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Our Mission Statement

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend, formed in "A Family Tradition" is a family of faith motivated by love for God welcomes all to join us as we worship in the Roman Catholic tradition. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to form ourselves and our children in the love and truths taught by our Savior Jesus Christ, and to instill a deep respect for all that God, our Father, has created. We willingly share our time, talents, and treasure through diverse ministries in the service of others.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: *4:00 PM

SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM, *11:00 AM AND *12:30 PM (SPANISH)

**LIVESTREAMED*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00 PM. Registration is done at the Rectory. Instruction class **required** of Parents & Godparents which will be on the Thursday two weeks before Baptism at 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 PM. Confessions are also available at other reasonable times by making an appointment at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Rectory to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing. Please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office to arrange home visitation and Communion.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION: Open 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily. Enter on E. 4th St.

DEVOTIONS: After the 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & St. Anthony Novena* and the *Holy Rosary (Daily)* and 1:00 PM 1st Saturday of the Month. with *Divine Mercy Chaplet & Padre Pio Prayers*

DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

12/10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8,14; Mark 1:1-8



Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Anna DiNardo, Angelo Frontera & Sam Oliva, DiMaggio, Vitale & Gambino Families, Caterina & Archangelo Speranza, Fulvio Conte, Rose Panarella

9:00 AM Giuseppe Intogna

11:00 AM Jacqueline Maller Pacifico, Nicholas Iommarini, Frank Palazzolo, Theodore Prakope, Miriam R. Beyers, Fulvio Conte

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

12/11 Monday Damasus I, Pope

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

8:30 AM Salvatore & Julia Occhiogrosso

7:30 PM Spanish Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/12 Tuesday OL OF GUADALUPE

Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38

8:30 AM Rudolph & Agatha Domin

9:00 PM Spanish Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/13 Wednesday Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

8:30 AM Angelo & Gina Sedita

12/14 Thursday John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

8:30 AM Nicholas Iommarini, Elena Bucciano

12/15 Friday Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

8:30 AM Salvatore & Julia Occhiogrosso

12/16 Saturday Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:9a,10-13

8:30 AM Nicola & Mariantonina DiGioia

**WEEKLY FAITH SHARING
FOR SEASON OF ADVENT**

**THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 10:30 AM
VELTRI HALL KITCHEN**

**THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 7:30 PM
RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

We will be praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the 3RD Sunday of Advent



Preview of Readings:

This Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. A theme of joy runs through our readings. Isaiah returning to the Promised Land after years of exile, describes the wonders God will accomplish. In the Psalm we sing that our souls rejoice in our God. Paul closes his Letter to the Thessalonians by reminding them to rejoice always. Finally, we hear John the Baptist testify that he is not worthy to even untie the sandal strap of the One who is coming, the Light, the Christ.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Bread & Wine

**IN HONOR OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**



The Altar Candles

**In Memory of
MIRIAM R. BEYERS
Requested by
CUMMINGS FAMILY**



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes, Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone, Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla, Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria Isabella, Paula Borrero, Bonnie Schlegal, Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffò, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi & Gloria Mancino, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco, Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy Anemone, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon Vittuci, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo Esposito, Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert, Amamda Oliva, Graziella Panora, Timothy Mulvey, Joyce & Barry Mione, Timothy Mulvey, Ed Caso, Gianna Bader, Michael Guadagnoli, Maryann Casalena, Jamie DiVenere, Craig Concepcion, Stephanie Martin, Frankie Melendez, Daniel Stracquadaine, Rosanne Paolillo, Annemarie Makowski, Gladys Cangelosi, Mary Ghiraldi, Lou Ann Giannotta, John Bonito, Sally Vitacco, James Connelly, Bridget Buono-Cipparullo, Edwin Davilla, Sophie Decapua, Maggie Avanzino, Rose Panarella, Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore, Michelle Rutter-DeVito, Betty Ann Volpe, Louis Cacciouttolo. Jo Ann Conenna

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

CAMILLE LOMBARO

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 3RD

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,287.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$610.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$430.00



Today's liturgy repeats the Advent season's characteristic call to the serious work of repentance and renewal necessary to prepare the world and our lives for the coming of the Lord. But this Second Sunday also features scriptures that comfort our hearts with the assurance of the Shepherd's tender compassion and patient love for us, the cherished sheep of God's flock. The Lord makes the glory of his voice heard in the joy of our hearts. As we are called to "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*" We hear this in Isaiah's depiction of God as a caring shepherd gently carrying us home, in Peter's reminder of God's patience and desire for the salvation of all people and in John the Baptist's promise of the gifts that will be given to us by the One who comes after him. "*I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*"

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (DECEMBER 12TH): Recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac



(Mexico City) from December 9th-11th in 1531 to the native convert, Juan Diego. Known to the Aztecs as *Tecoatlaxope (de Guadalupe* in Spanish), meaning "*she will crush the serpent of stone*". Declared Patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and raised to the rank of Feast, for all the countries of the Americas by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on March 25, 1999. A woman clothed with the sun, daughter of the Most High God, proclaims the greatness of the Lord, the One who comes to dwell with us. She is the servant of the Lord. As we celebrate this Feast in Advent we are mindful that just as Jesus came among the poor and lowly, our Blessed Mother visited the peasant St. Juan Diego, reminding us that God is a God of justice who always remembers those who are bowed down. We rejoice in Mary's care and concern for all God's people.

El 12 de diciembre tendrá lugar la tradicional fiesta de **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**, Patrona de México. Es un programa festivo y copioso el que se anuncia para este gran día con los fieles mexicanos de nuestra parroquia. Después de recibir y rezar a la Virgen en las diferentes casas, los preparativos terminarán con las Las Mañanitas del lunes 11 de diciembre de 2023 en el sótano de nuestra parroquia.

Como Patrona de las Américas, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos da un modelo para que también nosotros podamos encontrar y acoger a aquellos que buscan mejores vidas aquí en los Estados Unidos.

Además, La Fiesta de Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe se celebra durante el Adviento, cuando recordamos cómo María viajó a Belén con José y dio a luz a Jesús en un pesebre. A lo largo del Adviento, y especialmente en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, pedimos la intercesión de María por la seguridad y el bienestar de sus compañeros de viaje -especialmente los migrantes y los refugiados- y rezamos para que su testimonio nos inspire a ser más solidarios con ellos. Nuestra parroquia se prepara para celebrar la fiesta con gran pompa el 12 de diciembre. Invitamos a todos los hispanos amantes de la Virgen María a venir a celebrar y rezar con nosotros en una misa vigilia que se celebra el lunes 11 de diciembre a las 07:30 PM y la misa solemne que se celebrará el martes 12 de diciembre de 2023 a las 9:00 de la noche seguida de la tradicional comida festiva en el sótano de la Iglesia. Unámonos en esta celebración y recordemos a las familias de refugiados y migrantes alrededor del mundo.

Oración

Santa María de Guadalupe, Mística Rosa, intercede por la Iglesia, protege al Soberano Pontífice, oye a todos los que te invocan en sus necesidades. Así como pudiste aparecer en el Tepeyac y decirnos: "Soy la siempre Virgen María, Madre del verdadero Dios", alcánzanos de tu Divino Hijo la conservación de la Fe. Tú eres nuestra dulce esperanza en las amarguras de esta vida. Danos un amor ardiente y la gracia de la perseverancia final.

Amén

**YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE A TREE (\$150.00-\$400.00) OR WREATH (\$30.00 & \$75.00)
IT CAN BE MEMORIALIZED "IN MEMORY OF" OR "IN HONOR OF"
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FILL OUT THE FORM**

**THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly and in need of assistance. Your gift to the RFR helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously to this collection!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes are available for any offering you wish to make for the Christmas Poinsettias that will decorate the Sanctuary. If you do not receive the Parish Offering Envelopes, Flower

Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.



Today at the 11:00 Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for our Confirmation Class. They will make a pledge to begin their studies to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. They ask God's help to remain faithful to their promises and the prayers and support of Family and the Parish.



NEXT WEEKEND IS THE CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR PARISH. I ASK YOU TO BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE. OUR PARISH HAS ONE LAST DEBT TO THE DIOCESE FOR THIS YEAR, OUR PARISH ASSESSMENT WHICH TOTALS \$22,800.00. THE MONEY FROM THIS GIFT WILL GO TO PAY DOWN THIS DEBT. THANK YOU!

A DVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, December 18th The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 2:00 — 4:00 PM and 6:00 — 7:30 PM, in preparation for the great Feast of the Lord's Nativity.

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent we will hear St. Paul tell the Thessalonians words appropriate for us to reflect upon and we resolve to renew our covenant relationship with God and seek to be absolved of our sins:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thes 5:16-24)



Next Sunday the Spanish Community will offer Fellowship after the 11:00 & 12:30 Masses in Veltri Hall

FOR YOUR CHARITY IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

ADVENT GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Gifts will go to our Parish Food Pantry Program, The Reaching-Out Community Services for their Christmas Give Away for the children of our community and Catholic Charities They are asking for toys & games & winter clothes & items, coats for children & gift cards.. We ask you to buy a NEW GIFT OR NEW CLOTHES AND BRING UNWRAPPED. The party is for families and the gifts for infants, toddlers, children & teens. Bring the gifts to Mass or the Parish Office during office hours. Please bring all gifts by next weekend DECEMBER 16 & 17th



JESSE TREE: Please take a tag from the baskets in front of the Jesse Tree. Purchase the gift that is printed on the tag and return the gift unwrapped and place it around the Jesse Tree

Gifts for Woman's Safe Start: boys and girls (toddlers to age 15) underwear, gloves, scarves, toys

Homeless in Coney Island: lap blankets, men's socks, men's underwear, hats (no scarves), tooth brushes & paste, disposable razors

Please bring all gifts by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SUNDAYS THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM **NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED**

WEDNESDAY GOLDEN AGE MEETING 12:00—3:00 PM VELTRI HALL

THURSDAYS 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM ITALIAN LESSONS RECTORY MEETING ROOM

THURSDAYS ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO



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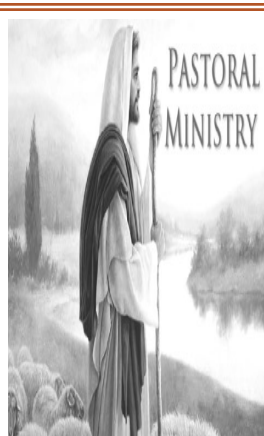
Classes in Religious Education

WEDNESDAYS

Grades 1—4 3:30 PM

Grades 5—CONFIRMATION 7:30 PM

Download the Faith Formation Registration Form on www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org
All information on the website under For Parents.



THANKSGIVING 2023 THANK YOU

Pastoral Ministry wishes to thank all who were so generous to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, especially Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, the Golden Age Club, The Tiger Den of Cub Scout Pack 376 and you our faithful donors. We were able to make a better Thanksgiving for many families of our community. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern. God bless you all!

Your charity is being asked to keep the Food Pantry stocked. When you grocery shop keep in mind the needs of your neighbors. Bring to the food pantry or to Sunday Mass:

**SOUP—CANNED GOODS (VEGETABLES, POTATOES, TOMATO SAUCE & FRUIT)—
RICE—PEANUT BUTTER—TUNA—LARGE JUICE (APPLE, CRANBERRY, GRAPE)—
APPLE SAUCE—MAC & CHEESE— ELBOW MACARONI—SPAGHETTI—COFFEE/TEA**

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR PARISH

I invite you to take advantage of the Christmas present I presented to you last year and hope you will subscribe to FORMED. There are many books, audio talks, movies, documentaries and studies along with prayers, novenas, the rosary and reflections on the lives of the saints. Programs for adults and children to help you grow closer to Christ and his Church. For Advent:

- Daily Advent reflection on the Readings for Mass
- ADVENTUS: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE — journey to the Holy Land to uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season
- ADVENT THROUGH THE CENTURIES — an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries
- MAKING ADVENT GREAT FOR KIDS — Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to be only for adults! This program discusses different ways you can make Advent great for your kids

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ...

A Season of

LOVE

FROM ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS: Our Advent journey is a movement towards the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. A good way to reflect on this transition is to look at one of the symbols of the Advent Season, THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is a way of journeying through Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus using the stories from the Bible to tell the story of the Family Tree of Jesus. Each symbol tells a story about someone on Jesus' family tree. As the symbols are placed on the tree we see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations. The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus. JESSE TREE SYMBOLS AND BIBLE STORIES:



THE JESSE TREE

Symbol: Stump with Branch
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-2



Creation of Humans

Symbol: Globe/Adam and Eve
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31



The Fall

Symbol: Snake and Apple
Scripture: Genesis 3



Noah's Ark

Symbol: Noah's Ark
Scripture: Genesis 6:11-14;
7:17-8:3;9:8-13:



The Promise Land

Symbol: Tent and Camel
Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7



God's Promise to Abraham

Symbol: Starry Sky
Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6



Joseph

Symbol: Coat of many colors
Scripture: Genesis 37:1-36



Ten Commandments

Symbol: Tablets
Scripture: Deuteronomy
5:1-22



God Chooses David to be King

Symbol: Crown
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-15



Isaiah's Prophecy of Second Coming

Symbol: Lamb and Wolf
Scripture: Isaiah 11:6-9



Jonah and the Whale

Symbol: Whale
Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5



Prophecy of a Savior Born In Bethlehem

Symbol: City of Bethlehem
Scripture: Micah 5:1-5



Elizabeth and Zechariah

Symbol: Praying Hands
Scripture: Luke 1:5-25



John the Baptist

Symbol: Baptism Shell
Scripture: Matthew 3:1-6



God Chooses Mary

Symbol: Virgin Mary
Scripture: Luke 1:26-38



Angel Appears to Joseph

Symbol: Angel of the Lord
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25



Mary and Joseph Go To Bethlehem

Symbol: Sandals
Scripture: Luke 2:1-15



JESUS IS BORN

Symbol: Baby in Manger
Scripture: Luke 2:6-21

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