



**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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**Fifth Sunday of Lent A: March 26, 2023**

**ST MARY'S JERSEY CITY**

**Served by one another and by:**

Our Priests:

Very 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!*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 26, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: March 27 – April 2, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 28, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Pedro Berrios
7:00 PM	En Accion de Gracias: Brian Carreño
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 29, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00PM	Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 30, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Minerva Rozul
7:00 PM	+Margarita Ceballos
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Maria Suarez (anticipated for Sunday)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion)</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00AM	Healing for Jean Daniel (tagalog)
	Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine
10:00AM	+Salustina Herrera;
	+Juanita Rios
12:00 PM	In thanksgiving for Santiago Muzones, Jr.

**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 or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH 2023 :**

**For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**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, March 19 : \$2,622 .00**  
**Online : \$ 105.00**  
**Second Collection : \$ 805.00**

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**

En Acción de Gracias al Señor

**St. Boniface Chapel**

In loving memory of + Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary's

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

+Feligreses Difuntos de Santa María

**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:

### No Bondage Is Beyond Jesus To Free us From

Jesus' final words in today's Gospel are words of quiet but profound hope: "Untie him and let him go." Like Lazarus, we stand before God – bandaged, wounded, and tied-down with our own personal bondages. We are prisoners, bound by brokenness, but Jesus wants us to be free. He wants us to breathe again. He wants us to live again and walk in the Light. Come out, he cries out to us.

Are we willing to take those first faltering steps? Our 40-day Lenten pilgrimage is almost over. There is still time to rediscover the zeal that we all had on Ash Wednesday, when we proudly wore that mark of penitence on our foreheads. We promised to repent, to strive every day, to continue our journey, and be reconciled with God and neighbor. Now, how far?

Now is the time to leave behind the grave and the dark. Like Lazarus, now is the time to leave the dwelling place of the dead. It is time to begin again – to get a second chance, like Lazarus. It's time to be reconciled with God. It may seem like hope is lost, like nothing can change. It may even seem to some of us like we are as good as dead. But we aren't. We can begin life anew.

All of us can start again. But, just as in the case of Lazarus, the question before us, after lent is over and we are raised from the dead, is: "What happens next?"

Have a blessed week!

Very Rev Eustace Edomobi D.Min.

### **STEWARDSHIP** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

### **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  
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : [deaconsarmiento@aol.com](mailto:deaconsarmiento@aol.com)

### **Practice of Hope**

There is a danger embedded in our conviction that God can transform any suffering: rendering suffering meaningless. Sometimes we hear: "It's all for the best." "Everything happens for a reason." "God has a plan." Jesus turns these platitudes on their heads when he raises Lazarus and states, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, says unambiguously that he is the God of life. He does not will our suffering. He weeps with us as we grieve. He feels the separation of death. Authentic hope is something different than platitudes. It is a belief that in those moments when we most struggle, Jesus is there with us.

- ◆ Is there someone who is in need of accompaniment during their suffering? Give them the gift of your time.
- ◆ Invite Jesus into your struggles and then reach out to a trusted friend.
- ◆ Read 169-173 in *The Joy of the Gospel* to learn more about how accompanying others spurs spiritual growth.

### **PALM SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday April 1, 2023 — Anticipated 5:30PM

Sunday April 2, 2023 — 8AM, 10AM (Spanish), 12noon

All Liturgies will begin in front of the Church.  
Please arrive on time

### **MISAS DE DOMINGO DE RAMOS**

Sábado 1 de abril de 2023 — Anticipada 5:30 p.m.

Domingo 2 de abril de 2023 — 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Español),  
12 del mediodía

Todas las liturgias comenzarán frente  
de la Iglesia. Por favor de llegar a tiempo.

## **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 March 26, 2023

**27 Mon** Lenten Weekday violet Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 (251)

**28 Tue** Lenten Weekday violet Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 (252)

**29 Wed** Lenten Weekday violet Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)

**30 Thu** Lenten Weekday violet Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

**31 Fri** Lenten Weekday violet Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)

**APRIL 2023 1 Sat** Lenten Weekday violet Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

**2 SUN** PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD red Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 (38) 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.

### Salubong/Encuentro

All are invited to attend the annual Salubong/Encuentro on Sunday April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday, beginning at 7:30AM.

Men will gather on the corner of 2nd St & Manila Ave.

Women will gather on the corner of 3rd St. & Erie St.



**Easter Egg Hunt** for Children will follow at 9:00AM in Marian Hall.



SALUBONG/ENCUENTRO  
APRIL 9, 2023 7:30AM



### PABASA

April 1, 2023: 7:00AM

### Pabasa

CAM invites you to attend the annual Pabasa ng Pasyon on Saturday April 1, 2023 beginning at 7:00am at St. Mary's Parish in Marian Hall.

Pabása ng Pasyón (Tagalog for "Reading of the Passion"), known simply as Pabása, is a Catholic devotion in the Philippines is popular during Holy Week involving the uninterrupted chanting of the Pasyón, an early 16th-century epic poem narrating the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pabasa is also known as a religious ritual chanting the words from the Pasyon, a narrative book that contains the life of Christ. It is a way for Catholics to repent of their sins and seek forgiveness from God during Lenten Season. It is form of meditation, expression of faith to God and activity made with the fellow community.

—<https://mommylevy.com/2017/04/understanding-pabasa-ng-pasyon-tradition.html>

### Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Catholic Action of Mary (CAM) is happy to announce the return of the annual Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Stockbridge, MA by buses on Sunday April 16, 2023. Assembly time is 6:30am on the corner of 2nd St. and Marin Blvd. near ShopRite.

Cost is **\$50** per person. Please bring your own lunch.

First Come, First Served.

Please RSVP no later than April 1, 2023, [TheCatholicActionOfMary@gmail.com](mailto:TheCatholicActionOfMary@gmail.com)



DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE  
SUNDAY. APRIL 16, 2023