

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

7201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11228  
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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**

Mrs. Muriel Wilkinson- 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** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

**Psalms** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
- Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 31, 2017**

*"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."*

—Luke 2:30-31



**Sunday, December 31st**

- 8:00 am People of the Parish
- 9:00 am Nicola Candido
- 10:30 am Mary Genduso, Giuseppe Randazzo, William Murawski  
In Loving Memory of Angelo & Angela Chiarelli, Genduso Family, Children of Terence Cardinal Cook Health Care Center

- 12:00 pm Louis A. Rivera
- 5:30 pm Carol Bhey and Archie Foresta
- 7:00 pm

**Monday, January 1st**

- 8:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 10:30 am For the healing of Baby Mario Ficarrotta
- 12:00 pm Giuseppe Aprilino

**Tuesday, January 2nd**

- 7:30 am The Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 am Intentions of LoCascio Family

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

- 7:30 am Alfredo Menucce
- 8:30 am Fortunata & Michaelangelo Attardo

**Thursday, January 4th**

- 7:30 am Alfredo Menucce
- 8:30 am Filippo Mazzone

**Friday, January 5th**

- 7:30 am
- 8:30 am Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, January 6th**

- 8:30 am Attilio Angioletta
- 5:30 pm Deceased of the Rapisarda, Torretta, & Zabbia Family
- 7:00 pm Providencia Perez

**Sunday, January 7th**

- 8:00 am People of the Parish
- 9:00 am Franca & Anthony Bellantoni & Giuseppe & Carmela Floccari
- 10:30 am Friello, Francesco, Angelina, Noera, Vito, & Elvira Piana, Thomas Coppola, Angelo and Angela Chiarelli,
- 12:00 pm Steven Ungro

**PLEASE PRAY for**

- Anthony Bruno
- Isabella Freed
- Madeline Montenegro
- JP Cerulli
- Martha Krukis
- Veronica Gibbons
- Gaetano Mastroianni
- Rocco Bellantoni
- Robert Provenzano
- Trezza Family
- Victoria Ricotta
- Vito Calaprice
- Vincent Laterra Jr.
- Carmela Acquaviva
- Joanne Eterno
- Vivian Franzitta
- Christopher Petrick
- Baby Sadie Olive
- Baby Rocco Morabito
- Baby Olivia
- Gabriella Ungro
- Carmen Costa
- Frances Armetta
- Giuseppe Fuda
- Jane LaBella
- Lucy Romano
- MaryAnn Gambale
- Joseph McClellan

- Erica Galletta
- Dolores Sciulla
- Orazio Arrabito
- Regine Gambale
- A. Jencsik
- Marisa Schievello
- Rita Schievello
- Maria Concetta
- Conte Bedissi
- Marie Lombardo
- Joseph Montenegro
- Vincent LaBella
- Ritchie Carpenito
- Vincent Zito
- Robyn Z.
- Giovanni Toribio
- Frances Guardino
- Anita Turco
- Jimmy Ventimiglia
- Roseann Claimont (Health)
- Mathew Cerulli
- Josephine Coracci
- Julia Bruzzese
- James Leung
- Mirta Heineman
- Joseph Dona
- Loretta Bentivegna

- Romilda Raso
- Connie Pennachio
- Miosotis Garcia
- Christian Dibasi
- Anthony Pignatello
- Theresa DeChiaro
- Alicia Bejarano
- Rosa Sainea
- Lucy Sottile
- Frances Ligotti
- Annette La Terra
- Eileen Sullivan
- Pat LoBianco
- Maria Sanvenero
- Grace Sferrazza
- Dr. Richard Romeo
- Phillip LoPinto



**Weekly Collections**

**Our Parish Goal for the weekly offerings is \$9,000.**

**The Collection of December 24th totaled \$6,720.**

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.



**Mass Intentions & Weekly Gifts Available**

Please stop by the rectory during office hours to inquire about available dates for honoring loved ones with mass intentions or weekly gifts in their memory.

*For the week of December 31st*



**Angelina Bellia  
Howard J. Reynolds**

**Weekly Saint Quote:**

*"Faith lifts the soul, Hope supports it, Experience says it must and Love says... let it be!"*

— Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



**\* Weekly Memorial Gifts \***

We have many Weekly Memorial Gifts available. 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.

**OUR PRAYER GARDEN - SACRED GROUND**

*Our Prayer Garden & Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe is not just a garden.*

*It has also become hallowed ground for our parishioners.*

The paving stones are not just paving stones. Each stone has its own stories, its own memories, its own special meaning for families.

A dad, who lost his son in a boating accident, spends a quiet moment, tears streaming down his face as he reaches out near the bench his family donated and prays with that son.

Another family lost a dad to multiple myeloma and comes to spend quiet time in the garden with their memories and say a prayer.

Still another family stops to pray for a son lost years ago, a son who graduated from our school.

He is always remembered.

Unsung heroes of our police department, some who died on September 11<sup>th</sup>, others in the line of duty protecting us, are remembered right here in our Garden. These paving stones form a special place, a sacred place where families will always come to feel close to their loved ones.

As we have entered this Christmas season, our prayer garden hosts the names of loved ones honored through beautiful lights, banners, wreaths and angels. Though their stories may have ended differently, each of these loved ones shares one thing in common: they are enveloped in love, honor and welcomed home to their families here at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**It's The Season Mass Schedule!**

**New Year's Eve-- Sunday, December 31st**

8:00 AM  
9:00 AM Italian  
10:30 AM  
12:00 Noon  
5:30 PM  
7:00 PM Spanish



**New Year's Day-- Monday, January 1st**

8:00 AM  
9:00 AM Italian  
10:30 AM  
12:00 PM Noon

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back**

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 neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. **Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525.**

**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.*

**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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### **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico!**

Join us on a Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico**

Spiritual Director: Father Jorge Ortiz

**March 2nd– 8th, 2018**

For brochures and other info, contact  
*Regina Tours- (Lucille) at 1(800)-Catholics x208 or  
Lucille@groupist.com*

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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](mailto:BEXABETH.GOMEZ@CCBQ.ORG)

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Want your child to be curious, understand math, pray to God, and  
**LOVE** learning?



*We're saving a seat for you!*



Consider one of our many kindergarten  
programs at

**[dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools/find-a-school](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools/find-a-school)**

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### **Bereavement Support Group**

*"Grief has no short cuts. It must be lived through."*

Sessions to assist the bereaved find their way through disturbed and painful places, toward recovery are offered at St. Ephrem's Spirituality Center on **Monday evenings at 7:00 PM** on a 6-week cycle

**dates: January 8, 15, 22 29 & February 5, 12**

Contact **Sister Ann** at the Center if interested (718)921-9518

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### **Volunteers & Eucharistic Ministers**

The **Bensonhurst Center** (1740 84th Street Bklyn, NY)  
Is looking for volunteers for the chapel & Eucharistic  
Ministers.

If interested, please contact *Sr. Anne* at  
**(718)885-8484 ext. 732.**



**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  
Sargent First Class Danon Weatherd (6th Tour in Afghanistan)**

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**

**A Prayer For The New Year**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.*

*We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait."*

*We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.*

*We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.*

*May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.*

*To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*