

# *Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church*

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## **Parish Ministry**

Monsignor Robert J. Romano, Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Raso, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Andrew Soley, C.S.Sp., Parochial Vicar

## **Weekend Assistants**

Rev. Carlo Graziano (Italian)  
Rev. Martin Restrepo (Spanish)

## **Music Ministry**

Mr. Phil Nuzzo, Director of Music Ministry  
Mrs. Janet Cullen, Director of Youth Choir

## **Mass Schedule**

**Weekday:** Monday-Friday 7:30 & 8:30 AM  
**Saturday:** 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM Vigil  
7:00 PM (Spanish Mass)  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Italian)  
10:30 AM, 12 Noon

## **Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2 PM - 5 PM  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
**Saturday:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Sunday and Holidays:** Emergency calls only.

## **Devotions:** **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration daily in the St. Francis Chapel  
until 3:30 PM. No Benediction.

## **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday after 8:30 AM Mass  
Novena booklets and Miraculous Medals are available in  
the sacristy. Please see Sr. Ann Martin.

## **Marian Hour**

Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary, every Friday 2:00 PM in the Chapel.

## **Divine Mercy Devotion**

Friday at 3:00 PM in the Chapel

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Academy**

Mr. Nicholas Troiani - Principal  
1514 72nd Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11228  
(718) 331-2070

## **Director of Operations/ Faith Formation**

Mrs. Marina Cassiliano  
(718) 331-4003  
Faithform.olg@aol.com  
Office Hours: By appointment only

## **Baptisms**

English - Second Sunday of month at 1:15 PM.  
Spanish - Every Third Saturday at 1:00 PM.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM  
Anytime during Rectory Office Hours.

## **Marriages**

All couples must make arrangements at the Rectory at  
least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. Couples  
must attend in-home pre-cana. Please call the rectory to  
meet with a priest or deacon.

## **Sick and Shut-In**

The priests and extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist  
are available to bring the Sacraments to those unable to  
come to Mass. Please contact Rectory.

## **Parish Registration**

All parishioners should register at the rectory. If you are  
not registered, we cannot issue letters of testimony or  
sponsorship for a sacrament. Please notify us of change  
of address, even within the parish.

## **Prayer Group**

Wednesday (Bible Study) 7:00 PM Rectory Bsmt/Chapel

## **Youth Program**

Gary Cassiliano, President  
(718) 259-9566

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).  
 Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).  
 Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).  
 Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Tuesday: St. John
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



**The Nativity of the Lord**  
 December 25, 2016  
*"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

—John 1:5



**Sunday, December 25**

- 8:00 am People of the Parish
- 9:00 am Salvatore Prano
- 10:30 am Iacoviello Family, Giuseppe Aprilino, Marie Genduso, Angelo and Angela Chiarelli, Nancy, Peter, Giolanda & Anthony Benvenuto, Maria & Angelo Lovaglio, Cristina Russo, Cathy & Bill Smolino & Pat Ferrara, Dana Jean Ruiz O'Hara, Beatrice Rennetti, Rosa Pasquale, Jennie & Joseph DeGirolamo

12:00 pm Anna & Michael & Marie Fiore, Giglio & Frank

**Monday, December 26**

9:00 am Christmas Novena

**Tuesday, December 27**

7:30 am Christmas Novena  
 8:30 am Francesco, Carlo, Maddalena Clemente

**Wednesday, December 28**

7:30 am Christmas Novena  
 8:30 am Angelo and Angela Chiarelli

**Thursday, December 29**

7:30 am Christmas Novena  
 8:30 am Hugo Sbordone

**Friday, December 30**

7:30 am Christmas Novena  
 8:30 am Luigi Zucaro

**Saturday, December 31**

8:30 am Christmas Novena  
 5:30 pm Archie Foresta and Carol Bley

7:00 pm

**Sunday, January 1**

8:00 am People of the Parish  
 9:00 am Vito e Elvira Nocera  
 10:30am Angelo and Angela Chiarelli, Frank Carofalo  
 12:00 pm Santa Lucchese



**Weekly Collections**

Our Parish Goal for the weekly offerings is **\$9,000**.  
 The Collection of December 18th totaled **\$5,194**.

The money that is donated from our weekly collections is the only source of income to support our parish. Our weekly expenses reflect the minimum needed for all the church's utilities, insurance fees, salaries, ongoing maintenance, repairs, and numerous other bills for operating expenses...as well as the increasing costs for the many, many parish programs, ministries and services we offer here at OLG.



**If possible, if each of our parishioners could just increase your weekly contribution, BY ONE OR TWO DOLLARS it would greatly help offset the increasing costs faced by our church.**

We genuinely understand that these are difficult economic times and it's not easy for any family to sacrifice even more right now. We want to assure you that every single penny donated goes right back into our church, the operations of our church and our parish programs. Once again, thank you for your continuing generosity.

***For the week of December 18th***

**Offertory Gifts**  
 (Bread & Wine)

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Antonio, Carmela and**  
**Charles Sferrazza**



*As requested by*  
**Grace Sferrazza**

**Altar Candles**  
 (Set of two)

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Ronald A. DiDonato**



*As requested by*  
**Mr. and Mrs Richard DiNapoli**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Phil Dellegrazie**



*As requested by*  
**Mom and his daughter**  
**Chincia Dellegrazie**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Annibale Cappelleri**



*As requested by*  
**Maria Cappelleri**

**PLEASE PRAY for**

Anthony Bruno  
 Isabella Freed  
 Madeline Montenegro  
 Marie DePaolo  
 JP Cerulli  
 Martha Krukis  
 Ann Maldari  
 Veronica Gibbons  
 Gaetano Mastroianni  
 Rocco Bellantoni  
 Robert Provenzano  
 Trezza Family  
 Victoria Ricotta  
 Vito Calaprince  
 Vincent Laterra Jr.  
 Carmela Acquaviva  
 Joanne Eterno  
 Vivian Franzitta  
 Christopher Petrick  
 Gregory Rapisarda  
 Baby Sadie Olive  
 Baby Rocco Morabito  
 Baby Olivia  
 Gabriella Ungro

Carmen Costa  
 Frances Armetta  
 Giuseppe Fuda  
 Jane LaBella  
 Lucy Romano  
 Orazio Gambale  
 Joseph McClellan  
 Erica Galletta  
 Angela Azzinaro  
 Dolores Sciulla  
 Orazio Arrabito  
 Regine Gambale  
 A. Jencsik  
 Marisa Schievello  
 Rita Schievello  
 Maria Concetta  
 Conte Bedissi  
 Marie Lombardo  
 Joseph Montenegro  
 Vincent LaBella  
 Ritchie Carpenito  
 Megan Beard  
 Anthony Colombo  
 Leonard Klein

Pauline Burgio  
 Vincent Zito  
 Robyn Z.  
 Giovanni Toribio  
 Fanny Colucci  
 Frances Guardino  
 Anita Turco  
 Jimmy Ventimiglia  
 Roseann Claimont (Health)  
 Mathew Cerulli  
 Josephine Coracci  
 Julia Bruzese  
 Antoinetta Orlando  
 James Leung  
 Galileo Trillo  
 Rachel Biancardi

**Parish Registration Requirements for 2016 Tax Deductions**

As we begin to head towards the end of the year, anyone wishing to claim his or her contributions to our church as an Income Tax deduction—and have it confirmed in writing by us—**MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS.**

We cannot provide a statement of contributions for 2016 income tax purposes to anyone who is not registered and not using your weekly envelopes.

We cannot issue any letters in connection with sponsorship for Sacraments or give recommendations for, positions, schools, etc. We would, therefore, kindly ask all new parishioners and those current parishioners not registered with our church to stop by the rectory office and register their families at your earliest convenience.

*It is extremely important that you register.*

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

Dear Parishioners,

The following dates and times will be our mass schedule for the Christmas season. Please also take note of the following Mass times for New Years Eve and New Years Day.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass: Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:30pm and 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)

New Year's Day Masses: Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 am, 9:00 am 10:30 am and 12:00 Noon



**Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Clouds**

*Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 at 2:00 pm*

All are welcome to join the Solemn Mass and Procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin of the Cloud "Mother of the Absent Ecuadorian" Officiated by Bishop Sanchez.

After the Eucharist, we invite all the devotees for a presentation of folk dances and many more activities.

**Parish Registration Why You Need To Register**

To all of our parishioners who are still not registered, we respectfully ask that you take just a minute to use the form below and register now. Also, to those parishioners who, for whatever reason, cannot attend mass with us every week, we also ask that you please register with us. You are still part of our parish family and we welcome you. In order to fully participate in our parish, to be always informed about our parish and all of the many, many services and programs we provide, of all the support services available, of all of the events planned--you need to be registered.

Also, if you are not registered and you are not using your weekly envelopes, we cannot issue any letters in connection with sponsorship for the Sacraments, we cannot give recommendations for positions, schools, etc. and we also cannot provide letters or documentation confirming your charitable weekly donations in the prior tax years.

It is extremely important that you register with our church. It is as simple as filling out one of the WELCOME ENVELOPES in the back of the church or by simply using the form below and giving it to an usher, dropping in a collection basket or by stopping in the rectory office at your earliest convenience.

*You can now also register on our parish website.*

**Weekly Saint Quote:**

*"You desire that which exceeds my humble powers, but I trust in the compassion and mercy of the All-powerful God."*

—Saint Stephen

**\* Weekly Memorial Gifts \***

We have many Weekly Memorial Gifts available for 2016. Please consider memorializing a loved one by purchasing any of these gifts that we have available:

***Bread & Wine (\$25.00),  
Altar Flowers***

***(\$50.00 per basket), the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25.00) or Altar Candles (\$25.00 for a set of two).***

It is a lovely way to honor someone's memory, please stop by the rectory during office hours to purchase a gift.

**Become a Registered Parishioner**

*If you would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return it to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (work) \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional Information)

## **The Nativity of the Lord**

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### **A Prayer for the New Year**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of  
God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

*Amen.*

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### **Mass Intentions & Gifts Available for 2017**

As the New Year approaches, please take the time in considering honoring a loved one by donating a mass intention or weekly gift in their memory.

Please stop by the rectory during office hours to inquire about available dates.

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### **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

Thank you to our parishioners for allowing OLG to go over its goal in the Generations of Faith Campaign. Our goal was \$480,000 and we have pledged over \$658,000. This means that for anything that comes in now, OLG will receive 100% of the pledge. Those who have made pledges please do not send any money to the rectory until you receive a statement from the campaign. You will mail your payments to the office in

Connecticut and remember to make your checks out to the Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn and Queens. If you have not made your pledge, there are cards at the back of the church.

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### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Catholic Charities hosts a bi-weekly support group at the Our Lady of Angels Human Service Center (336 73rd Street) that is open to individuals who take care of loved ones who are sick and/or elderly.

Caregivers are invited to share, learn, and support one another in facing common joys and challenges.

Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

For more information, please contact

Ms. Bexabeth Gomez at (718) 680-6344 or

BEXABETH.GOMEZ@CCBQ.ORG



**Members of the Armed Forces on  
Active Duty From  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**



*“Protect them as they protect us. Bless them for the selfless acts they perform for us. Bring them home safely to those who wait for them. Amen”*

**LCPL Michael Cala (2nd Tour in Afghanistan)  
Petty Officer (2nd Class) Stephen Ungro USS Ford Aircraft Carrier**

Any family that has loved ones or friends serving in our Armed Forces, please submit their names, rank, service branch and deployment location to the rectory office. We would like to publish their names in a prayer list in our bulletin to thank them, to honor them and to keep them in our prayers.

**PARISH WEBSITE**

**Please visit our NEW website at:  
[www.olguadalupe-brooklyn.com](http://www.olguadalupe-brooklyn.com)**

**Don't forget to follow us on social media too!**

**Follow us on Twitter @OLGChurchBklyn**

**On Facebook—OurLadyOfGuadalupeChurchBrooklyn**

**And Instagram—olgchurchbrooklyn**

**Pilgrimage with Saint Joseph's College**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
January 4-13, 2017

Travel with Saint Joseph's College faculty members:  
Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and Father Pizzarelli,  
SMM

For a detailed brochure,  
call Sister Grace at (631)654-0199  
Or e-mail [growland@sjcny.edu](mailto:growland@sjcny.edu)

**A Special Prayer During  
This Christmas Season**

Lord,

In this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we  
praise you for the great wonders you have sent us:  
for shining star and angel's song,  
for infant's cry in lowly manger.

We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.  
We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the in-  
comprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard  
fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder.

We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers,  
wise men.

Help us to rise bigger than we are.

*Amen.*

