



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.



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 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent- Year B



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Laurel McIntosh (d) — Joycelyn David
 11:00 AM B.B. Letty Ann George
 11:00 AM B.B. Sheryl Grandsoult — Doris St. Rose
 1:00 PM B.B. Alex-Handra & Tatiana Aimé — Fresner Aimé
 5:00 PM Christian Mothers
 5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM Crucita Reyes (d) — Ray Reyes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM B.B. Nadine Jeanty — Sheryl Jeanty
 9:00 AM B.B. Emmanuel Chevrin — Precieuse Chevrin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Friends of St. Catherine
 5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Carmen Maquilon & family
 5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Trudy Quinn & family
 5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d), George Baxter (d), Adaina Baxter (d) — Doris St. Rose

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM B.B. Laura & B.B. Veronica Antoine — the family
 8:00 AM B.B. & spiritual healing of Melissa Alexander — Maria Alexander
 8:00 AM For God's continued blessings on Marie Martin — Corine Liverpool
 8:00 AM Emmanuel Stewart (d) — family
 11:00 AM
 1:00 PM B.B. Marthe Aurelien
 5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate
10:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



Mass	#	December 9th & 10th		Amount \$
Saturday	34	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	663.00
Sunday	64	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	919.00
	54	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	578.00
	47	1:00 PM	KREYOL	642.00
	26	5:00 PM	TWI	430.00
			Mail-In	422.00
TOTAL	225			\$3,654.00

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

- ◆ Carlos Lazarus
- ◆ Nicholas Bunting



DECEMBER MONTH SPONSORSHIP OF BREAD & WINE

Christian Mothers and a faithful.



Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday *St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Dr. of the Church:*
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday *St. John of Kanty, Priest:* Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27-29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



From the Pastor's Desk



My dear parishioners,

This is the third Sunday of Advent, and it is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for “rejoice.” It comes from the opening antiphon of the Mass, which says: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.” In the celebration of the liturgy, the priest may wear a rose-colored vestment and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is also lit.

We are invited to rejoice because the Lord is near. Our salvation is at hand, as we approach the big celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a cause for joy. This third Sunday of Advent sets the tone for us for the festivities to come. In the Gospel, we hear once again the story of John the Baptist, as the voice of the one crying out in the desert to prepare the ways of the Lord. It was the same theme we heard last Sunday. But in this episode, taken from the Gospel of St. John, there is a specificity of the mission of John the Baptist that is clear. Not only is John the Baptist the voice crying out in the desert to prepare a people fit for the Lord, he is also the great witness who has come to testify to the light.

The Gospel of this Sunday opens with this introduction of John the Baptist: “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light” (John 1:6-8). We see clearly the mission of the Lord Jesus which is to be true light for the world. And the mission of John the Baptist is to give testimony that the Lord Jesus is truly that light that is coming into the world to dispel the darkness of evil.

We have to admire the humility of John the Baptist who was true to his mission. He insisted that he was not the Messiah and he was not the light, so that people can go to Jesus, who is the savior of the world, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Even when the disciples of John the Baptist complained because they saw Jesus also baptizing and people were going to him, John the Baptist said to them: “You yourselves can testify that I said that I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before him... He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:28, 30). Like John the Baptist, we too should be true witnesses of the Light of the world, leading people to Christ, our Savior.

Fr. Raphael Munday
Pastor



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**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$46,139.00

Pledged: 39,732.50 Paid: \$28,792.50

Thank You!

We want to express our sincerest 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.



UPCOMING SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULE

12/17/23	12:00 PM	Christmas from Around the World Show
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.

3e Dimanche de l'Avent – Année B



Chers frères et sœurs,

Nous célébrons aujourd'hui le troisième Dimanche de l'Avent, qui est aussi connu comme le Dimanche de Gaudete. Le mot Gaudete c'est en Latin et ça signifie se réjouir. Ça vient de l'antienne d'ouverture de la Messe qui dit: "Soyez toujours dans la joie du Seigneur ; je le redis : soyez dans la joie. Le Seigneur est proche." Dans la célébration de la liturgie, le prêtre peut porter le vêtement de la couleur rose et la bougie rose sera allumée sur la couronne de l'Avent.

Nous sommes invités à nous réjouir parce que le Seigneur est proche. Notre salut est proche comme nous approchons la célébration de la Nativité de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ. C'est une occasion pour nous de nous réjouir. Ce troisième Dimanche de l'Avent nous met dans l'ambiance des festivités à venir. Dans l'évangile, nous attendons une fois de plus l'histoire de Jean-Baptiste, comme la voix de celui qui crie dans le désert pour préparer le chemin du Seigneur. C'est le même thème que nous avons entendu le Dimanche passé.

Cependant, dans l'épisode d'aujourd'hui, tirée de l'évangile de St. Jean, il y a une spécificité de la mission de Jean-Baptiste qui est claire. Jean-Baptiste n'est pas seulement la voix de celui qui crie dans le désert, mais il est aussi le grand témoin qui vient rendre témoignage à la Lumière. L'évangile de ce Dimanche s'ouvre avec une bonne présentation de Jean-Baptiste : « Il y eut un homme envoyé par Dieu ; son nom était Jean. Il est venu comme témoin, pour rendre témoignage à la Lumière, afin que tous croient par lui. Cet homme n'était pas la Lumière, mais il était là pour rendre témoignage à la Lumière » (Jean 1 :6-8).

Nous voyons clairement la mission de Jésus-Christ qui est d'être la vraie lumière du monde. Et la mission de Jean-Baptiste est de rendre témoignage que le Seigneur Jésus est la vraie lumière qui vient dans le monde pour chasser les ténèbres du mal. Nous devons admirer l'humilité de Jean-Baptiste qui est resté fidèle à sa mission. Il a insisté qu'il n'était pas le Messie et qu'il n'était pas la lumière, pour que les gens aillent à Jésus qui est le seul Sauveur du monde, l'agneau de Dieu qui enlève les péchés du monde. Même après que les disciples de Jean-Baptiste se soient plaints parce que le Seigneur Jésus aussi baptisait et les gens allaient à lui, Jean-Baptiste leur a dit : « Vous mêmes pouvez témoigner que j'ai dit : Moi, je ne suis pas le Christ, mais j'ai été envoyé devant lui... Lui, il faut qu'il grandisse ; et moi, que je diminue » (Jean 3 :28, 30).

Comme Jean-Baptiste, nous aussi devons rendre témoignage à la Lumière, amenant les gens au Christ, notre sauveur. *Que Dieu vous bénisse.*

*Père Raphaël Munday
Curé*



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 9 & 10 Décembre

\$ 3,654.00

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The Christmas season is but a week away and to properly prepare to receive Christ the light of the world into our hearts, on **Monday, December 18**, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be **offered** in all the churches of the diocese. Here at **St. Catherine of Genoa** it will be from **4:00 to 8:00pm**.
2. The second collection on Christmas day will be for Catholic Charities, please be generous. Thank you.
3. This **Tuesday, December 18** at 7pm, **all members of all the choirs are required to attend choir practice** for the upcoming Tri-Lingual Masses.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning of the Parish's Annual Christmas Dinner –Dance 2023. The evening was full of fun and laughter and reminiscing. The food was good, the music just as good and the company even better.

This was an opportunity to gather and fellowship once again post-covid. Thank you everyone for your great work and donation of your time, talent and treasure!.



Come! support the children and youth of our Religious Education Program in their Christmas show “Carols from around the world”, after the **11am Mass on Sunday, December 17**.

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
- 6:30 PM Ghanaian Gentlemen’s Club - (Rect. Bsm’t, Dec 17)

Thursday

- 10:30 AM **PANTRY** - Dec 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—FOOD PANTRY

thanks the Girl Scouts of Troop 2958
for the **donation of non perishable goods to help those in need.**

You may bring non-perishable food items *whenever you come to church.*

Special thanks to all who donate to those in need during the year of their time, talent and treasure.



Rest in Peace

We announce with great sadness the passing of a dear and longtime parishioner of *St. Catherine of Genoa,*
Mrs. Consuelo Tomlinson.

Consuelo passed last Monday, December 11. Funeral arrangements will be shared when they become available. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family and friends.

Pray For The Sick

Kofi; Cloude Aimé; George Aimé;
Kwame Adu-Sarpong; Thomas Asante;
Alice Baffoe; Elzire Barosy;
Catherine Boroughs; Ralene Caton;
Medel Chavanne; Rose Crouch;
Albertha Debrostomas; Lydia Desarmes;
Marie Carmelle Desire; Elizabeth Donkor;
Wilma Dufresne; Margaret Agyeman Dumfeh;
Leila Felix; Stephanie Frank; Lorna Fyffe;
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Patricia Griffith; Jaylan 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; Lyonel Pearce; Travis Pearce;
Eunice Quashie; Elwyn Quirk; Marlon Roberts;
Roswell St. Talbord; Kerby Theodore;
Joyce Thomas; Marjorie Thomas; Taj Thomas and
Amy Wiles.

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: _____



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

Parish Hall.

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

Ages :Girls Kindergarten to 12th 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*

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