

# *Incarnation Church & Shrine Church of Saint Gerard Majella*

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## **Incarnation Church**

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### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Msgr. John Casey, Pastor Emeritus  
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Rev. Aloysius Enemal (In Residence)  
Rev. Tongyang Shen (In Residence)  
Deacon Francois Innocent (Retired)  
Deacon Franklin Munoz

Mrs. Juliana Paul, Rel Ed Director  
Mr. Perry Townsend, Director of Music

### **Mass Times**

**Monday thru Friday:** 8:30AM (English)  
**Saturday:** 5PM (English)  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM, 10:15AM(English) 12:00PM (Spanish)  
Livestream Mass Daily on Facebook or [incarnationqueens.org](http://incarnationqueens.org)

### **Religious Education Office**

Tel: (718) 465-8534 Ext 23

### **Rectory Hours**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 - 2:00PM  
**Thursday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
**Friday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM

### **Incarnation Academy School**

Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal  
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**School Office Hours**  
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### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Augustine Ifeanyi Umeatuegbu, In Residence  
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Mrs. Anne Smith-Thompson, Director of Music Ministry

### **Mass Times**

**Monday thru Saturday:** 9:30AM (English)  
**Sunday:** 8:15AM & 11:45AM (English) 9:45AM (Spanish)  
Livestream Mass DAILY on Facebook or [stgerardshrine.org](http://stgerardshrine.org)

### **Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday:** 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
**Tuesday:** 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
**Wednesday:** 9:00AM - 2:00PM and 3:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Thursday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
**Friday:** 9:00AM - 2:00PM and 3:00PM - 7:00PM

### **Masses Stream Live**

From our Facebook page at 9:30 AM or [stgerardshrine.org](http://stgerardshrine.org)  
Monday thru Saturday

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

May the holy light of  
Christmas shine brightly  
upon your family, guiding  
you with faith, love, and  
togetherness.  
Merry Christmas!

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, Dec. 23**

9:30 am SGM - **Int of B' day blessing— Jorge Barahona**  
 5:00 pm INC - † Josie Ayco

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24**

8:00 am INC - Int of Brady & McMahon Family (alive)  
 8:15 am SGM - † In Thanksgiving-Saint Gerard Majella  
 9:45 am SGM - Por los Sacerdotes de INC & SGM,  
 † Miguel Suriel, Rafael Rodriguez &  
 Altagracia Rodriguez  
 Por la familia Aragon Digirolamo (alive)  
 10:15 am INC - † Jesus Villarino  
 11:45 am SGM - † Tyler Eimont , Int of Maffetore &  
 Brunken families (pass & present)  
 12:00 pm INC - † Open  
 2:00 pm INC - **B' day blessings— Marlene Jacques**  
 † Délea Pierre, Anita Antoine Laguerre  
 † Louis Coyemite

**Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day**

8:00 am INC - **B' day blessings— Joy & Melissa Santiago**  
 11:00 am INC - Bilingual mass  
 10:00 am SGM - † Antonie Clement, Henry Valles,  
 Veronique Edme

**Tuesday, Dec 26**

8:30 am INC - † No Mass  
 9:30 am SGM - In Thanksgiving to St Anthony &  
 all Saints

**Wednesday, Dec 27**

8:30 am INC - † Joselito Solis  
 9:30 am SGM - † Martin Michael Regan

**Thursday, Dec 28**

8:30: am INC -In Thanksgiving from— Donna Paul & Fm  
 9:30 am SGM - In Thanksgiving to— St Patrick, and  
 Saint Gerard Majella

**Friday, Dec. 29**

8:30 am INC - † Frances M. Ganci  
 9:30 am SGM - † Laura & Emmanuel Mikel

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

9:30 am SGM - † Andrea Contant  
 5:00 pm INC - Ints of Ms. Dahla Louis & Family  
**In Thanksgiving from the Ferrer's family**

**New Year's Eve Sunday, Dec. 31**

8:00 am INC - † Brady & McMahon Family  
 8:15 am SGM - † Jezita Fenelon  
 In Thanksgiving to Jusus Christ and  
 my Guardian Angel from Mrs. Massues  
 9:45 am SGM - † Adolfo, Liliana, Mariana &  
 Elvis Tejada,  
 † Mercelinda Dominguez & Jesus Estevez  
 10:15 am INC - † Leonel De Ocampo  
 11:45 am SGM - † Frank Marceline &  
 Mariela & Jacqueline Claude  
 12:00 pm INC - Open

**Today' mass readings Dec. 24**

2 Sa 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Rom 16: 25-27  
 Ps 89  
 Lk 1: 26– 38 (11)  
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**Lecturas para este domingo Dec. 24**

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Rom 16: 25-27  
 Salmo 89  
 Lk 1: 26– 38 (11)



*"If you're attending the Christmas Eve  
 Midnight Mass, please come early  
 and enjoy an 11:00 pm concert offered  
 by our music ministry. Relax, pray,  
 and get into the Christmas spirit with  
 beautiful music from our choirs and  
 Instruments."*



**Message from our Pastor December 24 2023**

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent, for a few hours, and happy Christmas Eve. This year is one of those wild realities that happen every few years. The 4th week of Advent is only a few hours and Christmas Eve is a Sunday. First, yes you must go to church both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You need to go for both the 4th Sunday and for Christmas to fulfill the obligation. Second, Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate please invite family and friends and neighbors to mass with you. Last week I spoke about the declining mass attendance. There is a way to fix that. Invite and bring and come with more and different people to church. Do not be afraid of be like the angels who proclaimed Glory to God on the Highest. Do not be afraid to be like the shepherds who experienced Jesus and then went out and told others about their experience. Do not be afraid to be like the magi who trusted in a star to shine their way to God. Do not be afraid.

Let us celebrate with great joy this truth. Jesus is Lord and Messiah and saves us today.

God bless Fr Gannon

*Merry Christmas!*

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Continuing from last's week message.

For your information I have been studying Spanish for more than 25 years and have visited many Spanish counties, at my own expense, to attend to language courses to help me improve my Spanish skills. Am I perfect? No! but it is not like I am not trying; and I have enough skills to communicate in Spanish and that is what matters.

I have also taken some courses in French in case I need to celebrate the Haitian mass. Fr Rodney, also, is fluent in both Spanish and French. He has been studying them for more than 16 years. We do our best to bring the sacraments to the people who we love. Can we learn more? Yes, everyone can. But we do our best with what we have.

Getting outside priests to solve our vocation issues is only a bandaid. It will not fix the long-term issues of staffing parishes. Also, there is a vocation shortage in many parishes in Latin America so that is not fair for the local churches there to send all their priests here to solve our issues.

We have two seminarians from our parish in the major seminary. They are also studying multiple languages as they prepare for priesthood. But we need more. We need more parents to bring their children to mass, we need more parents to get married in the sacrament. We need more parents to put those children into our academy and religious Education, and send them, with love and their blessing, to the seminary.

That is how we get more priests. And yes, we need this from our Spanish, and Haitian community.

To be continue...

*Christmas Eve 2023, Mass Schedule*

*Horario de misa para Noche Buena 2023*



Sunday, December 24, 2023

*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule*

*\* INC- 8:00 am, 10:15 am*

*12 pm Plus*

*2:00 pm Haitian Mass*

*5:00 pm*

*12:00 am (trilingual)*

*\* SGM- 8:15 am, 9: 45 am*

*11:45 am Plus*

*12:00 am (bilingual)*

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*Domingo 24 de diciembre, 2023*

*Horario regular de misa de Domingo*

*\*INC – 8:00 am, 10:15 am*

*& 12:00 pm más*

*2:00 pm Misa en Creole*

*5:00 pm*

*12:00 am (trilingual)*

*\*SGM – 8:15 am, 9:45 am*

*11:45 am, más*

*12:00 am (bilingual)*



**MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PARROCO, 24 DE DICIEMBRE, 2023**

¡Feliz 4º domingo de Adviento, por unas horas, y feliz Nochebuena! Este año es una de esas realidades salvajes que ocurren de vez en cuando. La 4ª semana de Adviento es sólo unas horas y la Nochebuena es un domingo. Les recuerdo que, hay que ir a la iglesia tanto en Nochebuena como en Navidad. Tenemos que asistir a misa tanto el 4º domingo Adviento que este año es Nochebuena (24 de diciembre), como el lunes (25 de diciembre) Día de Navidad para cumplir con la obligación que nos indica la Iglesia. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Al celebrar con júbilo la venida de Jesús, por favor inviten a su familia, amigos y vecinos a misa con ustedes. La semana pasada hablé sobre la disminución de la asistencia a misa. Hay una manera de arreglar eso. Inviten, traigan y vengan con más y diferentes personas a la iglesia. No tengan miedo de ser como los ángeles que proclamaron: ¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas! No tengan miedo de ser como los pastorcitos que se maravillaron de ver a Jesús y, luego fueron a contar a otros su encuentro con él, como lo más maravilloso que ha habían visto. No tengan miedo de ser como los reyes magos que confiaron en una estrella para iluminar su camino hacia Dios. No tengan miedo.

¡Celebremos con gran alegría esta verdad, Jesús es Señor y Mesías y nos salva hoy y siempre!

¡Feliz y Santa Navidad y que Dios los bendiga abundantemente!

P. Gannon

**Feliz Navidad**

**MENSAJE IMPORTANTE DEL PADRE GANNON.**

Sobre la nota de la semana anterior...

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para animar a la persona que mandó el anónimo y a la comunidad en general a que piensen en lo siguiente: los sacerdotes hispanos nacen del seno de las familias hispanas. Los padres de familia deberían sembrar en sus hijos varones el deseo de ser sacerdotes, así podríamos tener, no solamente, sacerdotes hispanos sino sacerdotes entregados al Señor para servir al pueblo de Dios y a la Iglesia ya sea en inglés como español u otros idiomas. Eso ayudaría mucho ya que tenemos escases de sacerdotes en la Diócesis de Brooklyn y en otras diócesis en todo el país.

Para su información he estado estudiando español por más de 25 años y he visitado muchos países hispanos, para asistir a cursos de idiomas para ayudarme a mejorar mis habilidades en español y, yo mismo he corrido con todos mis gastos. ¿Soy perfecto? ¡No! pero no es que no lo intente; yo tengo suficientes habilidades para comunicarme en español y eso es lo que importa. También he tomado algunos cursos de francés por si tengo que celebrar la misa haitiana. El padre Rodnev también domina el español y el francés. Lleva más de 16 años estudiándolos.

Hacemos todo lo posible por llevar el mensaje de Jesús a través de la Misa y de los sacramentos a todos los fieles, a las personas que amamos. ¿Podemos aprender más? Sí, todo el mundo puede. Pero hacemos lo que podemos con lo que tenemos.

Conseguir sacerdotes extranjeros podría resolver nuestros problemas vocacionales, pero ellos vienen solo por un periodo de tiempo. No solucionaría los problemas de personal de las parroquias a largo plazo. Además, hay escasez de vocaciones en muchas parroquias de América Latina, por lo que no es justo que las iglesias locales de esos países envíen a todos sus sacerdotes aquí para resolver nuestros problemas.

Continuará.....

**INCARNATION CHURCH & ST. GERARD MAJELLA**



**Christmas Day**

**Mass Schedule for Monday 25,  
Christmas Day.**

**INC— 8:00 am**  
**11:00 am might be Bilingual**

**SGM— 10:00 am might be Bilingual**

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**Dia de Navidad**

**Horario para el lunes 25,  
dia de Navidad.**

**INC— 8:00 am**  
**11:00 am (possible sea Bilingue)**

**SGM— 10:00 am**  
**(possible sea Bilingue)**



*New Year's Eve is Sunday  
December 31.*

*We will have regular Sunday  
mass schedule for both*

*INC— 8:00 am, 10:15 am*  
*English*  
*12:00 pm Spanish*  
*SGM— 8:15 am, 11:45*  
*English*  
*9:45 am Spanish*

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*La víspera de Año Nuevo es el  
domingo, 31 de diciembre.*

*Celebraremos las misas en horario  
habitual de domingo para ambas*

*INC— 8:00 am, 10:15 am*  
*Ingles*  
*12:00 pm Español*  
*SGM— 8:15 am, 11:45 am*  
*Ingles*  
*9:45 am Español*

*¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO  
2024!*

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Las parroquias de Encarnacion & San Gerardo Majella quieren agradecer a todos aquellos que nos acompañaron en la fiesta annual Guadalupeana.

Gracias por su apollo tanto espiritual como económico. Que Jesus y nuestra Madre espiritual les colme de bendiciones. Gracias!

**Wednesdays, Adoration  
after 8:30 am mass to 1:00 am  
at Incarnation Church**

**Ad or at ion In creole  
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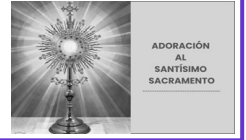
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### Adoracion al Santisimo junto al grupo de Oracion "JESUS ESTA VIVO".

Cada primer viernes del mes, comensando  
a las 7:00pm.

Lugar: Iglesia San Gerardo Majella.

Todos estan invitados



Dedicamos un minuto de oracion por las vocaciones. Recemos el Santo Rosario a nuestra Madre Maria para que les ayude a obtener fuerzas y devocion.



*If you would like for our parish to pray for people in your life that need strength and healing, please send an email to [saintgerardm@gmail.com](mailto:saintgerardm@gmail.com) or leave a message at the rectory (718) 468-6565 and we will add them to this page.*

Grupo Legion de Maria " Maria Reina de los Apostoles"

Les invita a unirse a ellos todos los martes a las 7:30 pm

En el centro de acogida de la SGM.



LA LEGION DE MARIA JUNTO AL GRUPO CARISMATICO DE LA IGLESIA ST GERARDO QUIERE INVITARLES A QUE SE UNAN A ELLOS A REZAR EL SANTO ROSARIO, LOS DOMINGOS DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 8:15 AM Y ANTES DE LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL DE LA 9:45 AM.  
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