



# ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

[www.stmarysparishjc.com](http://www.stmarysparishjc.com)

### 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

209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9AM-5PM

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."  
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

### ST MARY'S JERSEY CITY

### Served by one another and by:

#### Our Priests

Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Pastor  
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

Office Assistant: Alexis Mendoza

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Trustees: Purita Berrios & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

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

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

**MASS SCHEDULE: March 07 - March 13, 2022**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 07, 2022</b>
7:00 AM	+Ernesto Sison , Sr. +Francisca Cantellano
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 08, 2022</b>
7:00 AM	+ Sergio Aro +Lito Sendin
7:00 PM	25 <sup>th</sup> marriage Anniversary of Ana and Juan Estevez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 09, 2022</b>
7:00 AM	+Sergio Aro + Carmelito Sendin
7:00 PM	Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 10, 2022</b>
7:00 AM	+ Sergio Aro + Carmelito Sendin
7:00 PM	+German Alberto Restrepo
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 11, 2022</b>
7:00 AM	+Carmelito Sendin +Connie Kasilag
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 12, 2022</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 13, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 AM	+Angelica & Serafin Lozada Sr. +Stella Samson
10:00 AM	+Pedro Resto +Julio Rosas
12:00 N	+Irma Iris Medina +Milagros Deleste

**Sacramental Preparation**

**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. Please call 201-434-8500 or email deaconsarmiento@aol.com.

**Adult Education (RCIA)** For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact Rene Tolentino 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 of the Sick, 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 or online. Please inform the Parish Office when you move.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH 2022**

**A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**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, and where there is sadness, joy.

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

**February 27, Collection: \$ 2,411.00**  
**Second collection: \$ 930.50**  
**Total: \$ 3,341.50**

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

**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 loving Memory of + Reverend Bill Halbing

**St Boniface Chapel**

In loving memory of + Ivan Quiles

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

In loving memory of + Bill Kenney

**OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

- FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** 7:00am St. Boniface Chapel
- FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION:** 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
- COFRADES DEL SAGRADO CORAZON DE JESUS:** 2nd. Sunday 12:00pm.
- OL OF ALTAGRACIA GROUP:** 3rd Sunday of the Month, 12:00pm
- 2000 HAIL MARY'S:** Last Saturday of the Month., 7:30am –7pm

## REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 2022.

During the first Sunday of lent every year, we read the story of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted for forty days and forty nights. As we read the story of Jesus, we realize that we have our own desert story and experience to tell. What happened to Jesus happens to us daily. The difference between us and Jesus is that while we sometimes struggle to say yes to God, Jesus always said yes to His heavenly Father without any difficulties.

In a way, all life can be measured in terms of forty days in which there is a titanic struggle and decision-making between good and evil. This season, and even today, we shall have our temptations. Some will be great, others small; some will be difficult to overcome, others easy.

But Jesus will be there for us. He wants us to thrust ourselves to Him and learn from Him how to overcome. These forty days, we offer our sacrifice of praise and ask the Lord to teach us His ways and show us His mercy and forgiveness. Grace and peace of the Lord!

Fr Eustace Edomobi

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do we live our Stewardship by giving to God from our "first fruits" - the first and best that we have to offer, or do we give from what we have leftover? Second, do we realize that everything we have and that everything you are has been given to us by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

### 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 In John Moncada: [john.moncada54@gmail.com](mailto:john.moncada54@gmail.com)

today's Gospel Jesus provides a model of steadfastly turning away from temptation. We can feel driven to pursue careers, achievements and material things that steer our aim from God. Luke's Gospel shows the devil tempting and harassing Jesus in a number of ways. Jesus' response is simple and focused on God. It is easy to fall for temptation when feeling depressed, hungry, tired or sick. Even though Jesus was famished, thirsty, weak, and lonely, he focused on his father. We can do the same.

- ◆ As you contemplate Jesus' time in the parched desert and his intense discomfort, think about ways you can conserve water and avoid wasting food at home.
- ◆ With family or friends, make a plan this lent to use less water and food in solidarity with those who struggle to find clean drinking water and nourishment on a daily basis.
- ◆ Consider when you have been tempted to do something for power or glory. Pray about that tendency in your life.

## Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022

If you have not made your 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please do so today! Envelopes may be found in the back of the Church for your convenience. Thank you for your support!

Si aun no ha hecho su promesa a la Campaña Anual Arquidiocesana 2022, lo puede hacer hoy! Hay sobres en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia por su conveniencia. Gracias por su apoyo!

## 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, or to sing with the Choir, please contact the Parish Office. All volunteers are subject to safe environmental procedures as directed by the Archdiocese of Newark. THANK YOU!

## Announcements

- ◆ Stations of the Cross during Lent: every Friday at 7:00 pm (bilingual), except first Friday at 6:30 pm.
  - ◆ Wednesdays during Lent: Adoration, Benediction and Reflection at 7:00 pm.

### DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

- 7 Mon** Lenten Weekday violet [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs] Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
**8 Tue** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint John of God, Religious] Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
**9 Wed** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious] Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
**10 Thu** Lenten Weekday violet Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
**11 Fri** Lenten Weekday violet Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
**12 Sat** Lenten Weekday violet Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
**13 SUN** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT violet Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK; 2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but everyone may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\* ) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12 2022.

\*Canon 920, SS I. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

February 18, 2022  
Vicar General Office

### CAMPAÑA ANUAL ARQUIDIOCESANA 2022

Estaremos iniciando nuestras promesas a la Campaña Anual Arquidiocesana de 2022 para el mantenimiento de nuestra Arquidiócesis de Newark. Su donación a la Campaña Anual es parte de nuestro compromiso personal con la corresponsabilidad Cristiana. Es una forma de dar gracias a Dios devolviendo una parte de las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. La Palabra de Dios dice: No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque a su tiempo segaremos nuestra mies, si no desmayamos, Gálatas 6:9.

La forma ideal de donar es hacer una promesa y determinar una cantidad que pueda administrar mensualmente. Siéntase libre también de hacer un regalo único. Hacer una donación mensual le permite dar generosamente en equilibrio con sus otras responsabilidades económicas importantes en este momento de Covid. Le pediremos que se tome un momento y llene su tarjeta de compromiso.

Gracias por su consideración y oración como siempre. Por favor, manténgase saludable y que el Señor continúe bendiciéndolo a usted y a su familia.