



# 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.

## 1st 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 03, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent- Year B**



### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Rev. Yves Nyemgah (d)  
9:00 AM In thanksgiving Marie Yolaine Adam  
9:00 AM Wed. Anniversary of Jean A. Alcide & Irene Chevrin

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM B.B. Gwendoline Griffith  
9:00 AM Healing of Simeon Green — Margaret Goddard

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 —THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 AM Rev. Karl Hoffer (d), Rev. Cesaire Mounda (d),  
Rev. Yves Nyemgah (d)  
7:30 PM Bertha Desrosiers (d) — Jean-Claude Desrosiers  
7:30 PM In thanksgiving and in honor of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary — Marie France Leazard

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Mr. Michael K. Korkordi (d)

## Sponsorship of Poinsettias

The Desrosiers family;  
The Jean-Louis family.

### Christian Giving



Mass	#	November 25th & 26th		Amount \$
Saturday	31	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	630
Sunday	67	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	1,667
	38	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	355
	63	1:00 PM	KREYOL	467
	30	5:00 PM	TWI	430
			Mail-In	240
<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



- ◆ Rev. Msgr. Paul W. Jervis
- ◆ Rev. Msgr. Theophilus A. Joseph
- ◆ Nicholas Bunting
- ◆ Jenny St. Fort
- ◆ Evy Papillon Juste
- ◆ Roy Luciano Baxter

## 1st WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday *St. John Damascene, Priest, Dr. of the Church:*  
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 ; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday *St. Nicholas, Bishop:* Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday *St. Ambrose, Bishop, Dr. of the Church:* Is 26:1-6;  
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin:* Is 30:19-21, 23-26;  
Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### **Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent:**

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

## From the Pastor's Desk



*My dear parishioners,*

Today we begin the new liturgical year with the season of Advent. The liturgical year helps us to meditate on different aspects of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ and to draw inspirations on the way to live our Christian life, in the imitation of Christ. The word Advent derives from the Latin words: *Advenire*, which means to come; or *Adventus*, which means arrival. It is an important season in the life of the Church, which prepares us for the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, the season of Advent takes a double meaning. It becomes preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas, when we commemorate the birth of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem, but also preparation for the second coming of the Lord at the end of time. In the Gospel of this Sunday, the Lord tells us to be vigilant. He says, "*Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come*" (Mark 13:33). The Lord speaks of the time of his return in glory, when he will come to judge the living and the dead. As people of faith and disciples of the Lord, we need to be prepared each and every day so as to be found worthy for the day of the Lord. We cannot be complacent and live according to the standards of the world, rather we should live by the teachings of the Lord, which are summarized by the commandment of love. To live by the teachings of the Lord makes us people of light who give witness to the world and impact the world by our good deeds. The Lord says that we should be alert and watchful, otherwise his coming may happen suddenly and find us sleeping. Let us take this opportunity that the season of Advent offers us to look into our lives, to change what needs to be changed through a genuine conversion, and so be ready for the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*God bless you always.*

*Fr. Raphael Munday  
Pastor*



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2023**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**United in Communion  
United in Charity**

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

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

*We thank everyone who responded to our second in-pew drive for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.*

*It is not too late for anyone to make a donation. Please use one of the ACA envelopes at the front of the church.*

***One time donations are welcomed.***

***No amount is too small.***

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

Many envelopes are being returned to the church by the post office even though the addresses are correct.

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

**2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK**

**The 2024 Mass Book is open** please book your intentions as soon as possible.

Mass Intention envelopes are located at the back of the church for you to write your intention, simply include your donation (\$15) and place it in the collection basket.

You may also stop by the rectory or if you prefer call in your Mass intention during office hours, then place your donation in the collection basket at the Mass you attend.

Intentions will **appear in the bulletin provided you make them** at least **two weeks prior** to the date.

**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 NOVEMBRE**

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.**

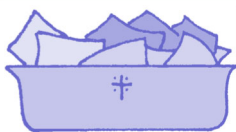


Commémorez vos proches et participez aux activités financières de la paroisse. Chaque don de **feuilles \$500**. Le paiement peut être effectué en plusieurs tranches.

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 25 & 26 Novembre**

**\$ 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.

# 1<sup>er</sup> Dimanche de l'Avent – Année B

Chers frères et sœurs,

Nous avons commencé aujourd'hui la nouvelle année liturgique avec la saison d'Avent. L'année liturgique nous aide à méditer sur différents aspects de la vie de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ et nous inspirer sur la manière de vivre notre vie chrétienne en imitant le Christ. Le mot "Avent" vient des mots Latin comme "Advenire", qui signifie venir ou encore "Adventus" qui signifie "arrivée." La saison d'Avent est une saison importante dans la vie de l'Eglise, qui nous prépare pour la venue du Messie, le Sauveur du monde, notre Seigneur Jésus Christ. Comme telle, la saison de l'Avent prend une double signification. Ça devient préparation pour la venue du Christ à Noël, quand nous célébrons la naissance du Seigneur Jésus à Bethléhem, mais aussi préparation pour la seconde venue du Christ à la fin des temps. Dans l'évangile de ce Dimanche, le Seigneur nous invite à la vigilance. Il dit: "Prenez garde, restez éveillés : car vous ne savez pas quand ce sera le moment" (Marc 13:33). Le Seigneur parle du moment de sa venue dans la gloire, quand il viendra juger les vivants et les morts. En tant que peuple de foi et disciples du Seigneur, nous devons nous préparer chaque jour pour être dignes pour le jour du Seigneur. Nous ne pouvons pas être complaisants et vivre selon les normes de ce monde, plutôt nous devons vivre par les enseignements du Seigneur qui se résument par le commandement de l'amour. Mettre en pratique les enseignements du Christ fait de nous un peuple de lumière qui donne témoignage au monde et qui influence le monde par nos bonnes oeuvres. Le Seigneur nous dit d'être en alerte et vigilant, sinon sa venue nous surprendra et nous trouvera endormis. Saisissons cette opportunité que la saison de l'Avent nous offre pour regarder au fond de nos coeurs et changer ce qui doit être changer par une conversion véritable, et ainsi être prêts pour la venue de notre Sauveur, le Seigneur Jésus Christ.

*Que Dieu vous bénisse.*

*Père Raphaël Munday  
Curé*

# 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 Rosary Society - Dec 3
- 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** - Nov 30
- 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
- 6:30 PM United Ghanaian Assn. – (Rect. Bsm’t) Dec 9

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Next weekend there will be a second collection for your Christmas Gift to the Church Thank you for your generosity!
2. 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.

### UPCOMING SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULES

12/3/23	6:30 PM	Tree Lighting after the 5PM Mass
12/8/23	9:00 AM	Immaculate Conception (English)
12/8/23	7:30 PM	Immaculate Conception (English/French/Kreyol)
12/17/23	12:00 PM	Christmas from Around the World Concert
12/18/23	<b>4:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Advent Reconciliation Monday</i></b>
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)
		New Year’s Eve (Trilingual)
12/31/23	10:00 PM	<i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>1/1/2024</b>	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  
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Rev. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director**



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