



# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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## **MASSES:**

SUNDAY Masses: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass)  
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM  
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

## **BAPTISM:**

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

## **MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.  
*Website:* [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)  
*Spanish Programs Website:* [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)  
*Sunday School Website:* [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

## **FATIMA DEVOTIONS:**

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm.  
Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:**

Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre-kindergarten -High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

## **PARISH BOUNDARIES:**

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.



**PARISH NOTES**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, I write to say thank you to so many who made the celebration of the Christmas Feast so wonderful.

The Family Mass, the Noche Buena, the Midnight Mass at 11:00pm, the Mass at Dawn (8:30am), the Mass of Christmas Day at 11:00am, all were so special. To Tina Silvestro and the young peoples choir, Gregory D'Agostino and the parish choir, the Spanish choir, the actors - your voices were beautiful and you enabled us all to sing and thus pray twice! To all who ministered at the altar: to the lectors who so effectively proclaimed the Word (just as they do at every celebration); the Eucharistic ministers who offer the Body and Blood of the Lord to us with such dignity and grace; our altar servers who enhance our prayer; a special thanks to Kimberley LaMarque, Brian Fallon and Marlon Hosang who so willingly and faithfully support these ministries. To all who greeted people as they arrived and offered them programs, to our ushers, who are ever faithful. Thank you!

The church and the rectory were made beautiful through the effort of Juliet Tran and Lucia Martinez and her two sons, Juan and Luis. And quietly all that had to be done : the printing and folding of programs, caring for the needs of many, was done so effectively by our rectory staff, Donna de Solis, Martha Montalvo, Meg de Mercado and Matt Collins; to each, thank you. Our maintenance staff worked long and hard to make the church sparkle.

My thanks to Fr. Fred and Fr. Alexis with whom I share ministry at Blessed Sacrament. And thank you to each and every one of you. It is an honor to serve you as your pastor. Thank you, too, for your generosity at Christmas. \$3,274 was received towards the cost of the Christmas flowers and as of this date, \$116,739 has been received in the Christmas collection.

One of the highlights of the Christmas season for me has been the choral vespers prayed at Corpus Christi Church on West 121 Street between Broadway and Amsterdam. Next Sunday, January 11 on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at 4:00pm the vespers will be prayed. The preacher will be Leo O'Donovan - the great former president of Georgetown University. What a wonderful way to close the Christmastide.

On this Thursday, January 8, we will be discussing John Allen's book, "*Against the Tide, the Radical Leadership of Pope Francis*". Why not join us in the rectory at 6:30pm.

For those wishing to celebrate the baptism of their child, there will be an evening of preparation this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory. Parents, and if possible, god-parents, are expected to attend. During Lent the Church encourages us not to celebrate baptisms except in the case of an emergency. Lent begins on February 18 and Easter is celebrated this year on April 5. Please be aware of those dates if you are planning a baptism.

On this, the Feast of the Epiphany, which answers that Jesus and his message is not just for some but for everyone, let us pray for peace and real justice in our city. May each of us try to put ourselves in the other's shoes, before we speak words of condemnation. Let us pray that even though we might disagree, we can do so while respecting the other and his or her right to a different position.

Pray for peace.  
Fr. Duffell

<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>
5:30	Maria Veltri +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 4th</b>
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Intention of Bella Manalo
11:00	Int. Derry & Sandra O'Donovan & Family +
12:30	Margaret MacNeil +
5:30	Intention of Lucia Drogheo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 5th</b>
7:30	Intention of Anne Kelly
12:10	Joseph Drogheo +
5:30	Wayne Dankert +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 6th</b>
7:30	Intention of Denis O'Donovan
12:10	Malcolm & Jean MacNeil +
5:30	Francisca Veltri +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 7th</b>
7:30	Abraham Lopez +
12:10	Antonio Trillana +
5:30	Carmel Micallef +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 8th</b>
7:30	Margaret Kellmeyer +
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 9th</b>
7:30	Andrea Reyes +
12:10	Angela Conforti +
5:30	Christopher Dorman +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 10th</b>
7:30	Intention of the Galvin Family
12:10	Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +
5:30	Andy Andermanis +

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT**



You're invited! **Please join us today at 4 p.m.** for a Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Please send inquiries to Jackie@snacknyc.com

**COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Catholic University in Washington D.C. was set up to train students in all the arts & sciences as do other Catholic Colleges & universities. On its graduate level it focused on theological sciences and awards papal decrees. Many of our priests, nuns & brothers have received their decrees there. They need our help to continue their theological education program.

**COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION**

Each year the Bishops ask our help in building up our communication program. More and more we see the importance of getting our message out by radio, Television, the internet. Everybody else is out there. The Church is not a strong presence. They once again ask our help.

**Today we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.** The collection will be divided between the above 2 groups. Please be generous.

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

En el día de hoy cuando celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía les escribo para agradecerles a todos aquellos que hicieron nuestra celebración de la Natividad tan maravillosa.

La Misa de Familia, la Noche Buena, la Misa de Media Noche a las 11:00 pm así como en el día de Navidad la Misa al Amanecer (8:30 am) y la Misa de Navidad (11:00 am) fueron todas muy especiales.

A Tina Silvestre, el Coro Juvenil, Gregory D'Agostino y el Coro de la Parroquia, el Spanish choir, sus voces todas tan lindas que nos permitieron a todos cantar y, de hecho, rezar dos veces! A todos los que sirvieron en el Altar: los lectores que tan eficientemente proclamaron la Palabra (tal como lo hacen en cada celebración); los Ministros de la Eucaristía quienes nos ofrecen el Cuerpo y Sangre del Señor con tanta dignidad y gracia; nuestros ayudantes en el Altar que enfatizan nuestros ruegos; mi especial agradecimiento a Kimberley LaMarque, Brian Fallon, y Marion Hosang quienes con tanta fe y buena voluntad apoyan estos ministerios. A quienes saludaron a nuestros feligreses cuando llegaban y les ofrecían programas así como a nuestros acomodadores, siempre tan fieles, muchas gracias.

La Iglesia y la Rectoría fueron decoradas por Juliet Tran y Lucia Martinez y sus hijos Juan y Luis. Y todo fue hecho con mucha tranquilidad: imprimir los programas, doblarlos y ocuparnos de las necesidades de muchos, todo fue hecho con eficiencia por los miembros del personal de nuestra Rectoría: Donna de Solis, Martha Montalvo, Meg de Mercado, y Matt Collins. Gracias. Y nuestro personal de mantenimiento hizo todo lo posible para que nuestra Iglesia brillara.

Mi agradecimiento a los Sacerdotes Fred y Alexis con quienes comparto mi ministerio en Blessed Sacrament. Y a ustedes, es un honor servirles como su Pastor. Gracias también por su generosidad durante la Navidad. Recibimos \$3,274.00 para cubrir el costo de las flores y hasta la fecha, hemos recibido \$116,739.00 para nuestra colecta de Navidad.

En esta fecha de la Epifanía la cual nos enseña que el mensaje de Jesús no es solo para algunos sino para todos, recemos por la paz y que haya justicia verdadera en nuestra ciudad. Coloquémoslo en el lugar de otros antes de emitir palabras de condena. Que aunque no estemos de acuerdo debemos respetar el derecho de cada uno a expresar diferentes ideas.

Roguemos por la Paz.

*Fr. Duffell*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**The flowers that decorate the sanctuary for Christmas have been offered in memory of and the intentions of the following:**

*Yvette Arce+, Regina Armstrong+, Renee Barrett+, Marie Therese & Raymond Barrau+, Jerald & Lonnie Bartley+,  
Alethia Bell Davis+, Ms. Alice Berger+, Anton & Anton Blom+, James & Annie Bogue+,  
Borgia Families, Maureen Brennan+, Theresa & Constance Brennan+, Florence Brennan+,  
Bernadette Brett+, Marcelin Bretton de Remotti+, Caroline & Joseph Campachiaro+, Jimmy & Dorotea Caneloza+,  
Dr. Joseph & Annette Cavallaro+, Cavner Family+, Esperanza Celino+, Benedicto Celino+, Grandma Chang+,  
Juanita Chavez de Vazquez+, Gene Dowling+, John P. & Alice Duffell+, John P., Duffell, Jr.+,  
Dylan Christian+, Gloria Cicha+, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbrod Clautio+, Zoila Luz Cordero+,  
Pedro Cruz+, Andrew Jacob Dall+, Suzanne Daniels+, Wayne Dankert+, Salud de Vera+, Angeline DeFlorio+,  
James & Dorothy Delaney+, Angelo DiGiulio+, Marie DiGiulio+, John P. Donoghue+, Gene Dowling+,  
Wee Gek Eng+, Denis Evans+, George Evans+, Vicente & Demetria Fesalbon+, Flynn Family+, Eleanor Gasdaska+,  
Mary Ellen Gasdaska+, Marie Gonzalez+, Lee Goodwin+, Mary & John Hanley+, Charles Hasher+, Teresa Hasher+,  
Ana Lucia Hernandez+, Carolyn Hill+, Thelma Howard+, Vincent Incantalupo+, Pedro Jalandoni+,  
Terri Jordan+, Yoshihide Kameshima+, Katsunari Kameshima+, Thomas Kelley+, Kisida Family+,  
John Lacher+, George LaMarque+, Bryan LaMarque+, Lawrence LaMarque+, Maude Landini+,  
Sr. Mary Joachim Landini+, Isidro Lee+, Annabel Lee+, Isidro Lee, Jr.+, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Lepine+,  
Dr. Gary Lester+, Fr. Peter Lickman+, Livingston Family+, Int. Joanne Luccarella, John Lugano+, Sean Lugano+,  
Montalvo Family, Buzz Moschetto+, Ms. Shawn Murphy+, John Murphy+,  
Maureen Lyttleton Nesbitt+, Catherine & Joseph O'Hehir+, Lillian Padilla+, Robert E. Palmer+,  
Sung Joon Park + and Soon Hee Park +, Bishop A. Edward Pevec+, Irene B. Powell+, Puchalla Family+, Andrew Racca+,  
Gerald Rauenhorst+, Maureen & Ted Reinhard+, Erwin Remmert+, Travy Remmert+, Rosenda Robledo+, Nancy Rodriguez+,  
Rossi Family+, Carole J. Russo+, Anthony Francis Russo+, Baby Santos+, Intention of Sara Martinez+,  
Ann Schuback+, Helen Scull+, Kathleen Simpson+, Donald "Papa" Slapnik+, Iola V. Smalley+,  
Artemio & Maxima Soriano+, Squeri Family+, Nora Stark+, Mary Ellen Szawlowski+, Tedeschi Family+,  
David Travell+, James & Regina Turner+, Gene Vahey+, Emma Valeriano+, Jose R. Vargas+,  
Lupita Vazquez de Coslo+, Ventura Familias, Mel Villaruz+, Mercedes Viray+, Virgen Guadalupe,  
Viscardi Family+, Anita E. Walker+, Robert E. Walker+, Walker Family+, Weeks Family+, Amiel Wehrli+,  
Carlos Zenteno+, Margaret Sue Zunker+, Viola & Sal +*

***Please keep them in your prayers.***