

**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

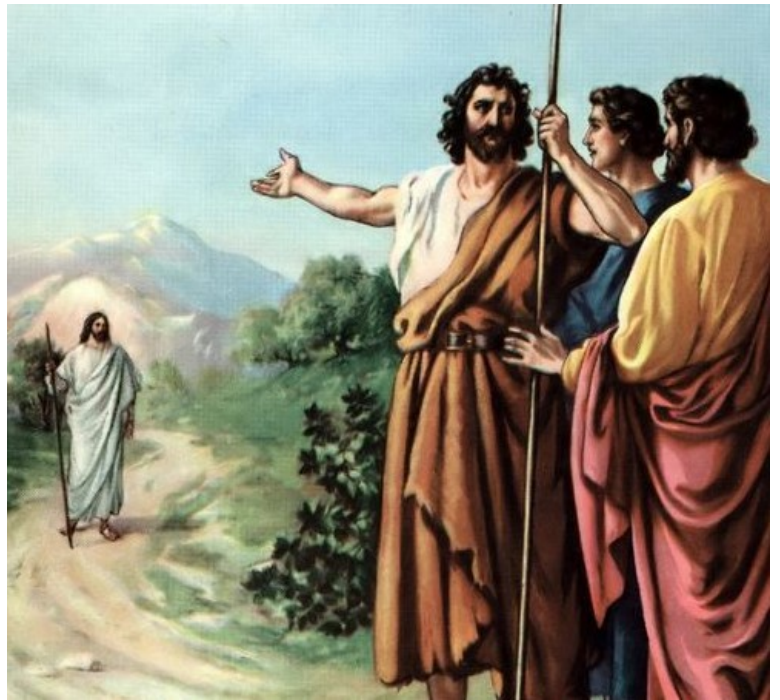
**Parish Office Located At**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 15, 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 16 – January 22, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 16, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 17, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+Gregoria Sierra Guzman
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 18, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 19, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+William Berry
7:00 PM	+Marilyn Rivas
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 20, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Rene & Ditas Tolentino
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 21, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	+Virginia Fabron
5:30 PM	+Br. Lou Mauro, SJ
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 22, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	+Anita & Dionisio Muzones; +Hilda Collazo; +Connie Kasilag
10:00AM	+Olga Amurrio; +Lorenza Garcia; +Roberto Rivarola
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 8 : \$2,950.00**  
**Communicating God's Word : \$ 509.00**  
**On-line : \$ 240.00**

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 +Michele Jones

**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

## “Este es el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo”

Comenzamos el tiempo ordinario y las lecturas nos ayudan a centrar nuestra atención en la persona de Jesús, el Mesías enviado por Dios para traer la salvación al mundo entero. La primera lectura prepara la comprensión de su identidad, la profecía de Isaías anuncia la universalidad de la misión del Siervo de Dios y el Salmo 39 presenta la disposición de tal Enviado, “Aquí estoy, Señor para hacer tu voluntad”. La misión del Siervo de Dios Padre es universal, y esta misión universal se cumple en Jesús de Nazaret que el día del Bautismo es proclamado como el Mesías de Dios, sobre el que baja el Espíritu, y al que Juan Bautista presenta como “el Hijo de Dios”

Juan Bautista al presentar a Jesús como “Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo”, y nos habla de la naturaleza del Nazareno. Para los contemporáneos de Jesús, el cordero era un animal lleno de simbolismo y resonancias bíblicas. Los primeros cristianos vieron en Jesús cumplidos los recuerdos y figuras de aquel “cordero pascual” cuya sangre marcando las puertas de los judíos fue signo de salvación y principio del Éxodo y la liberación de Israel. También tiene una relación íntima con los sacrificios diarios de corderos en el Templo que conseguían el perdón de los pecados. Jesús es presentado como el Salvador del mundo, pues es reconocido como el que toma sobre sí la totalidad del pecado, ofreciendo su vida por mandato del Padre en la cruz, como el verdadero Cordero. Con este título se define la naturaleza de su venida, su relación con los hombres y con Dios y su obra en favor de los hombres. Jesús se presenta a los hombres de manera totalmente indefensa, sin poder y sin violencia. Quiere conseguir su fe y su consentimiento voluntario.

Bendiciones y feliz semana,  
**Carmen Gonzalez**

### STEWARDSHIP GOAL

*“Y ahora dice el Señor, que desde el seno materno me formó para que fuera yo su siervo...” ISAÍAS 49:5*

Dios nos da diferentes dones a cada uno de nosotros. Para que el plan de Dios funcione, usted tiene que hacer lo que Dios lo llamó a hacer y yo tengo que hacer lo que Dios me llamó a hacer a mí. ¿Y adivina qué? ¡Dios tiene un plan diferente para cada uno de nosotros! Así que deje de compararse con los demás. No deje que la envidia y los celos entren en su vida. De gracias por los dones que Dios le ha dado y transfórmese en el santo que Dios lo está llamando a ser.

### 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 Hope

In today's readings, we hear about three people who were sent by God to proclaim God's Word: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Paul. Each of us is called to proclaim the good news, and yet we can have trouble articulating our point of view. Friends raised in the Church who no longer practice can perceive judgment, while friends from other traditions or from no tradition might respond with defensiveness.

- ◆ The work of God in the world is one of healing all divisions. Our proclamation of what is both true and beautiful must aim at that as well. One way in which we can live out this call is to share our joy. Does Christian life make you feel joyful? How can your life testify to the origin of this joy?
- ◆ Find a partner to read together Pope Francis' exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*. Read and discuss a chapter every week until Lent.
- ◆ Do you have an elevator speech that tells you why you are a Christian? Write two sentences that you could tell someone who asks.

### 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 Altagracia. 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!

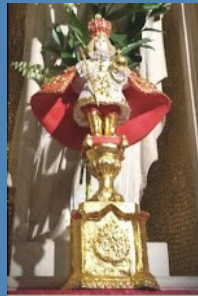
## Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

- 16 Mon** Weekday green Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22  
**17 Tue** Saint Anthony, Abbot white Memorial Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28  
**18 Wed** Weekday green Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6  
**19 Thu** Weekday green Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12  
**20 Fri** Weekday green/red/red [Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr] Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19  
**21 Sat** Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr red Memorial Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21 Pss Prop  
**22 SUN** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 Pss III

## Holy Hour

Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Therefore the Parish Office will be closed and there will be NO Holy Hour.

## All Are Invited



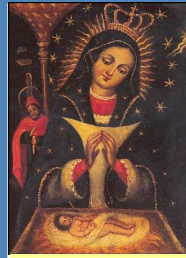
**Saturday**  
**January 21, 2023**  
**3:00PM Mass**

All are invited to the 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.

As Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me"*  
(Matthew 19:14)

Concelebrating: Fr. Alfie & Fr. Duberley



**Sunday**  
**January 22, 2023**  
**10:00AM Mass**

Our Parish will honor Our Lady of Altagracia on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 10AM. All are invited.

El próximo Domingo, 22 de enero celebraremos nuestra misa a las 10:00am en honor a nuestra Madre, Virgen de la Altagracia. Todos estamos invitados.

## Annual Appeal

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.



## La Llamada Anual

¡La Llamada Anual 2023 ha comenzado! Cada año estamos invitados a participar en la Llamada Anual, que es una oportunidad para apoyar los ministerios y programas esenciales de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Su apoyo sacrificial nos permite llevar a cabo el importante trabajo que estamos llamados a hacer como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

Por favor considere participar en la Llamada Anual de este año para ayudar a hacer una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Haga una donación en línea hoy visitando [rcan.org/llamada](http://rcan.org/llamada) o únase a nosotros para el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de febrero y haga su donación desde su banca.

