



**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**

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 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!*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: February 13 – February 19, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 13, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Romeo & Himmer Lozada;
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 14, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Arturo Casambre, Sr.; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Birman Garcia
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 15, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk, +Lillian Russell
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 16, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins; +Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	+Jesus Mendoza; +Maria B Sanchez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 17, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan, +Rufino Luistro, In thanksgiving for Jun Cruz
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 18, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Juliet & Lorenzo Solivio; +Carmen Garay; +Francisco Casambre, Jr. In thanksgiving for Chris Miller
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 19, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	+Lila D’Urso; +Alexander Joseph Saldanha
10:00AM	+Modesto Reyes; +Alberto Merced; +Andres Ulloa
12:00 PM	People of the Parish; +William & Joan Miller

**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 email the Parish Office (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) when you move from our area.

**POPE’S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2023 :**

**For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**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, February 5: \$2,717.00**  
**On-line donations: \$220.00**

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**

Good Health for Lorenzo & Ma. Gemma Solivio

**St. Boniface Chapel**

In loving memory of + Deceased Parishioners of St. Boniface

**The Bread and Wine is offered this week:**

In loving memory of +Bill Kenney

**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

## SUNDAY REFLECTION:

### Life is a matter of Choice!

This week, Sirach reminds us that we have a choice in how we act, that we are not forced, but can choose to follow God's will through our loyalty. Pressing the point on the choice we make, Sirach says: for God has set before you fire and water, life and death, good and evil, which ever you choose will be given to you. If you choose you can keep the commandment, it will save you.

In the Gospel, Jesus says our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees, meaning we cannot afford to settle for mere hypocrisy. He illustrates with clear examples how we are to shine as lights in the darkness that surrounds our world today.

The Psalm is a prayer in which we ask God to grant us the grace of discernment. But obviously, before we can be granted that gift, we must use our freedom of choice to ask for it - we must be willing to take the risk of finding out what God wants of us. God will never force His way on us.

That is why this week, I plead with you to freely choose, in the next couple of days, to make your pledge to the Annual Appeal. This is our way to show love and loyalty to the Church and to God Who loves. We will certainly reap the fruit of whatever we sow. Gal. 6:7.

While asking for more, I am most grateful to the 64 of you who supported the appeal last year. May God bless you.

Have a blessed week!

**Fr Eustace Edomobi**

### STEWARDSHIP

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*  
MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

### 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

The first reading, the psalm, and the Gospel all focus on the goodness of God's law, the Torah. Sirach lays out the stark choice that Moses presented to the people as they prepared to enter the land promised to Abraham: water or fire, life or death, good or evil. God holds out life in his outstretched hand.

The psalmist pleads with God in a series of petitions — be good to me! Open my eyes. Instruct me, Give me discernment. The psalmist knows that he cannot reach out for the good without God's grace and help.

- ♦ Why does the psalmist pray for discernment?
- ♦ How might you reach out today to receive God's gift of life and goodness?
- ♦ In Jesus' teaching or life, how does he fulfill the law instead of abolishing it?

### CatholicCulture.org

Today the Church celebrates **World Marriage Day**. It is always celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of February.

Matrimony is also a work of every day; a craftwork, a goldsmith's work, because the husband has the task to make his wife more woman and the wife has the task to make her husband more man. To grow also in humanity, as man and as woman. And this is done between you. It is called growing together. This doesn't come from the air! The Lord blesses it, but it comes from your hands, from your attitudes, from your way of living, from your way of loving one another. Make yourselves grow! Always act so that the other grows. Work for this every day of your lives.

—**Marriage Is a Celebration, a Christian Celebration, not a Worldly Celebration**

## 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 February 12, 2023

- 13 Mon** Weekday green Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
**14 Tue** Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop white Memorial Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
**15 Wed** Weekday green Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26  
**16 Thu** Weekday green Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33  
**17 Fri** Weekday green/white [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1  
**18 Sat** Weekday green/white [BVM] Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13  
**19 SUN** SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 Pss III

## Important Dates & Events

- ◆ There will be a second collection on February 18 & 19 for Central & Eastern Europe
- ◆ Habra una segunda Collecta el 18 & 19 de Febrero para la Iglesia del Este y Centro de Europa
- ◆ Bilingual Stations of the Cross beginning Friday, February 24th @ 7:00pm in the main Church
  - ◆ Estaciones de la Cruz Bilingüe comenzando Viernes, 24 de Febrero a las 7:00pm

February 22, is Ash Wednesday

Mass w/ ashes 7:00am  
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Service w/ ashes only 12-2pm



22 de febrero es Miércoles de Ceniza

Misa y cenizas 7:00am  
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Servicio con cenizas solamente 12-2pm

## Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry

### Marriage Celebration

The Archdiocesan Family Life Ministry is excited to announce that they are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin., on APRIL 16th, 2023 at 3:00pm

The 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus, on May 7, 2023 at 3:00pm

If you would like to register for either of the two Liturgies, please call the Parish Office to register. We will give your information to the Archdiocese for the appropriate celebration.

## Oficina Arquidiocesana del Ministerio de Vida Familiar

### Celebración del Matrimonio

¡El Ministerio Arquidiocesano de Vida Familiar se complace en anunciar que una vez más están preparando la tradición anual de honrar a aquellas parejas en nuestra Arquidiócesis que celebrarán cinco, veinticinco y cincuenta años de matrimonio válido para los fieles católicos en el año 2023!

Estas liturgias de aniversario se llevarán a cabo en la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón en Newark. La 50ª

La Misa de aniversario será celebrada por el Cardenal Joseph Tobin., el 16 de abril de 2023 a las 3:00pm

La Misa del 5º y 25º Aniversario será celebrado por el obispo Gregory Studerus, el 7 de mayo de 2023 a las 3:00 pm

Si desea inscribirse en cualquiera de las dos liturgias, llame a la Oficina Parroquial para registrarse. Le daremos su información a la Arquidiócesis para la celebración apropiada.