



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
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: 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.

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

Holy Week and Easter were a special moment in the life of our parish and I would like to say thank you to those who enabled it so to be.

There are not enough words to adequately thank Marlon Hosang who coordinates and trains our altar servers. Marlon, after getting advice from Manuel Garcia, spent hours researching the ceremonies. He carefully trained our servers who so enriched our prayer. To Marlon and all our altar servers, thank you so much, you really helped create the wonderful atmosphere for prayer.

The Word of God was truly proclaimed throughout the Triduum and Easter, as it is at every Sunday liturgy. Thanks to our lectors and a special thank you to Kimberley LaMarque Orman who heads the lector program.

Our Eucharistic Ministers so enhance our prayer as they offered us the Body and Blood of the Lord, thank you. And a special word of thanks to Brian Fallon who not only coordinates the Eucharistic Ministers—he also found us 12 pairs of feet for the foot washing .

Our choir enriched our prayer with their beautiful voices. To each of them a word of thanks and thank you to our parish music director Gregory D'Agostino. And thanks to Edith and Enrique Lopez who coordinated the music for the Spanish services

There were many programs to be prepared and printed, many details to be attended to behind the scenes: to Matt Collins, Meg de Mercado, Martha Montalvo, Michael Murphy, William Moran, Roberto Torres, Jose Bobadilla, and to Donna DeSolis, who was with us in spirit, a big thank you. In many ways you made it all possible.

And wasn't the church beautiful? Thank you Thomas Davis and Liz Hutton—you placed the flowers with such care. Your creativity so enhanced our Easter prayer.

At the Easter Vigil, our catechumens Rozie Camaj, Whitney Hough, Ashley Lawson and Chener Yuan

were baptized. Shannon Collins, Philip Holder, Kay Osterhaus, Lydia Romero Wayne Suiter and Ron Thaniel were received into the Catholic community and together with Allyson Brantley, Sophie Leal and Krishna Nirmel who completed the rites of full communion. This comes after a time of intense preparation in RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). To our RCIA team, Lea Anastasio, Cabrina Carnevale, Kevin Esteban, Bob Huber, Laurie Knies, and Lidia Stempien for their dedication and willingness to share so freely their time and talent, and to Tina Silvestro, coordinator of the RCIA program, thank you.

Cynthia Viray and Esperanza Caffrey added their considerable talents to caring for and designing the linens used in the sanctuary. Thank you.

And thank you, the people of the Blessed Sacrament for your presence, your prayer and your support. \$45,580 has been received in the Easter collection and \$1,237 was offered for Holy Thursday and \$3,626 was collected on Good Friday to support the shrines of the Holy Land. \$3,873 was offered as memorial donations toward the cost of the Holy Week and Easter Flowers.

Again, Thank you for your generosity. May the Risen Lord bless us all and enable us to pray together for peace.
Fr. Duffell

Second Sunday of Easter—The Sunday of Divine Mercy. In most of us, the betrayal of friends is a grievous hurt, whether it is deliberate or the result of fear and weakness on their part. When friends betray us, it hurts, and sometimes festers, causing resentment and alienation. What a model Jesus is in today's Gospel! There is no "pound of flesh" required. There is no blaming. There is no demeaning remarks, just a simple "peace be with you. One of the proofs of identity of a follower of Jesus is the person's capacity to forget no matter what. Forgiveness is a freeing experience. It unbinds people. It does what Jesus did: proclaims the Good News. It identifies us a true disciple.

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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

La Semana Santa y la Pascua de Resurrección han sido momentos muy especiales para nuestra parroquia. Y quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a quienes hicieron que esto fuera posible.

No tengo palabras suficientes para Marlon Hosang quien con mucha eficiencia coordina y entrena nuestros ayudantes del altar. Siguiendo los consejos de Manuel Garcia, Marlon paso horas estudiando las diferentes liturgia y para el y sus ayudantes nuestro mas sincero agradecimiento.

La Palabra de Dios fue veramente proclamada durante el Triduum y la Pascua . Gracias a nuestros lectores y en especial a Kimberley LaMarque Orman quien encabeza este programa.

Gracias también a los Ministros de la Eucaristia que de tal forma realzan nuestras plegarias mientras ofrecen el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor. Y en especial a Brian Fallon quien no solo coordina los Ministros de la Eucaristia, sino que nos consiguió las 12 personas requeridas para el lavado de los pies.

Nuestro grupo coral enriqueció nuestra liturgia con sus maravillosas voces. Nuestro agradecimiento a cada miembro de este grupo asi como al Director Musical de nuestra parroquia, Gregory D’Agostino Gracias también a Edith y Enrique Lopez quienes coordinaron la música para los servicios en español..

Y también hubieron otros muchos detalles de que ocuparse, la preparación e impresión de los diferente programas, etc.. Nuestras gracias a Matt Collins, Meg de Mercado, Martha Montalvo, Michael Murphy, William Moran, Roberto Torres, Jose Bobadilla, y Donna de Solis. Ustedes lo hicieron todo posible.

La decoración de la Iglesia estuvo a cargo de Thomas Davis y Liz Hutton; las flores colocadas con tanto esmero. Su creatividad contribuyo al éxito de nuestra celebración.

Durante la Vigilia Pascual fueron bautizados los “catechumens” Rozie Camaj, Whitney Hough, Ashley Lawson y Chener Yuan: Shannon Collins, Philip Holder, Kay Osterhaus, Lydia Romero, Wayne Suiter y Ron Thaniel fueron recibidos en la Comunidad Catolica.junto a Allyson Brantley, Sohia Leal y

Krishna Nirmel quienes completaron luego de intensa preparacion en RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) el rito de la Comunión. A los miembros del RCIA, Lea Anastasio, Cabrina Carnevale, Kevin Esteban, Bob Huber, Laurie Knies, y Lidia Stempien, gracias por su dedicacion y buena voluntad en compartir su tiempo libre y talento. Y a Tina Silvestro, coordinadora del programa RCIA, nuestro sincero agradecimiento.

Gracias a Cynthia Viray y Esperanza Caffrey por contribuir su considerable talento en el diseno y cuidado de los linos usados en el santuario.

Y gracias a ustedes, los feligreses de Blessed Sacrament por su presencia, plegarias y apoyo incondicional. Recibimos \$45,580 durante la colecta de Pascua, \$1,237 el Jueves Santo y \$3,626 el Viernes Santo para apoyar los lugares sagrados de Tierra Santa. \$3,873 fue donado in memoriam para cubrir el costo de las flores de la Semana Santa y el Domingo de Resurrección.

Una vez mas, gracias a todos por su generosidad. Que el Señor os bendiga y nos permita rezar juntos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

Segundo Domingo de Pascua (o de la Misericordia Divina). Para muchos de nosotros la traicion de un amigo es un gran dolor, ya sea deliberado o el resultado de miedo y debilidad de su parte. Cuando amigos nos traicionan nos duele y algunas veces nos causa resentimiento y distanciamiento. Jesus es un gran modelo en el Evangelio de hoy! No requiere conseguir a toda costa lo que es suyo. No culpa a nadie. No hace comentarios degradantes, simplemente un “la paz este con usted”. Una de las pruebas de identidad de un seguidor de Jesus es la capacidad de la persona de olvidar lo que sea. El olvido es una experiencia liberadora. Desata a las personas. Hace lo que hizo Jesus: Proclamar la Buena Nueva. Lo identifica como un verdadero discipulo.

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