



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

12:00 noon English

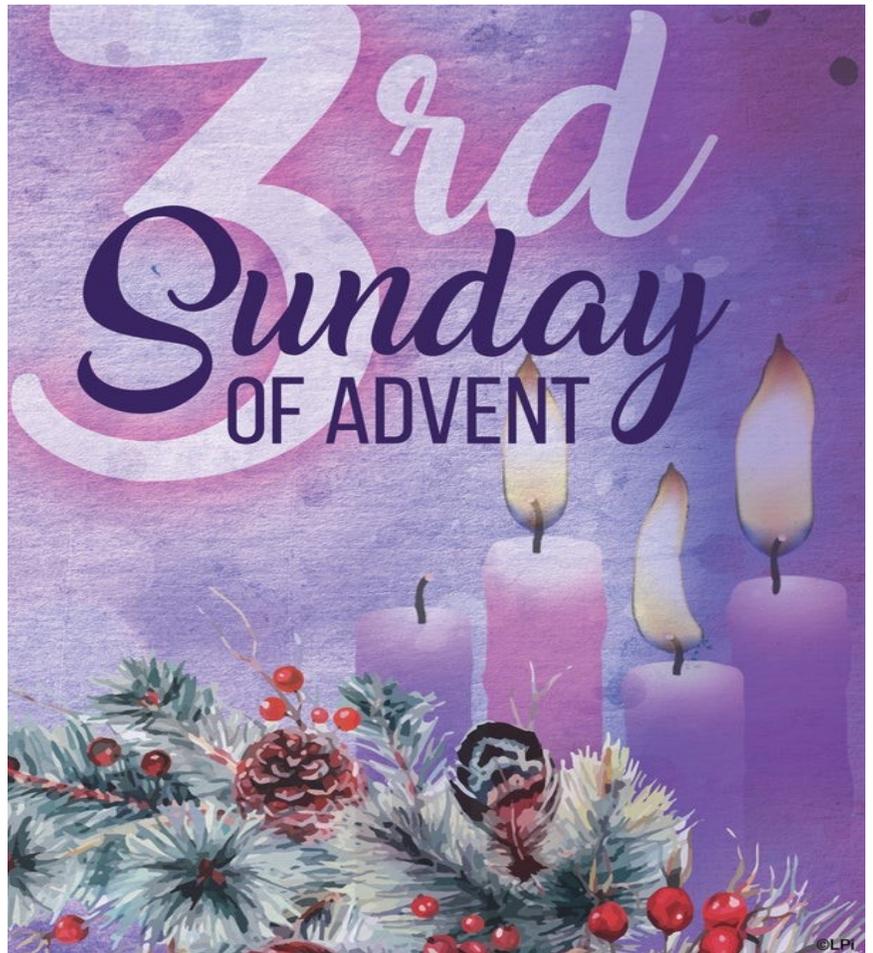
Parish Office Located At

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**TO REQUEST MASSES FOR YOUR BELOVED ONES,
 PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE PARISH
 OFFICE.**

**PARA SOLICITAR MISAS POR SUS SERES QUERIDOS,
 VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB O LLAME A LA OFICINA
 PARROQUIAL.**

****Please consider paying your weekly contributions online
 or by mail. Some of you are doing this already, and we are
 thankful for your generosity!**

**Por favor considere hacer sus donaciones en línea o por
 correo . Algunos de ustedes ya lo están haciendo y
 estamos muy agradecidos por su generosidad.**

***Please be safe and know you are in our daily Prayers.!**

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.

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

MASS SCHEDULE DEC, 13 — DEC, 20, 2020

MONDAY	Dec. 14, 2020
7:00AM	+Lourdes Colon and Muriel Fleet
7:00 PM	Holy hour
TUESDAY	Dec. 15, 2020
7:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Dayiri Dogoni
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 16, 2020
7:00 AM	+Presentation Sison + Celina de Garcia
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
THURSDAY	Dec. 17, 2020
7:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Vally Coulibaly
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
FRIDAY	Dec. 18, 2020
7:00 AM	+Jaime Santiago +Rev. Joseph Kelly
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SATURDAY	Dec. 19, 2020
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	In thanksgiving for Laila Carmen Arroyo
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY	Dec. 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	+Leila D' Urso
	+Elvira Payumo
10:00 AM	+Antonio and Olga Amurrio
	+Zoila Calle
12:00 Noon	People of the parish

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 Freddy Burke: 201-434-8500

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. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Administrator
Rev Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Our Parish Deacons:

Deacon Pedro Gonzalez
Deacon Leopoldo Polanco
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Carmen Gonzalez
Religious Education: Grades 1-8: Freddy Burke

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2020:

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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 dark-
ness, light, and where there is sadness, joy.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Collection on Dec, 06: \$ 2, 838.00

Total : \$ 2, 838.00

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

Thank you for your Generosity!

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 SANTISIMO EN MEMORIA DE UN SER QUERIDO

Las velas están disponibles a \$5.00 c/u las cuales serán encendidas al frente del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla o en la Iglesia. Favor llame a la oficina si desea ofrecer una de ellas.



St. Mary's Sanctuary

In memory of Elena López

St Boniface Chapel

Thanksgiving for Pierre Family

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

In memory of Tom Quirk

PLEASE CONTINUE OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: 7:30am-12noon St. Boniface Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION: 7PM-9PM Main Church

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

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK:

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed Son.

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* . John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

P. Duberley Salazar

NUESTROS PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- ◆ Esta es la última semana de nuestro "árbol de regalos de Adviento". Les pedimos a nuestros feligreses una "tarjeta de regalo" para beneficiar a las madres y sus hijos. Las tarjetas de regalo deben ser de tiendas de alimentos locales como Shoprite, Acme o tarjetas de regalo generales. Gracias por su regalo para los menos afortunados entre nosotros. Si ya ha comprado una tarjeta de regalo, deposítela en la caja de la colecta que está disponible junto al Árbol de Adviento.
- ◆ Nuestra celebración anual de Simbang Gabi y Posadas comenzará el 15 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm en Marian Hall. Las posadas se llevarán a cabo en la Iglesia principal.
- ◆ Se invita a los padres a traer a sus hijos después de las misas para recibir un regalo de los ayudantes de Santa el domingo 20 de diciembre, después de las 8:00 am, 10:00 am y 12:00 pm.



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 de cada 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

Hope is a voice crying out "The Lord is coming." As Christians, we are called to rejoice in that event, and to celebrate long list of glad tidings; liberty, healing, release, justice, vindication. Hope is not, however, unbridled optimism but rather the virtue of securing one's happiness in the goodness of God despite affliction. Recall that hope and suffering are intertwined. Look for examples around you of those lives are not easy yet who maintain a hopeful spirit, and try to find a reason to hope in a circumstance that has caused you pain.

Who are the people most in need of compassion to whom you are called to bring God's love?

Reflect on some of the great things that God has done for you. Rejoice in how you have been blessed.

How do you see yourself as a herald of Good News?

STEWARDSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ This is the last week for our "Advent Giving Tree". We are asking our parishioners for a "gift card" to benefit mothers and their children. The gift cards should be from local food stores such as Shoprite, Acme or general gift cards. Thank you for your gift for the less fortunate among us. If you have already purchased a gift card, please deposit it into the collection box, which is available next to the Advent Tree.
- ◆ Our annual celebration of Simbang Gabi and Posadas will start on December 15th at 7:00 pm in Marian Hall. Posadas will take place in the main Church.
- ◆ Parents are invited to bring their children down after Masses to receive a gift from Santa's helpers on Sunday December 20th, after 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The way to be great in the Kingdom of God is to be "the servant of all." A key point in which God and man differs is pride: in God there is no pride. Jesus calls us to be humble and to serve others with sacrificial love. Let us open our hearts to His call to be humble and share in His redemptive love.