



ST. MARY
— OF THE —
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 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!

MASS SCHEDULE: April 3 – April 9, 2023

MONDAY	April 3, 2023
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	April 4, 2023
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+America Guzman
WEDNESDAY	April 5, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Ashley Ogando; +Harold Blake; +Marie Higgins
THURSDAY	April 6, 2023 (Holy Thursday)
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:30 PM	Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual)
FRIDAY	April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Passion of the Lord
5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Seven Last Words
SATURDAY	April 8, 2023 (Holy Saturday)
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer with Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil (Bilingual)
SUNDAY	April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)
8:00 AM	+Manuel & Tarcela Muzones; +Lorenzo & Juliet Solivio
10:00AM	+Donato Reyes; +Luis Garcia; +Francisca De Jesus
12:00 PM	People of the Parish; Intentions of The Bunch Family

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 APRIL 2023 :

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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 26 : \$2,650 .00
Online : \$1,000.00
Second Collection : \$ 738.00

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the liturgical season of Lent concludes with Palm Sunday, we reflect on Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Hosanna in the highest! We recall the people welcoming and rejoicing that Jesus is here. God gives us the voice to proclaim however these same voices who proclaim joy for Jesus will be the same voices who will condemn Christ just a few days later. We must not lament with this knowledge, however, come to terms with it as we understand that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the World, meaning these events are all meant to be.

For the Religious Education program, five teenagers who have been preparing for their Sacraments of Christian Initiation will receive their Sacraments during the Easter Vigil Mass. I heartily thank their Catechist, Briana Jagoe, in their formation. As the catechetical year enters April, students are preparing for their sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively. I ask that you continue to pray for these children and their families. As the season of Lent concludes, it is important to remember that God's love and mercy is infinite, and so we can all repent and return to Him.

Peace and Grace,
Freddy Burke

STEWARDSHIP

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

3 Mon Monday of Holy Week violet Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

4 Tue Tuesday of Holy Week violet Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

5 Wed Wednesday of Holy Week violet Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

6 Thu Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) white—Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Pss Prop

7 Fri Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) red Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 Pss Prop

8 Sat Holy Saturday white Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10 Pss Prop

9 SUN EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD white Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 Pss Prop

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in our youth group please contact Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : deaconsarmiento@aol.com

Practice of Faith

We know the story so well, and we know how it ends. Jesus enters in Jerusalem to cries of "Hosanna!" He celebrates the Passover and brings about something new with his words: *This is my Body. This is my Blood.* He is arrested, questioned, and led to his crucifixion.

- ◆ When we remember these events during Holy Week we make them present to us today so that they might transform us as they transformed those who witnessed them. When we process, wash feet, take and eat, and kiss the cross, we enter into the mystery. Be intentional about your plans to participate in Holy Week liturgies.
- ◆ Meditate on a cross in your life and pray that God help you carry it humbly.

Salubong/Encuentro

All are invited to attend the annual Salubong/Encuentro on Sunday April 9, 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.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on April 7 (Good Friday) & April 10 (Monday within the Octave of Easter).

Todos están invitados a asistir al Salubong/Encuentro anual el domingo 9 de abril, Domingo de Pascua, a partir de las 7:30 a.m.

Los hombres se reunirán en la esquina de 2nd St y Manila Ave.

Las mujeres se reunirán en la esquina de 3rd St. y Erie St.

La búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para niños seguirá a las 9:00 a. m. en Marian Hall.



La Oficina Parroquial estará **CERRADA** el 7 de abril (Viernes Santo) y el 10 de abril (lunes dentro de la Octava de Pascua).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, JERSEY CITY 2023 CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**PALM SUNDAY, BLESSING OF PALMS: SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — Mass at 5:30 PM,
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:00AM,10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON**

On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross. Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed. His Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King.

**THE TRIDUUM: OUR THREE HOLIEST DAYS HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM,
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7:30 PM**

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood. During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers. At this Mass, the washing of the feet to symbolize Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, follows after Mass until 11:00 PM.**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, MASS OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 PM.

There is no Mass today; the Altar is bare, and the door of the tabernacle is open. We begin and end our service in silence as we remember Christ's suffering and death. As we venerate the cross, each of us is asked to contemplate the magnitude of Christ's redemptive sacrifice along with our own death to sin in the death of the Lord. Holy Communion will be distributed.

THE CHURCH IN MOURNING: The Death of the Messiah, 5PM Outside Stations of the Cross. 7:00 PM Seven Last Words of Jesus and contemplation on the journey of Christ to Calvary and His death on the Cross through songs and meditations. Listen to the voices of the people who played important roles during the final hours of Jesus. What were the thoughts of Judas who betrayed Jesus? What were the sentiments of Mary, who watched his Son suffer and crucified? Be there, for their thoughts maybe yours too. This evening is a perfect time to meditate on the greatest love of all.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8 — Morning prayers 9:00 AM, EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

This is the central celebration of the entire liturgical year! It is the night on which ancient Christians 'kept watch' for the resurrection as marked in the sunrise of Easter morning. The liturgy also emphasizes the story of our salvation history through a Service of Light and Liturgy of the Word. Then we gather around the font to renew our baptismal promises and to be touched by the waters of new life before celebrating the Eucharist with full Easter joy. We invite everyone to join us; it is our primary Easter Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — MASSES: 8AM, 10AM, & 12NOON

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. That new life began on Easter Sunday. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church. Easter isn't a spiritual event that happened just once, long ago; we don't say "Christ has risen" but "Christ is risen," because He rose, body and soul, and is still alive and with us today.

**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!
(Fr Eustace and the entire Pastoral Team)**