



**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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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**



**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: January 9 – January 14, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 9, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marciano Pangasnan; +Magdalena Cruz
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 10, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Dennis Hayes; +Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+Kenny Ventimilla
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 11, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 12, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+Gregoria Sierra-Guzman
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 13, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 14, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Juliet & Lorenzo Solivio; +Benita Comes Sarmiento
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	+Lola D'Urso; +Perry Baisas
10:00AM	+Laura Quinteros; +Alberto & Cristina Valle
12:00 PM	People of the Parish

**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, January 1 : \$2,848.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary : \$ 408.00**

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 +Peggy Ann Rossi

**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

## Weekly Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are in the season of Christmas, we recall the early days and humble beginnings of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Magi, the three Wise Men, went in search of the newborn King and used the Bethlehem star as a beacon. The three gifts of the Magi were Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. It is important to highlight that the three gifts represent the three Divine Offices of Jesus: Priest, Prophet and King. They represent: Gold for a King, Frankincense representing Priest and Myrrh as Prophet. Throughout the church year, we focus on Jesus' early life and His ministry as an adult.

As the Religious Education program enters into the halfway mark of the Catechetical year, we continue the preparations for the Sacraments, of first Penance and Reconciliation, first Holy Communion and Confirmation for God's children. Students are learning and practicing their prayers, Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be, along with the Act of Contrition. 1st Penance will take place in February 2023, 1st Holy Communion in May 2023 and Confirmation in July 2023.

In Christ,

**Freddy Burke**

Director Religious Education

### **STEWARDSHIP GOAL** **Epiphany of the Lord**

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

### **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)

### **Practice of Charity**

The Magi were overjoyed when they saw the star. That joy took them out of the places they knew, sending them on a journey to unknown places. The joy we experience at the birth of Jesus should also take us out of our comfort zone. Pope Francis has called us to go out to those forgotten by society, the small places, like the one in which Jesus was born.

- ♦ Think of one of the world's problems, one that breaks your heart. Perhaps you are called to part of this work. Write down three things that you personally are able to do to alleviate the suffering that this problem creates. Make a plan to do those three things. Take the first step today.
- ♦ Reflect on those times when you felt you were in darkness and someone reflected the light of Christ for you. Is there someone who needs you to shed light in their life?
- ♦ At baptism, we are called to be children of light. At a family meal, ask others what that means to them.

### **Our Lady of Altagracia**

Our Lady of Altagracia is also known as Our Lady of High Grace. She is Protector and Queen of the hearts of the Dominicans, as well as the patron saint of the Dominican Republic. They have such a devotion to her there, that January 21st is a national holiday in her honor!

Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia también es conocida como Nuestra Señora de la Alta Gracia. Es Protectora y Reina de los corazones de los dominicanos, así como patrona de la República Dominicana. ¡Allí le tienen tanta devoción que el 21 de enero es fiesta nacional en su honor!

## **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 8, 2023

**9 Mon** The Baptism of the Lord white Feast Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 Pss Prop

**10 Tue** Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time) green Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12 /Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 Pss I

**11 Wed** Weekday green Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

**12 Thu** Weekday green Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

**13 Fri** Weekday green/white [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

**14 Sat** Weekday green/white [BVM] Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

**15 SUN** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 Pss II

## Program for the Week

- ♦ Wednesday, Jan 11 — Rosary/Divine Mercy/Adoration at 7pm in St Boniface Chapel
- ♦ Bible Study & Catholic Catechism – (English) will hold every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 6:30pm in the Library.  
Bible Study – (Spanish) will hold every 3rd Friday of the month in the Library.

## Save the Date

- ♦ All are invited to the 27th Annual Feast of the Sto. Niño of Tondo Solemn Mass on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 3:00PM.  
Please bring your family Sto. Niño statue for the yearly blessing.
- ♦ Our Parish will honor Our Lady of Altagracia on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 10AM. All are invited.



## EUCCHARIST ADORATION

- ♦ We hold Eucharistic Holy Hour Every Monday from 7pm – 8pm in the Chapel at St Boniface Chapel.
- ♦ On Wednesdays we hold Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy devotions at 7pm in the Chapel.
- ♦ We also have similar Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every First Friday of the month 7pm – 8:30pm in the Church. All parishioners are invited to attend and have a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayers and meditation in the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.



## ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

- ♦ Celebramos la Hora Santa Eucarística todos los lunes de 7pm – 8pm en la Capilla de San Bonifacio.
- ♦ Los miércoles tenemos devociones de Adoración con Rosario y Divina Misericordia a las 7pm en la Capilla.
- ♦ También tenemos Adoración y Devoción similar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús todos los primeros viernes de cada mes de 7:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. en la Iglesia. Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir y tener la maravillosa oportunidad de reunirse y reflexionar en oraciones silenciosas y meditación en la Presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Por favor únase a nosotros.