



**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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**16th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME A. JULY 23, 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

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

**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!*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JULY 23, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: July 24 – July 30, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 24, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving and Intentions of Lydia Aro
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 25, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Rose Marie Direnzi; +Domingo De la Cruz; +Israel Sanchez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 26, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Jesus Mendoza; +Maria B. Sanchez
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 27, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Maria Acevedo
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 28, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Vilma Velasco
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 29, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Vilma Velasco
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 30, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	+Sergio Cabrera
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph; +Josefina Lim

**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 JULY 2023 :**

**For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**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,

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

**Collection Sunday, July 16 : \$1,790.00**

**On line donations : \$ 15.00**

We thank our parishioners for your continued support and use of your weekly envelopes.  
Agradecemos a nuestros feligreses por su continuo apoyo y uso de sus sobres semanales.

*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

*“One night, while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.”*

*Mt 13:25*

Sometimes, when bad things happen to us, we question God and even blame Him. Let us not forget that God loves us and only wants the best for us. Our Gospel today tells us that there is the Evil One who is constantly out there trying to sow discord among us and always try to put a wedge between us and God.

It is a basic principle of logic that the effect always has some likeness to the cause. God is love and only goodness could come from Him. Bad things come from the Evil One.

**Deacon Cesar Sarmiento**

### Stewardship

*“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”-Matthew 13:24, 37-38*

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

### 23 de julio de 2023 Domingo 16º del Tiempo Ordinario

*“El reino de los cielos es semejante a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo...El que siembra la buena semilla es el Hijo del Hombre, y el campo es el mundo; y la buena semilla son los hijos del reino.”- Mateo 13:24, 37- 38*

Como hijos de Dios, todos nosotros somos “buenas semillas”. Fuimos bendecidos por Dios con el potencial para hacer mucho bien en el mundo. Cumplimos el plan de Dios cuando pasamos tiempo en oración cada día, cuando utilizamos nuestras habilidades para ayudar a los demás y compartimos nuestros dones financieros para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. ¡A través de nuestro ejemplo de gratitud y generosidad “sembramos” las buenas semillas en la tierra y finalmente ayudamos a otros a llegar al Cielo!

### 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 Charity**

The readings from this Sunday emphasize how unfit we are to take on the role of judgment that belongs only to God; and how inadequate is human mercy when compared to the unfathomable mercy of God. As Paul says, without the help of the Holy Spirit, we can’t even know our hearts, never mind the hearts of others. What’s more, Jesus tells his followers that the weeds and the wheat should be allowed to grow together: Christians live in charity with the world, not sitting in judgment over it.

- ◆ We know and emulate Jesus, who loved and lived with sinners in order to bring them whole into the kingdom. This week deliberately choose to be charitable rather than judgmental in your thoughts and actions.
- ◆ What aspects of your life do you sit in judgment over? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray about these.

### **Hospitality**

There is a small breakfast available after 8am Mass on Sundays (**EXCEPT First Sundays of the Month**) located in Marian Hall. Please feel free to join fellow parishioners for hospitality and to get to know one another better.

### **2024 Mass Book**

Our 2024 Mass Book is now open! Offering Mass is a great way to give thanks to God. We can also honor and remember our loved ones by having an intention reserved for them on their birthdays or anniversaries. Please stop by the parish office or call us to book your Masses.

**2023 Annual Appeal** is still on-going. Please take an envelop at the back of the church and make your donation, if you have not done so.

## **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 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 July 23, 2023**

**24 Mon** Weekday green/white [Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest] Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

**25 Tue** Saint James, Apostle red Feast 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 Pss Prop

**26 Wed** Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Memorial Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

**27 Thu** Weekday green Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

**28 Fri** Weekday green Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

**29 Sat** Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus white Memorial Ex 24:3-8 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**30 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** green 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 Pss I

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BBQ**

Our Parish summer BBQ is back again! Remember us in August as the finalized date is yet to be determined.

### **CCD**

Registration is ongoing for Religious Education (CCD) 2023-2024 here at St. Mary's Parish.

You can register online on the parish website ([stmarysparishjc.com](http://stmarysparishjc.com))

### **Altar Servers**

Some of our young people have the opportunity to assist our Parish Community by being Altar Servers at Mass. This ministry is fairly simple, yet enables the young person to experience a special closeness to what happens during Holy Mass.

If your children would like to be Altar Servers, please call the parish office (201-434-8500) or email us at [stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) or our coordinator Freddy Burke at [freddyburkedre@gmail.com](mailto:freddyburkedre@gmail.com).

Altar Server training will begin in the end of August or early September.

### **50th Anniversary Jubilee: Archdiocesan Pilgrimage**

Saturday, September 16, 2023 is the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located in Washington, DC.

Please call the Parish Office if interested.



## **ANUNCIOS**

### **Barbacoa (BBQ)**

¡Nuestra barbacoa de verano está de regreso! Recuérdenos en agosto ya que la fecha final aún no se ha determinado.

### **Educación Religiosa (CCD)**

La inscripción está en curso para la Educación Religiosa (CCD) 2023-2024 aquí en la Iglesia Santa María. Puede registrarse en línea en el sitio web de la parroquia ([stmarysparishjc.com](http://stmarysparishjc.com))

### **Acólitos**

Algunos de nuestros jóvenes tienen la oportunidad de ayudar a nuestra comunidad parroquial siendo monaguillos en la misa. Este ministerio es bastante simple, pero permite que el joven experimente una cercanía especial con lo que sucede durante la Santa Misa.

Si a sus hijos les gustaría ser monaguillos, llame a la oficina parroquial (201-434-8500) o envíenos un correo electrónico a [stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) o nuestro coordinador Freddy Burke a [freddyburkedre@gmail.com](mailto:freddyburkedre@gmail.com).

La capacitación de monaguillos comenzará a fines de agosto o principios de septiembre.