



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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THIRD SUNDAY
 OF
Advent

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 Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Trustees: Purita Berrios & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

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: December 12 – December 18, 2022

MONDAY	December 12, 2022
7:00 AM	+Rebecca Payumo; +Carmen Martinez
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	December 13, 2022
7:00 AM	+Theresa Stone; +Carmen Martinez; +Animas del Purgatorio
7:00 PM	+Ana Sophia; +Luis Perez
WEDNESDAY	December 14, 2022
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Andrew Sison; +Carmen Martinez
THURSDAY	December 15, 2022
7:00 AM	+Carmen Martinez; +Dennis Hayes
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
FRIDAY	December 16, 2022
7:00 AM	+Presentacion Sison; +Vicente Sorongon
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SATURDAY	December 17, 2022
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Laila Carmen Arroyo
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY	December 18, 2022
8:00 AM	+Lila D'Urso; +Mary Ann Maximo
10:00AM	+Antonio & Rene Amurrio; +Luciano Roque; +Carmen Rodriguez
12:00 PM	People of the Parish
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi

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 Parish 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 from our area.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2022 :
Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

Collection Sunday, December 4 : \$2,375.00
Christmas Flowers : \$ 220.00

We thank our parishioners for your continued support and use of your 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 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

+Las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

St. Boniface Chapel

In loving memory of + Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary's

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

In loving memory of +Joan Montecalvo

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

“Be patient, brothers and sisters.”

James 5:7

Advent is a time of preparation while waiting for the birth of our Lord. In our second reading, the apostle James calls upon his contemporaries to be patient until the coming of the Lord. Patience is the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. It is said that good things come to those who wait - like ageing wine and waiting for fruits to ripen.

We have the tendency to rush around and try to hurry things up. We want things done immediately and we cannot wait for things to take their natural course. The use of microwave, pressure cooker, one minute rice, expedited service, next day delivery and cell phones are parts of our every day life. They are all good and useful time savers. These should free us some time to spend with God and with people we love - but do we?

I once attended a conference and one of the workshops was called “God, give me patience, NOW !” I should have gone to that workshop but regretfully, I went to another one. I am a person who is impatient, I could have benefitted from it.

May the Lord grant us patience as we wait in joyful expectation for His coming.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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 Maria Cabral: Theyouthofthelord@gmail.com

Practice of Hope

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus points to signs to show John’s disciples who he is. Healing of physical bodies and good news to the poor: prophesied in the words of Isaiah, these signs point toward a new reality, a new era in salvation history. But what is it we hope for? When we look around, we often see that things are not as they should be. We wonder about the mysteries of suffering and death, which come for all but some in the most unjust of ways. We proclaim that Jesus has come and is coming. We proclaim both death and resurrection. We say that we do not know why terrible things happen, but we do not believe suffering as the last word.

- ◆ Sit quietly for a few minutes, meditating on the resurrections you await in your life.
- ◆ What sufferings do you most need God to transform?
- ◆ Invite God into those dark places so that from them can come new life.

Advent Giving Tree

Our “Advent Giving Tree” is once again set up for the holiday. We are asking our parishioners for a “gift card” to benefit mothers with dependent children of Hope House, our next door neighbors. 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.

Retirement Collection for Religious

December 10—11 will have a second collection for those in retirement.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Simbang Gabi

Catholic Action of Mary invites everyone to join and celebrate Simbang Gabi.
December 15—23, 2022 every night at 7:00PM located in St. Boniface's Chapel.

Posadas

The Parish invites everyone to join and celebrate Posadas.
Every night at 7:00PM, December 15—23, 2022 located at St. Mary's Church.
La Parroquia invita a todos a unirse y celebrar Posadas.
Todas las noches a las 7:00 p. m., del 15 al 23 de diciembre de 2022 en la iglesia de St. Mary.

A DAY WITH SANTA



Come join us for a day of fun and entertainment!
Each child will receive a picture with Santa and a gift!

When: December 18, 2022

Time: 12:00PM to 6:00PM

Where: Marian Hall

Cost: Adult — \$3
Child — \$7



Face painting is included. Food and raffles will be sold separately.

Please purchase your tickets in advance by calling the Parish office as the doors will close once we have 200 children.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday — December 23: Last day of Simbang Gabi and Posadas. A combined fellowship after 7pm Mass.

Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec 24

Morning Mass 9 AM. Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM.

6:30 PM Christmas Carols Spanish; 7:00 PM Christmas Carols English

7:30 PM Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday Dec 25

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12:00 Noon Masses

Monday, Dec 26

Morning Mass 9 AM — Parish Office will be Closed

New Year's Eve, Saturday Dec 31

Mass 9 AM, Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

New Years Day, Sunday Jan 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12:00 Noon Masses (No Tagalog Mass)

Monday, Jan 2, 2023

Morning Mass 9 AM — Parish Office will be Closed