



# 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

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## 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!*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY : JANUARY 1, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: January 2 – January 8, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 2, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Regina L. Peregil
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 3, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins; +Illuminado Payumo
7:00 PM	+Salustina Herrera
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 4, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Clara Hayes
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 5, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Freddy Burke; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+America Guzman
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 6, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Ralph Rocco; +Eileen Quirk
7:00PM	First Friday Devotion
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 7, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 8, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	+Vicente Sorongon
10:00AM	Acción de Gracias: Diacono Pedro Gonzalez +Hector Valentin, +Joseph Cosme
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Miriam Valentin

**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 JANUARY 2023 :**

**For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**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 25 : \$3,055.00**  
**Christmas Flowers : \$ 20.00**  
**Christmas Gifts : \$4,410.00**

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 Sheehan

**OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**SILENT ADORATION MONDAYS:** 7:00pm St. Boniface Chapel

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION:** 7PM-9PM Main Church

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:** 9:00am-10:30am, Main Church

**ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY/ ADORATION WEDNESDAYS:** 7pm 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

## NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are again at the beginning of a New Year. This is an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for enabling us to see this first day of the New Year. Our Mother Church has always assigned the celebration of the New Year as the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. This is the title given her at the Council of Ephesus on June 22, 431: Theotokos; that Mary being the Mother of Jesus, Who is God, is the Mother of God.

Happy New Year to you during this year, which we will call a Year of Restoration of Divine Favours. Yes, each year is a year of favour, that is, a year in which God's mercy leads us. That does not mean that we will have no Challenges; but that whatever our challenges, our Emmanuel, God with us, shall always be at our side to restore what was stolen by the enemy.

On this first day of the New Year, first, let us throw ourselves in the arms of Mary like a small, helpless child, entirely dependent on his/her mother. That was the secret of many Saints: total abandonment of self in the hands of Jesus and Mary, in whatever difficulties they faced in life.

Second, let us resolve, from day one for the New Year, to make provision for our spiritual journey – to get closer to God through regular attendance of weekly Sunday Masses. Resolve to worship God with your brothers and Sisters here at St Mary's, all through the Sundays of the New Year.

May the Good Lord bless you with the power of His Grace, may He protect you and let His face shine upon you now and forever, Amen.

Happy New Year!

**Rev. Eustace Edomobi D.Min.**

**“Let us not be weary in doing good; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)**

### 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](mailto:Theyouthofthelord@gmail.com)

### Scripture Insights

God's blessing is synonymous with God's face shining upon his people. In the Old Testament, God's turning his face away was to display anger or rejection; God's turning his face toward the people was to show mercy and grace to them. In the Christian tradition, seeing God's face is an unparalleled joy; it is the beatific vision, the unmediated sight of God enjoyed by the blessed dead in the heavenly realm. In the psalm, the shining of God's face also reveals God's ways to the nations, so that all peoples might walk in God's ways of truth and justice.

The two New Testament readings pick up this emphasis on all peoples when they describe the ultimate manifestation of God's blessing in the birth of God's Son. Paul uses two metaphors to describe Christ's saving work: ransom (the purchase of slaves in order to set them free) and adoption. Once slaves and outsiders, the Galatians receive the blessings of freedom and adoption as heirs into God's household.

- ◆ As we begin a new year, how do you hope God will bless you?
- ◆ What does it mean that we are sons (children) and heirs of God?

### STEWARDSHIP GOAL

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” LUKE 2:19*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

## 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!

## Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

- 2 Mon** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, white Bishops and Doctors of the Church Memorial 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 Pss II  
**3 Tue** Christmas Weekday white/white [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
**4 Wed** USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious white Memorial 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
**5 Thu** USA: Saint John Neumann, Bishop white Memorial 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
**6 Fri** Christmas Weekday white/white [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious] 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
**7 Sat** Christmas Weekday white/white [Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest] 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11  
**8 SUN** USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD white Solemnity Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Pss Prop

## Program for the Week

Monday, Jan 2, 2023 — Morning Mass 9 AM — Parish Office will be Closed, No Holy Hour  
Wednesday, Jan 4 — Rosary/Divine Mercy/Adoration resumes 7pm - St Boniface Chapel  
Friday, Jan. 6 — First Friday Devotion 7pm - main Church; Saturday Jan 7, First Saturday 9am - main Church  
Save the Date: January 21, 2023 — 27th Annual Feast of the Sto. Niño of Tondo

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## MENSAJE DE AÑO NUEVO DE NUESTRO PASTOR

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Aquí estamos de nuevo al comienzo de un nuevo año. Esta es una oportunidad para agradecer al Señor por permitirnos ver este primer día del Año Nuevo. Nuestra Madre Iglesia siempre ha asignado la celebración del Año Nuevo como la Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios. Este es el título que se le dio en el Concilio de Éfeso el 22 de junio de 431: Theotokos; que María, siendo la Madre de Jesús, que es Dios, es la Madre de Dios.

Feliz Año Nuevo para ustedes durante este año, que llamaremos un Año de Restauración de Favores Divinos. Sí, cada año es un año de favor, es decir, un año en el que la misericordia de Dios nos guía. Eso no significa que no tendremos desafíos; pero que cual quiera que sean nuestros desafíos, nuestro Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, siempre estará a nuestro lado para restaurar lo que fue robado por el enemigo.

En este primer día del Año Nuevo, arrojémonos a los brazos de María como un niño pequeño e indefenso, totalmente dependiente de su madre. Ese era el secreto de muchos santos: el abandono total de sí mismo en las manos de Jesús y María, cual quiera que fueran las dificultades que se enfrentaran en la vida.

Segundo, resolvamos, desde el primer día para el Año Nuevo, hacer provisión para nuestro viaje espiritual: acercarnos a Dios a través de la asistencia regular a las misas dominicales semanales. Resuelvan adorar a Dios con sus hermanos y hermanas aquí en Sta. Maria, durante todos los domingos del Año Nuevo. Que el Buen Dios te bendiga con el poder de Su Gracia, que Él te proteja y deje que Su rostro brille sobre ti ahora y siempre, Amén.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

**P. Eustace Edomobi. D.Min.**



**THE PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND STAFF OF ST. MARY'S  
WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**