

# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

\***THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-Holy Day of Obligation**

**SATURDAY: 12/8 9:00AM:** 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary blessings for Dulce & Miguel Minaya. Requested by Miguel Minaya.

**5:00 PM Vigil** In loving memory of Kingsley Perkins. Requested by Gloria Perkins.

**SUNDAY: 12/9 9:30AM-** In loving memory of Victor Otero. Requested by The Otero & Wright Family.

**12:00 PM** In loving memory of Jose Silva.

Requested by Jose Silva.

**MONDAY: 9:00 AM** People of the Parish

**TUESDAY: 9:00 AM** Birthday Blessings for Luciano Meneses. Requested by family & friends.

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM** In loving memory of all deceased members of Collins family. Requested by Joyce Collins & Family.

**THURSDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE**

**FRIDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE**

**SATURDAY: 12/15 5:00 PM:** In Thanksgiving & blessing for Pope Francis.



Michael McKinney, Jennie Santos, John Wilson, Louise Worrell, Msgr. Hinch, Silvia Charles, Camilo Meneses López, Gloria Gagliardi, José Miranda, Asunción Nuñez, Yuklin Hernandez, Annie Andrews, Laura Garrick, Isabel

Benitez, Helen Clarke, Myrna Charles, Lois Clarke, Lauraine Bennette, Elgin Ranjitsingh, Perlin Landers, Franklin Strachan, Mary DeLuca, Msgr. Steven A. Ferrari, Michelle Miller, Crystal Brunner, Cyrus Flavigny, Norine Greig, Estelle Love, Elijah Flavigny, Evelyn Linley, Nathan Pittman & Liliana Rosales.

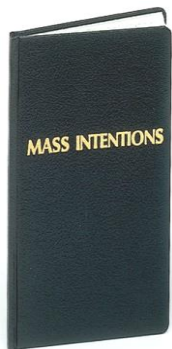
We will keep names on the prayer list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory to have the name reinstated. Thank you.

**FOR ALL THE DECEASED** Parishioners and Priests of our Diocese

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

December 9, 2018 Religious Retirement Fund

December 25, 2018 Catholic Charities



### MASS BOOK 2019:

The Mass book for 2019 will open On Wednesday December 12, 2018.

Please come to the Parish Office during regular working hours to request a Mass intention. The stipend is \$15.00 per intention.

Beginning January 2019 TWO

Intensions per Mass is allowed. If there are special dates in your life you would like to celebrate, please

come as soon as possible. The dates fill up quickly, especially Sunday intentions. No intentions can be taken over the telephone, and each intention must be accompanied by the stipend. We attempt to make this process as open and as fair to all as possible.

## Readings for the Week

### DECEMBER 9 SUNDAY

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First: Baruch 5:1-9  
Second: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### DECEMBER 10 MONDAY

First: Isaiah 35:1-10  
Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

### DECEMBER 11 TUESDAY

#### ST DAMASUS I

First: Isaiah 40:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 18:12-24

### DECEMBER 12 WEDNESDAY

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

First: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712

### DECEMBER 13 THURSDAY

#### ST LUCY

First: Isaiah 41:13-20  
Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

### DECEMBER 14 FRIDAY

#### ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

First: Isaiah 48:17-19  
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

### DECEMBER 15 SATURDAY

First: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Gospel: Matthew 17:9a,10-13

### DECEMBER 16 SUNDAY

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First: Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Second: Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT  
"PREPARATION"  
OF OUR HEARTS  
CONTINUES TODAY !

### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

*Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end... Amen...*

*Check your HEART! If your heart is not right, your life is not right. Help someone, share with someone, bless someone through your actions this Advent.*

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Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

*The parish of St. Laurence complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please do so at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel – priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.*



## **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:**

FIRST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH AT 10 AM SHARP, 1018 BASEMENT IN THE RECTORY

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:**

Meeting will be held on the Wednesday December 19th, 2018. At 6:30 pm in the Rectory. Members please contact Ginger Wright to rsvp.



*The Cluster Food Pantry is available to those of our parishes who need food. The Pantry is located in the basement of Our Lady of Miracles Rectory (757 E. 86th St. Between Flatlands Ave. & Glenwood Rd.) Entrance through parking lot, back of rectory. Open from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ONLY Saturdays*

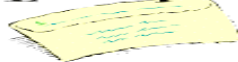
## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Please use the special envelope in your box, or take one from the vestibule to make your donation for our Christmas flowers. Our Church is always decorated so beautifully during this Christmas season, and that only is possible with your donations. All donations go towards the Cost of the plants, wreaths, garland, etc., that are part of the decorations. Thank you for your generosity!



**Beginning January 2019, Two Intentions per Mass will be allowed.**

## **Offering Envelopes**



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES.**

If you are NOT a registered parishioner and would like to receive envelopes, PLEASE visit the rectory to register for envelopes. If you are registered, **PLEASE USE YOUR ENVELOPES.**

### It is important

- Your Gift to Your God.
- For proving that you attend church.
- For support of your church.
- For tax purposes.
- To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK:**

St. Laurence Church should share in the profits, for Each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or elected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank you for your participation.



The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

*Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains;*

*Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services;*

*Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation;*

*Bishop Muguero Residence for infirmed clergy;*

*Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.*

**Due to the rising cost of "The WORD AMONG US" books, beginning January 2019, copies of "The WORD AMONG US" will no longer be provided.**



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St. Laurence will continue the tradition of our Advent Giving Tree. The recipients of this years' Giving Tree is Catholic Charities' Santa's Toy Shop (information to follow) and The Volunteers of America/Domestic Violence.

All NEW, unwrapped gifts will be collected before and after each Mass.

The items needed for Catholic Charities' Santa's Toy Shop are non-violent toys as well as gift cards, name of child, age and anticipated toy are printed on the Angel ornament For Volunteers of America (women and children) include: gloves, scarves, hats, & socks. Deadline for donations will be, Sunday, December 16th thank you in advance or your generosity!!!



## **BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES:**

The staff asks that a member of each family kindly pick up their 2019 Contribution Envelopes at the end of each Mass. Please verify that you have the correct box of envelopes, name and envelope number is highlighted. If there are any errors or changes please fill out correction sheet or contact the Rectory. Please note that collection envelopes are not mailed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and may God bless you.

*St. Laurence R.C. Church  
Iglesia R. C. St. Lorenzo*

**SAVE THE DATE....**

**APARTA ESTE DIA....**

*Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Sight and Sound Theaters*

*Presents.....*

*Sabado Abril 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Teatro Sight and Sound  
Presenta.....*



*-Admission-Entrada*

*-Outlet Shopping at Tangers - Compras en  
el Outlet at Tangers*

*-Transportation -Transportación*

*-Lunch - Comida*

*Please contact-German Medina 917-753-  
8216*

*Por favor de contactar a—German Medina  
St. Laurence Rectory- Rectoria de  
St. Lorenzo 718-649-0545*

*Seats are filling up quickly, reserve your seat  
today!*

*Los asientos se llenan rapido, reserve su asiento hoy*

*Adults -170 Children - 165*

*-1<sup>st</sup> Payment December 10, 2018 - \$50.00*

*1<sup>st</sup> Pago Noviembre 29, 2018 - \$50.00*

*-2<sup>nd</sup> Payment January 16, 2018 -\$40.00*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Pago Diciembre 16, 2018 -\$40.00*

*-3<sup>rd</sup> Payment February 20, 2018 - \$40.00*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Pago Enero 20, 2018 - \$40.00*

*-4<sup>th</sup> &- Final Payment March 21, 2018 - \$40.00*

*4<sup>th</sup> & Pago Final Marzo 20, 2018 - \$40.00*