



**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**

209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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**17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME A. JULY 30, 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!*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : JULY 30, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: July 31 – August 6, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Saore Jean Martin; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 1, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	+Ediana Santos
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 2, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Wilma Velasco; +Devin Varela
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 3, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Rachel Doggett
7:00 PM	+Anthony Gentile; +America Guzman
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 4, 2023 — First Friday</b>
7:00 AM	+Elizabeth Doody; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	First Friday Devotion
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 5, 2023 — First Saturday</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Lorenzo Solivio; +Maria Payumo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 6, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	+Fred D'Urso; +Manuela Albano +Wilfrido Baisas
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Luz Burke; Thanksgiving for Ariana Smallwood
10:00 AM	<u>Misa en Honor Virgen de Copacabana</u> +Sergio Cabrera; +Humberto & Fidelina Carreño
12:00 PM	People of the Parish

**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 23 : \$3,006.00**

**On line donations : \$ 450.00**

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

## REFLEXION DOMINICAL

La perla de gran precio también nos enseña una lección similar. Las perlas en el mundo antiguo llegaron a representar lo supremamente valioso. Jesús comentó que uno no debe arrojar perlas delante de los cerdos (Mateo 7:6). ¿Por qué un comerciante vendería todo por una perla sin igual? Sin duda porque se sintió atraído por lo que pensó que era el mayor tesoro que podía poseer. Descubrir el reino de Dios es como tropezar con un tesoro escondido o encontrar la perla de gran valor.

Cuando descubrimos el reino de Dios, recibimos el mayor tesoro posible: el Señor mismo. Vender todo lo que tenemos para obtener este tesoro incomparable puede significar muchas cosas: nuestros amigos, trabajo, nuestro "estilo de vida", lo que hacemos con nuestro tiempo libre.

El tesoro tiene una conexión especial con el corazón, el lugar del deseo y el anhelo, el lugar de la voluntad y el enfoque. Lo que más ponemos nuestro corazón es nuestro mayor tesoro. En esta parábola, ¿a qué se refiere el tesoro del reino? Ciertamente se refiere al reino de Dios en todos sus aspectos. Pero de manera especial, el Señor mismo es el tesoro que buscamos. Si el Todopoderoso es tu oro y tu plata preciosa, entonces te deleitarás en el Todopoderoso.

Es Jesús realmente el tesoro más grande de tu vida? A qué serías capaz de renunciar o qué serías capaz de hacer con tal de gozar plenamente de este tesoro?

**Rev. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar.**

**30 de julio de 2023**

**Domingo 17<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario**

*"Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito." - Romanos 8:28*

¿Realmente confías en Dios? ¿Crees realmente que Dios te proveerá con todo lo que necesitas? A veces la fe es un reto para cada uno de nosotros. Poner nuestra confianza en Dios, en todo lo que hacemos, en los buenos y malos momentos, significa que el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas puede ser muy diferente de lo que hemos planificado. Cuando una puerta se cierra, otra se abre. Confía en Dios, su plan es siempre mejor.

## 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 Faith**

What will you give up in exchange for the kingdom of God? That is the question that today's Gospel poses. To us, giving up everything seems very risky; only faith can enable us to take such a drastic step. But faith is not only the thing that gives us courage to do what is necessary to reach the kingdom; faith allows us to recognize the kingdom. Through discernment over time, faith hones our ability to distinguish dross from gold. Our faith helps us to see the pearl for what it is, and then do whatever it takes to make it ours.

- ◆ This week, pray for a greater ability to see God in the ordinary details of your life.
- ◆ Write an "examination of values," listing the things to which you devote the most time and energy; which of these should you renounce because they distract you from God's kingdom?
- ◆ Give up a daily or weekly luxury and donate the money or time you would have spent on it to charity.

## **CatholicCulture.org**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *First Book of Kings* 3:5, 7-12. God gives Solomon a choice of gifts. Solomon asks God for "an understanding mind," so that he could always do what was just and best for his subjects. God rewards him with the gift of wisdom making him the wisest man that ever lived. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. The theme of this reading concerns the graciousness and mercy of God at work in calling men to himself, justifying them, and glorifying them as well. The point of the reading is the eternal mystery of the ineffable love of God for man, even before man existed. — *A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary* — *A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

## **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 30, 2023

**31 Mon** Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest white Memorial Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

**AUGUST 2023 1 Tue** Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

**2 Wed** Weekday green/white/white [Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest] Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

**3 Thu** Weekday green Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

**4 Fri** Saint John Vianney, Priest white Memorial Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

**5 Sat** Weekday green/white/white [The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; BVM] Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

**6 SUN** THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD white Feast Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 Pss Prop

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BBQ



Our Parish summer BBQ is back again! Saturday, August 12, 2023 beginning at 12 PM.

The location will be in front of the parish office, 209 Third Street.

After mass, there will be people at the back of the church who will accept donations.

We hope to see you all there!



### 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.

## ANUNCIOS

### Barbacoa (BBQ)

¡Nuestra barbacoa de verano está de regreso! Sábado 12 de agosto de 2023 a partir de las 12 hs. La ubicación será frente a la oficina parroquial, 209 Third Street. Después de la misa, habrá personas en la parte trasera de la iglesia que aceptarán donaciones.

¡Esperamos veros a todos allí!

### 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.