



# St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Mt 2:10-11*

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*Venga y únase con nosotros,  
Juntos crearemos comunidad*

### SERVED BY:

Rev. Helber Victoria, Pastor

Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ken Boller, S.J. Weekend Assistance

Our Parish Deacons: Deacon Pedro Gonzalez,  
Deacon Leopoldo Polanco, & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Parish Secretary: Carmen Gonzalez

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Nube Parra

Religious Education: Grades 1-8; Brenda Santana

### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for choosing to worship at the Church of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception! We welcome your participation in songs and prayers. If you would like to become our parishioner we can assist with your journey of faith.

### ¡Bienvenidos Todos!

Gracias por escoger a Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción, como su lugar de culto. Le damos la bienvenida a esta comunidad. Si desea registrarse en nuestra parroquia por favor comuníquese con nuestra oficina Parroquial.

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

#### **Daily Masses:**

**Monday—Friday** 7:00 am English  
**Monday** 7:00 pm Holy Hour  
**Tuesday** 7:00 pm Spanish  
**Thursday** 7:00 pm Spanish  
**Saturday** 9:00 am English

#### **Saturday Anticipated Mass:**

5:30 pm English  
8:00am—5:00 pm, 2000 Hail Mary's  
(Last Saturday of the Month)

#### **Sunday Masses:**

8:00 am English  
9:00 am Tagalog First Sunday  
10:00 am Spanish  
12:00 noon English

Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm

**Office hours:** Monday-Friday:  
10:00am-6:00 pm

*Come and join us and create a Christ-Centered Community where strangers become friends  
and friends become family.*

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Jan 7, 2019</b>                           |
| 7:00AM           | +Katherine Venezia                           |
| 7:00PM           | Holy Hour                                    |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>Jan 8, 2019</b>                           |
| 7:00am           | +Marie Higgins                               |
| 7:00PM           | +Irene Higgins                               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Jan. 9, 2019</b>                          |
| 7:00AM           | +Marciano Pang asnan                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>Jan. 10, 2019</b>                         |
| 7:00AM           | Joshua Estavillo Thanksgiving                |
| 7:00PM           | +Jhulisa Maldonado; + Petrona Cruz           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>Jan. 11, 2019</b>                         |
| 7:00AM           | +Marie Higgins                               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>Jan. 12, 2019</b>                         |
| 9:00AM           | Memorial Mass                                |
| 5:30PM           | +Arturo Casambre;                            |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>Jan. 13, 2018 BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>     |
| 8:00AM           | People of the Parish                         |
| 10:00AM          | +Carlos Polanco +Maria Paz & Alfredo Herrera |
| 12:00Noon        | +Juliet Solivio +Erlinda Adajar              |

#### Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 -15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a 9b /Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 40:1--11/Ps 104:1b-2-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,

#### Sacramental Preparation Programs

**Sacrament of Marriage:** For those who plan to get married, arrangement must be made with a priest at least one year before the wedding; to ensure adequate preparation please contact the office.

**Infant Baptisms:** Please contact Deacon Cesar Sarmiento for our family preparation program and to set a date. Call 201-434-8500 or e-mail deaconsarmiento@aol.com

**Adult Education (RCIA)** For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact the office 201-434-8500

**Religious Education:** For Religious Education of our Children from Grades 1-8; please call Brenda Santana: 201-795-3426

**Holy Orders:** Young men and women who have a calling to the priesthood or religious life call Archdiocesan office: 973-497-4365

**Sick /Homebound:** If you or your beloved ones are seriously ill, anticipating surgery; or homebound and in need of Holy Communion or Anointing, please call our Parish Office 201-434-8500.

**Parish Registration:** New Parishioners and those not registered, please fill the registration form at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office. Please inform Parish Office when you move.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For all those in our Parish Community who are physically or spiritually ill, may the Lord in His kindness heal their illness, and encourage them in their adversities; and may He receive with joy the prayers we offer for them.

Por todos los que sufren enfermedad fisica o espiritual en nuestra comunidad, para que el Senor en su gran bondad cure nuestras dolencias, nos anime en la adversidad y reciba con agrado las oraciones que por ellos ofrecemos.



Sunday December 30: not available  
 Christmas Day December 25, \$5473.00  
 Sunday December 23, \$3016.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
 GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

**Le damos las gracias a nuestros feligreses** por su apoyo continuo y por el uso de los sobres semanales. Le pedimos que reconsideren su compromiso de la ofrenda semanal, así ayudaremos al mantenimiento y sostenimiento de la parroquia. Contamos con su ayuda.

#### MEMORIAL SANCTUARY CANDLES

*Sanctuary Candles are available for \$5.00 each. These candles burn in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the church or in the chapel. Please call the office with your request.*

**VELAS PARA EL SANTÍSIMO EN MEMORIA DE UN SER QUERIDO-**  
*Las velas están disponibles a \$5.00 cada una. Las cuales serán encendidas al Frente del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla. Favor llamar a la oficina si desea ofrecer una de ellas.*



#### St. Mary's Sanctuary

+Marilyn Rivas

#### St Boniface Chapel

+Br Lou Mauro, SJ

**The Bread and Wine is offered this week:**

+Margaret Quirk

#### PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:** 9:00am-10:30am, Main Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 7pm-8pm Mondays, St. Boniface chapel

**GRUPO DE ORACION:** Tuesdays after 7pm Mass, St Boniface Chapel,

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** Wed. after 7am Mass, St. Boniface

**COFRADIA del SAGRADO CORAZON:** 2nd. Sunday 11:30 am.

**ALTAGRACIA GROUP:** 3rd Sunday of the Month, 11:30am

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 6 2019

### La Epifanía de Jesús

Epifanía como dice la festividad de hoy significa manifestación. Dios se manifiesta a todos. Y hoy vemos especialmente cómo se manifiesta a estos tres Reyes que vienen de Oriente y buscan a Jesús. Llega el momento en que no debemos perdernos en las palabras y, sencilla y confiadamente, ponernos en camino como los Reyes Magos. Ir al encuentro de Alguien que nos espera y que nos guía con una estrella luminosa.

Los Magos de Oriente iniciaron un camino exterior que concluyó cuando llegaron a la meta. Pero también realizaron una peregrinación interior que cambió toda su vida. Se pusieron en camino para ir a buscar a un Rey. Sabían que el mundo estaba desordenado, pero no se dejaron acobardar por el desconcierto. Sabían que existía una hermosa armonía en las estrellas, y que una nueva sinfonía estaba a punto de aparecer en algún lugar lejano. Nosotros necesitamos salir de la oscuridad que nos rodea por todas partes. Ante el Señor se postran los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los que lloran, los que tienen hambre y sed de la justicia, los misericordiosos, los limpios de corazón, los que trabajan por la paz, los que son insultados, perseguidos y calumniados.

El encuentro con Jesucristo, se ilumina en nuestro interior. La luz que nos orienta desde dentro nos permite vivir cada momento como tiempo propicio. La luz que nos ilumina desde dentro nos permite reconocer fraternalmente a cada una de las personas con quienes nos encontramos. Lo único que Él espera como regalo es a nosotros mismos, nuestra fidelidad y nuestro amor hacia Él en la persona de nuestros hermanos. Dale un abrazo a la primera persona que veas después de leer esta reflexión. Estarás abrazando al niño Dios..

**Carmen Gonzalez**

**Epiphany of Our Lord: Stewardship Reflection: Unity.**  
“... the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your **Stewardship** so that we may all “be one”.

### SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES AT ST MARYS.

**As New Year begins please consider volunteering in one Ministry.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Assist in the distribution of the Eucharist at mass and to homebound. Screening & Training sessions required & provided.

**Lectors (Readers):** Proclaim God's Living Word at weekend masses and special liturgies. Initial and occasional training sessions required.

**Altar Servers:** Serve at the Lord's Table for Sunday and Holy Day liturgies; children over the age of nine are welcome. Training required & provided Regular commitment needed.

**Good Samaritan Ministry:** Volunteer to visit the sick and home bound of our community when/as the need arises. Training provided.

**Ushers/Greeters:** extend welcome all visitors, assist with assembly seating (especially latecomers), invite gift bearers at weekend masses, receive parishioner donations, guide communion procession and distribute bulletins. Formation provided for interested women, men and teens.

**Music Ministry:** Participate in choir, 5:30pm Saturday, 8:30 am; 10am Spanish, and 12 noon Sundays; or participate as an instrumentalist, all to enhance our parish liturgical celebrations.

**Volunteer Ministry:** is also needed to help decorate, set up and serve at major parish gatherings and events.

Please if you are interested in any ministry, please contact the office



Our food pantry has returned to St. Mary's Church premises, 254 2nd Street, and will continue from there twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. Please take note of that and pass the news to our recipients. Your donations to the food pantry are welcome.

Nuestra dispensa de comida ha retornado a nuestra Parroquia de Sta. María- 254 Calle Segunda y continuará dos veces por mes el Primer y el tercer sábado del mes. Por favor tomar nota de ello y pasar la noticia a otras personas.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in our youth group please contact John Moncada: [john.moncada54@gmail.com](mailto:john.moncada54@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CORNER.** On this feast of Epiphany, Wise men from the East pay homage to the Savior with their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their Country by another way. What does the idea of “Gift” play in the readings today? How do you understand the spiritual nature of the journey in the readings, and what gift do you offer to Lord Jesus as this New Year begins?

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### UP-COMING EVENTS

#### **STO NIÑO TONDO FIESTA MASS**

This Year's Fiesta Mass will be on Saturday January 19th at 2:30pm, here at St Mary's Church, 254 Second Street Jersey City (near PATH/Grove Station) Please bring your own Sto. Niño to be placed on the Altar. Reception will follow after Mass, in the Marian Hall. Please bring your friends

#### **VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA.**

La Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 20 de Enero, 2019 a las 10:00 am. Habrá compartir despues de la Misa en el Marian Hall. Todos estan cordialmente invitados a participar.

#### **HOSPITALITY**

There is coffee/donuts (continental-breakfast) after 8am Mass on Sundays (**except First Sunday of the Month**) This event is held at Marian Hall immediately after 8am Mass. Please feel free to join fellow parishioners for hospitality and to get to know one another better. Thank you

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#### **POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2019 Evangelization:**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### **300 CLUB**

Renew or join today. This will be a big help to your Church and to your family. Prizes will be drawn on the last Friday of the month. Dues: \$10.00 a month, \$120.a year. payable all at once or in two installments **at any time.** Forms are available at the back of the Church.