baptist offered a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Now, we have the sacrament of confession. Let us approach this sacrament with all humility so that the Lord may find in us a heart suitable for him to dwell in. *God bless you always.*

*Fr. Raphael Munday*  
Pastor



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**Parish Goal: \$46,139.00**

**Pledged: 39,212.50    Paid: \$28,207.50**

# Thank You!

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.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, we encourage you to consider joining us in this shared commitment. For those who have already fulfilled their pledges, thank you for your prompt and generous response.

## I'm not receiving my envelopes!!!

Please check the back of the Church if you have not received your contribution envelopes.

### Please Pray For:

- Kofi; George Aimé; Kwame Adu-Sarpong;
- Thomas Asante; Alice Baffoe; Elzire Barosy;
- Catherine Boroughs; Medel Chavanne;
- Rose Crouch; Lydia Desarmes;
- Marie Carmelle Desire; Elizabeth Donkor;
- Margaret Agyeman Dumfeh; Leila Felix;
- Stephanie Frank; Lorna Fyffe; Ann Marie Gay;
- Margaret Goddard; Miguel Gray; Miguel Gray;
- Delroy Green; Patricia Griffith; Daylan Henry;
- Roselaure Jean; Okang Kaskazi; Alice Laguerre;
- Lincoln Laguerre; Reginald Laroche;
- Jocelin Mangurat; Catherine McQueen;
- Mercy Marboah Mensah; Ermance Marcenat;
- Viviane Paccaud; Colin Palmer; April Pearce;
- Bernard Pearce; Jennifer Perce; Travis Pearce;
- Elwyn Quirk; Marlon Roberts;
- Roswell St. Talbord; Kerby Theodore;
- Joyce Thomas; Taj Thomas; Consuelo Tomlinson  
and Amy Wiles.

**SACREMENTS :** Les sacrements sont des célébrations de la communauté de foi. Il est important que nos membres soient inscrits pour participer pleinement et régulièrement à la vie sacramentelle de la paroisse.

**R.C.I.A.** est la préparation des adultes aux sacrements. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez appeler le Presbytère.

**SACREMENT DE RECONCILIATION :**

Samedi à 16h00 ou sur Rendez-vous.

**SACREMENT DE MARIAGE :**

Les dispositions relatives au mariage doivent être prises au moins six mois avant la date du mariage. Veuillez contacter le presbytère pour des informations complètes sur la préparation au mariage dans le diocèse.

**PARRAINAGE DU MOIS DE DECEMBRE**

Vous êtes invités à parrainer du pain et du vin pour la messe, des nappes d'autel et le fleurs pour décorer les autels.

**Merci à tous.**



Commémorez vos proches et participez aux activités financières de la paroisse. Chaque don de **feuilles \$500**. Le paiement peut être effectué en plusieurs tranches.

Inscrit « *À la tendre mémoire de* (nom d'un être cher) *donné par* (personne/famille/organisation/société).

Le cout pour les articles de spécialité **Glands (\$750), Pierres (\$850) ou mini-arbre (\$1000)**.

Aidez-nous à faire pousser notre arbre. Il y reste beaucoup d'opportunités pour participer à cette activité spéciale !



**Le 2 & 3 Décembre**

**\$ 3,789.00**

**La Quête**

N'oubliez pas que notre paroisse a besoin de votre soutien hebdomadaire. Notre objectif hebdomadaire est de **\$5,432.00**. Vous pouvez envoyer par la poste, donner en ligne ou déposer au presbytère. Merci pour votre générosité.

## 2e Dimanche de l'Avent – Année B

Chers frères et sœurs,

En ce deuxième Dimanche de l'Avent, nous attendons la voix de Jean-Baptiste, nous invitant à préparer le chemin du Seigneur. Le grand mystère de l'incarnation que nous allons célébrer à Noël et pour lequel nous nous préparons a été voulu par notre Père céleste.

Dieu a formulé son plan de salut depuis longtemps pour entrer dans l'histoire de l'humanité et nous sauver. Dieu a envoyé les prophètes pour préparer un peuple digne du Seigneur. Tous les messages et promesses de Dieu à travers les prophètes annonçaient la venue du Messie, notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, qui est l'accomplissement des promesses du salut de Dieu. Le dernier prophète de l'Ancien Testament était Jean-Baptiste dont la voix se fait entendre dans l'évangile de ce Dimanche.

A la naissance de Jean-Baptiste, son père Zacharie a prophétisé à son sujet et a dit : *«Toi aussi, petit enfant, tu seras appelé prophète du Très-Haut ; tu marcheras devant, à la face du Seigneur, et tu prépareras ses chemins pour donner à son peuple de connaître le salut par la rémission de ses péchés, grâce à la tendresse, à l'amour de notre Dieu, quand nous visite l'astre d'en haut, pour illuminer ceux qui habitent les ténèbres et l'ombre de la mort, pour conduire nos pas au chemin de la paix»* (Luc 1 :76-79). C'était une déclaration qui déterminait clairement la mission que Dieu avait confiée à Jean-Baptiste, celle d'être prophète, qui marche devant le Seigneur et qui prépare son peuple.

Qu'est-ce que Jean-Baptiste nous dit ? *«Préparez le chemin du Seigneur, rendez droits ses sentiers»* (Marc 1 :3). Le chemin et le sentier que nous devons préparer et rendre droit, c'est nos cœurs. Pendant ce Temps de l'Avent, nous examinons nos cœurs pour changer certaines habitudes qui sont contraires à notre vocation chrétienne. La meilleure façon de le faire, c'est par la pénitence.

Jean-Baptiste a offert un baptême de repentance pour le pardon des péchés. Maintenant, nous avons le sacrement de confession. Approchons alors ce sacrement avec beaucoup d'humilité pour que le Seigneur trouve en nous des cœurs bien préparés pour qu'il y habite. *Que Dieu vous bénisse.*

*Père Raphaël Munday*  
Curé