



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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The Nativity of the Lord

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

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 25, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE: December 26 – January 1, 2023

MONDAY	December 26, 2022
9:00 AM	+Ernesto Sison, Jr.
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
TUESDAY	December 27, 2022
7:00 AM	+Chris Concepcion; +Grace Casambre
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Fr. Eustace
WEDNESDAY	December 28, 2022
7:00 AM	+Pedro Berrios
THURSDAY	December 29, 2022
7:00 AM	Special Intention for Pura Berrios
7:00 PM	+Victor Manuel Murcia
FRIDAY	December 30, 2022
7:00 AM	+Jose Reuben Lozada
SATURDAY	December 31, 2022
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Enrique dela Cruz
5:30 PM	+Deceased Priests of St. Mary's
SUNDAY	January 1, 2023
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	No Tagalog Mass
10:00AM	+David Cruz, Jr.; +Edward Cruz;
	+Larry Cruz; +Alvin Cruz
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Fr. Duberley;
	+Lorenzo & Juliet Solivio

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 18 : \$4,317.00
Christmas Flowers : \$ 65.00
Christmas Gifts : \$ 620.00

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 +Mary Quirk

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

MEDITATION FOR THE WEEK

JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT

In the feast of Christmas we celebrate present realities - Jesus Christ our redeemer who reigns in heaven and who also lives and reigns in our hearts through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. And we commemorate past events - the birth of the newborn Messiah King and his manifestation to Israel and to the gentile nations. We thank and bless God for the way in which he has saved us from the power of sin and the curse of death and destruction by sending his son to ransom us and give us pardon and abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us - his beloved Son Jesus. What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus came to release the captives from slavery to sin and to open the gates of paradise once again. This day the Holy Spirit invites us to make haste - as the shepherds of Bethlehem did - to adore Jesus our King and Messiah. The Lord Jesus Christ is our eternal good shepherd who guides and cares for us unceasingly and who gives us abundant everlasting life and union with the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This day the whole community of heaven joins with all believers of good will on earth in a jubilant song of praise for the good news proclaimed by the angels on Christmas eve: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (see Romans 5:2-5). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ?

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

Fr. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

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

Scripture Insights

The psalmist instructs all creation to rejoice — the sky and the land, the sea and the plains, even the trees — because God is coming to rule the world with justice (Psalm 96:11-13). Likewise, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that the son to be born is cause for rejoicing because he upholds and sustains justice (Isaiah 9:3,6). People who have been burdened will stand up straight; those who walked in darkness will emerge into the light. In graphic images, Isaiah describes the end of war when the child is born: muddy boots and blood-soaked cloaks will be burned, making warmth and light out of weapons of violence.

As we celebrate this first advent (the first coming), Titus reminds us that we await a second advent (the second coming), when our God and savior Jesus Christ will appear in glory (Titus 2:13) and God eternal reign of peace will be ushered in at last.

- ◆ Why does all creation (not just humanity) rejoice at the just rule of God?
- ◆ What kind of sign is a newborn baby lying in a feeding trough for animals (Luke 2:12)?
- ◆ What does Titus instruct us to do as we await Christ's next coming?

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

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!

**THE PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND STAFF OF ST. MARY'S
WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS A SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS. MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK AT CHRISTMAS

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Because of the birth of Christ, we have confidence in God who loves us unconditionally. God's love never fails and will not fail us going forward. A new era has dawned on the world and our lives have taken a new and Spiritual meaning. Second, the manner of Christ's birth in a simple lowly place, at a small corner of a stable, reminds us to simplify our lives and be humble, so He would be consistently born in our hearts and in our beautiful Church of St. Mary's. Have a Blessed Christmas.

Fr Eustace Edomobi, Pastor.

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR EN NAVIDAD

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Debido al nacimiento de Cristo, tenemos confianza en Dios que nos ama incondicionalmente. El amor de Dios nunca falla y no nos fallará en el futuro. Una nueva era ha amanecido en el mundo y nuestras vidas han tomado un significado nuevo y espiritual. Segundo, la manera del nacimiento de Cristo en un lugar sencillo y humilde, en un pequeño rincón de un establo, nos recuerda que debemos simplificar nuestras vidas y ser humildes, para que Él nazca constantemente en nuestros corazones y en nuestra hermosa Iglesia de Santa María. Que tengamos todos una bendecida Navidad.

P. Eustace Edomobi, Pastor.

Program for the Week

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

