



# ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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### Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday: 7:00 am English  
[Monday: Holy Hour 7:00-8:00 pm]

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm Spanish

Saturday: 9:00 am English

### Saturday Anticipated Mass:

5:30 pm English

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

### Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm

### Sunday Masses:

8:00 am English

9:00 am Tagalog (First Sunday)

10:00 am Spanish

12:00noon English

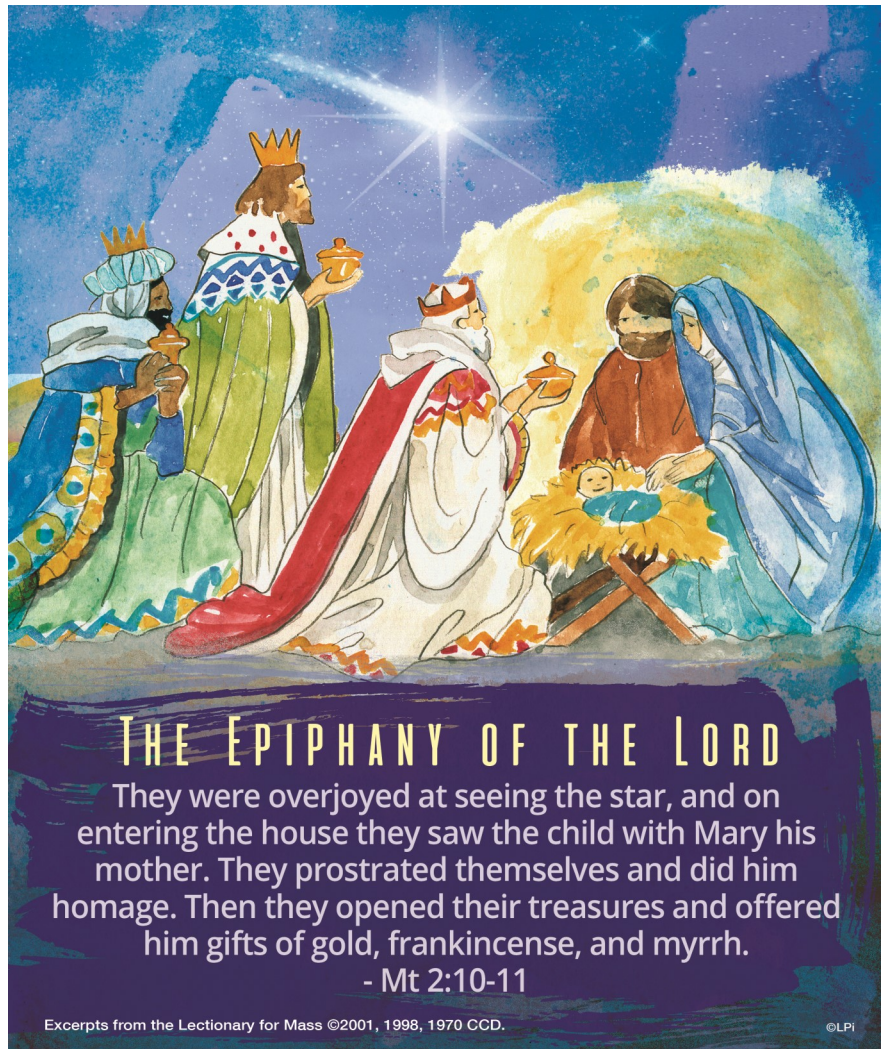
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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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JANUARY 5, 2020: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sto. Niño of Tondo Fiesta Mass be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 3pm. Please bring your own family Sto. Niño to be at the Altar for the celebration . Call parish office for more information.



### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Come and join us and create a Christ-Centered Community where Strangers become Friends and Friends become Family!*

**MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF JAN 6—JAN 12 2020**

**MONDAY | Jan. 6 2020**  
 7:00 am | Pura Traverso—Thanksgiving  
 7:00PM | Holy Hour  
**TUESDAY | Jan. 7, 2020**  
 7:00AM | Pura Traverso—Thanksgiving  
 7:00pm| En Accion de Gracias—Deacon Pedro  
**WEDNESDAY Jan 8, 2020**  
 7:00am Pura Traverso—Thanksgiving  
**THURSDAY| Jan. 9. 2020**  
 7 00 AM . +Marciano Pangasnan; +Kinyo & Justin Sunwoo  
 7:00pm  
**FRIDAY | Jan. 10 2020**  
 7:00AM Joshua Estavillo—Thanksgiving  
**SATURDAY | Jan. 11, 2020**  
 9:00AM | Memorial Mass  
 5:30PM: | +German Alberto Restepo  
**SUNDAY | Jan. 12, 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
 8:00AM | People of the Parish  
 9:00AM | (no Tagalog Mass)  
 10:00 AM! +Margaret Quirk; + Olga Amurrio  
 12:00 Noon | +Joan Gibson Miller;

**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.

**SERVED BY:**

Rev. Helber Victoria, Pastor  
 Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Parochial Vicar

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

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2020**

**Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world

**Peace Prayer - St Francis of Assisi:**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy

**TIME, TALENT, TREASURE.**

Sunday Dec 22: \$3,697

Dec 29: Not available

We thank our parishioners for their continued support and use of weekly envelopes. We rely on your help to run our Parish.

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

*Gracias por su generosidad!*

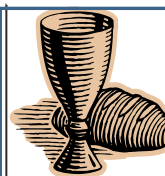
**Remember to Pray:**

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 in all our Masses.

**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 seran encendidas al Frente del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla. Favor llamar a la oficina si desea ofrecer una de ellas..



**St. Mary's Sanctuary**

Special Intention

**St Boniface Chapel**

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

In Memory of +Francisco Casambre

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

1st FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION: 7:am-12noon St. Boniface Chapel

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

2000 HAIL MARY'S : Last Saturday of the Month., 7:30am –7pm



TODAY'S REFLECTIONS:

On the Solemnity of Epiphany, the wise men invite us to do homage to the Lord in practical ways. But how do we do it, since we have no gold, frankincense or myrrh?

I think we are called to do homage by honoring God in our lives each day. As Catholics, some of us flock to church on feast days like Christmas and then ignore Him most Sundays of the year. We do homage to God when we return to adore him in ways He has given us – the Sunday Liturgy, Sacraments, Sacramental confession, Church marriage, and other Communal events that connect us with God.

As we end this Christmas season, may we have a stronger desire to adore and love God by worshipping him in our Community. Worship is primary but not exclusive. We need to also honor God in our lives by finding ways to serve and love him in others. Like the kings, let our lives be changed not temporarily in this season, but for good. May we return to our normal lives ready to love and serve the people God Has placed on our path. Amen. Have a blessed week!

FR EUSTACE

At home with the word

The Magi were able to overcome that dangerous moment of darkness before Herod, because they believed the Scriptures, the words of the prophets which indicated that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. And so they fled the darkness and dreariness of the night of the world. They resumed their journey towards Bethlehem and there they once more saw the star, the very star which could not be seen in that dark, worldly palace; and the Gospel tells us that they experienced “a great joy” (Mt 2:10). (Reflection by Pope Francis.)



THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts to the less fortunate of our Community. You were a big help to those who, during this season of joy, looked to us for help. Have a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year!



**OUR FOOD PANTRY:** 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: 7-8:30am. 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:

YOUTH CORNER: The readings for Epiphany give hope as they show that God's gift of Jesus is for everyone. Pope Francis emphasizes that: “We must not forget that we are pilgrims journeying along side one another. That means we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God's face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art.” (The Joy of the Gospel 244). \*Just as the Magi followed the Star, seek out and be inspired by the spiritual work of writers, artists, or musicians, regardless of denomination.

**Upcoming Events : STO. NIÑO OF TONDO**

The Sto. Niño of Tondo Fiesta Mass be on Saturday January 18, 2020, at 3pm. Please bring your own family Sto. Niño to be at the Altar for the celebration. All are invited. Potluck fellowship follows after Mass at Mariam Hall. Call 551-358-5234

**2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK.**

Mass Book for 2020 is open. Please call the Parish office or stop by from Monday-Friday 10am-6pm to arrange Masses for living or deceased members of your family. You may also dedicate The Tabernacle Candle, or offer the Bread and Wine in loving memory of a loved one.

**Stewardship Reflection**

**January 5, 2020, Epiphany of the Lord.**

**Stewardship Gratitude** “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” *Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image of **Stewardship** that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you..

**HOSPITALITY**

There is coffee/donut (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.

**300 CLUB**

Join or **RENEW 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 2 installments .

**PLEASE GET INVOLVED**

If you would like to share your Time, Talent and Treasure with our Church, please contact our Priests or call the Parish Office. Thank you. To volunteer as a Lector, an Usher, Altar Server, a Eucharist Minister, or to sing with the Choir, please contact any of our Priests or call the parish Office. (All volunteers are subject to safe environmental procedures as directed by the Archdiocese of Newark) **THANK YOU!**