



**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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# First

## SUNDAY IN

# LENT



**FEBRUARY 26,**  
**2023**

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Mtt 4:4

## 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!*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : FEBRUARY 26, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: February 27 – March 5, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 27, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Minda Sison; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 28, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Pedro Berrios; +Carol Milewski-Marut
7:00 PM	En Acción de Gracias Yanerys Dalmau [Main Church]
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 1, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan;
7:00PM	Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 2, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Salustina Herrera
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 3, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Health & Recovery for Lydia Aro
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross First Friday Devotion
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 4, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Lorenzo & Juliet Solivio; +Purita Favilla Yap; +William & Joan Miller
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 5, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Anthony Joseph Green
10:00AM	+America Guzman; +Dora Lopez
12:00 PM	+Geraldine Campbell; Intentions of Ndiaye Family: Promotion and School Acceptance

**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**

<b>Collection Sunday, February 19</b>	<b>: \$2,509.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>: \$ 971.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$3,480.00</b>

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 +Theresa Maloney

**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

*"No sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino de sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios." Mt 4, 4*

Antes de comenzar su actividad pública, Jesús, llevado por el Espíritu Santo, se retira al desierto durante cuarenta días. Allí, como leemos hoy en el evangelio, el diablo lo pone a prueba, presentándole tres tentaciones comunes en la vida de todo hombre: el atractivo de los bienes materiales, la seducción del poder humano y la presunción de someter a Dios a los propios intereses.

La escena de las tentaciones de Cristo en el desierto se renueva cada año al comienzo de la Cuaresma. La liturgia invita a los creyentes a entrar con Jesús en el desierto y a seguirlo en el típico itinerario penitencial de este tiempo cuaresmal, que ha comenzado el miércoles pasado con el rito de la ceniza.

¿Qué es la penitencia sino un regreso humilde y sincero a las fuentes de la fe, rechazando prontamente la tentación y el pecado y intensificando la intimidad con el Señor en la oración? En efecto, sólo Cristo puede liberar al hombre de lo que lo hace esclavo del mal y del egoísmo: de la búsqueda ansiosa de los bienes materiales, de la sed de poder y dominio sobre los demás y sobre las cosas, de la ilusión del éxito fácil, y del freno sí del consumismo y el hedonismo que en definitiva, perjudican al ser humano.

Mientras celebramos un año más la santa Cuaresma, concédenos Señor, avanzar en la inteligencia del misterio de Cristo y vivirlo en su plenitud. Que así sea, AMEN.

Bendiciones,  
**Carmen Gonzalez**

### **STEWARDSHIP** **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



### **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**

Often, fear is at the root of our temptations. We fail to act with charity because we are afraid of being exposed as unwise. We want power, wealth, and honor because we fear that somehow without them our lives will be without value. Jesus was able to turn away from those temptations because he knew who he was: the beloved Son, in whom the Father was well pleased.

- ◆ When we see ourselves as beloved children of God, we have nothing to fear. How can you love fearlessly this Lent?
- ◆ What do you need to do to say yes to living in God's light?
- ◆ Who needs your mercy? Determine how you can act mercifully to a family member or coworker.

### **CatholicCulture.org**

What Is Lent? Lent is the penitential season of approximately 40 days set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this holy season, inextricably connected to the Paschal Mystery, the Catechumens prepare for Christian initiation, and current Church members prepare for Easter by a recalling of Baptism and by works of penance, that is, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Even in the early Church, Lent was the season for prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter. Though the obligation of penance was originally only imposed on those who had committed public sins and crimes, by medieval times all the faithful voluntarily performed acts of penance to repair for their sins.

## **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 26, 2023

**27 Mon** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church] Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

**28 Tue** Lenten Weekday violet Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**MARCH 2023 1 Wed** Lenten Weekday violet Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**2 Thu** Lenten Weekday violet Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

**3 Fri** Lenten Weekday violet [USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin] Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**4 Sat** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Casimir] Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**5 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** violet Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 Pss II

## ANNUAL APPEAL

If you haven't done so, 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 pick up the Annual appeal form at the back of the church and make your pledge today.

## Llamado anual

Si no lo ha hecho, por favor considere participar en la Campaña de este año para ayudar a hacer una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Por favor, haga una donación en línea hoy visitando [rcan.org](http://rcan.org) / compartiendo o recoja el formulario de llamado anual en la parte posterior de la iglesia y haga su promesa hoy.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK: 2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only 1 full meal is permitted, and 2 smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from the meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.**

## **ARQUIDIOCESIS DE NEWARK: REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA 2023**

Los días de Ayuno y Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma son el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (en la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más fácilmente. Su Resurrección. Los otros viernes de Cuaresma son días de Abstinencia.

En un día de ayuno, solo se permite 1 comida completa y 2 comidas más pequeñas que, si se suman, no excederían la cantidad de la comida principal.

La obligación de observar las leyes de Ayuno y Abstinencia "sustancialmente", o en su totalidad, es una obligación seria.

Los viernes del año, fuera de la Cuaresma, se designan como días de penitencia, pero cada uno puede sustituir la tradicional abstinencia de carne por alguna otra práctica de abnegación voluntaria como penitencia.

El tiempo de cumplimiento del Precepto Pascual (Deber Pascual) se extiende **desde el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma, 26 de febrero hasta la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, 4 de junio de 2023.**