



ST. MARY
— OF THE —
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JANUARY 22, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: January 23 – January 29, 2023

MONDAY	January 23, 2023
7:00 AM	+Rofino Luistro; +Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	January 24, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Rene & Ditas Tolentino; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Norma Rivera; +Antonia Cintron Rivera
WEDNESDAY	January 25, 2023
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk
THURSDAY	January 26, 2023
7:00 AM	+Rafael & Francisca Lozada; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Jhulisa Maldonado; +Hector Maldonado
FRIDAY	January 27, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Chato & Jun Cruz
SATURDAY	January 28, 2023
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	January 29, 2023
8:00 AM	+Romeo & Raul Lozada
10:00AM	+Santos Rodriguez; +Maria Paz y Alfredo Herrera
12:00 PM	+Pedro Berrios; +Ron Taylor

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 15 : \$3,544.00

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 +Bill Ahearn

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

Reflection for the Week

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Mt 4:17

These were the first words of Jesus when He began His public ministry. These were also the words of John the Baptist while he was preparing the people for the coming of Jesus.

Repentance or turning away from sin is necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven. In exercising our free will, we choose to be with God and to be with God means to submit to His will which is to love God above all things and to love our neighbors in the same way that He loves us.

We are now in Ordinary time in the Church’s liturgical year. One month before we enter the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Let us spend this time to grow spiritually, start knowing more about our faith and make that choice to turn away from sin and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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 LORD is my light, sings the psalmist (Psalm 27:1). As a metaphor, light represents many things: spiritual enlightenment, understanding, salvation. It reveals secrets kept hidden and signals the life and joy of spring after the silence and death of winter. The prophet Isaiah used light as a metaphor to signify God’s redemption of Israel after their defeat by Assyria (Zebulun and Naphtali were regions defeated by Assyria). Isaiah’s words likely celebrated the coronation of Hezekiah, the king who protected Jerusalem from Assyrian invasion; in their deeper meaning, they point forward to a king and a salvation of another kind.

The apostle Paul is horrified that Christians in Corinth would mistake this way of Jesus for the way of Paul or Peter or Apollos (1 Corinthians 1:12-23). He urges them not to identify with a particular human leader, but to kneel instead at the foot of the cross of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:18). He urges them to put aside rivalries and strive toward the same purpose: “to preach the gospel”(1 Corinthians 1:10,17).

- ◆ What does it mean to say that Jesus’ ministry and teaching is “a great light”?
- ◆ The psalmist says that he asks “one thing... of the LORD” (Psalm 27:4). What one thing do you ask of the LORD?

WE THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts to the less fortunate of our Community. You were a big help to those who, during this season of joy, looked to us for help. Have a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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 22, 2023

- 23 Mon** USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal white or violet Protection of Unborn Children [USA: Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; USA: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin] Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass, "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" or the Mass "For Justice and Peace"
- 24 Tue** Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
- 25 Wed** The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle white Feast Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 Pss Prop
- 26 Thu** Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops white Memorial 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
- 27 Fri** Weekday green/white [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin] Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
- 28 Sat** Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
- 29 SUN** FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a Pss IV

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 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 o únase a nosotros para el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de febrero y haga su donación desde su banca.



EUCHARIST 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.