



**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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**20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**  
**AUGUST 20, 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!*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A : AUGUST 20, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: August 21 – August 27, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 21, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk; +Amy Patterson
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 22, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Saore Jean Martin; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Special Intentions for Sarah Patterson; +Sammy Arroyo Rubio
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 23, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Jesus Mendoza; +Maria B. Sanchez
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 24, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intentions for Sarah Patterson; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Sammy Arroyo Rubio
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 25, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Amy Patterson; +Ellen Rogan
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 26, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Lee Ann Sison; +Ricky Ramos; +Irma Claudio
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 27, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Healing for Hunter Sanchez; +Jose Antonio Benitez; +Lorenzo Gonzalez; +Mireya Daumy
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Armi Ricardo; +Richard Valle

**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 AUGUST 2023 :**

**For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**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, August 13 : \$2,366.00**

**On line donations : \$ 468.00**

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**

Good Health for Gilbert Arnold Lopez

**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

**Mateo 15:22-28**  
**La Mujer Cananea**

En el evangelio aparecen muchas veces los hombres discutiendo con Jesús. Jesús siempre les gana, de modo que dejan de preguntarle. Y en este caso se deja ganar por una mujer. En los dos primeros asaltos le gana por puntos. A la súplica de una madre atormentada por la enfermedad de su hija, Jesús se calla. ¿Se puede uno callar ante los gritos de una persona? Cuando los discípulos le piden que la atienda, dice lacónicamente: “Yo he sido enviado a las ovejas de Israel”. Ante una necesidad concreta ¿se puede responder con teorías? Todavía más grave. La mujer insiste y se le pone de rodillas y Jesús contesta con una frase muy dura: “No está bien tomar el pan de los hijos para dárselo a los perros” Así consideraban los judíos a los paganos. La mujer, le retuerce el argumento:” está bien, pero también los perros tienen derecho a comer, aunque sólo sean las migajas que caen de la mesa de los dueños”. Y aquí la mujer gana no sólo por puntos sino por K.O. Jesús se rinde. ¡Tienes razón! “ Pero la madre le respondía con la vida, le habló de la necesidad de su hija enferma, y Jesús aprendió y se dejó cambiar. Era Mesías, supo escuchar y aprender”. Que se cumpla lo que desees. Jesús no sigue. Acepta la verdad, aunque venga de una mujer, aunque esta mujer sea pagana. Debemos reconocer, que Dios nos ama a todos, no por lo que somos, sino por lo que Él es. Esta simple verdad bastaría para dismantelar todas nuestras pretensiones de superioridad.

Bendecida semana,

**Carmen Gonzalez**

**Stewardship**  
**Domingo 20<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario**

*“Los dones y el llamado de Dios son irrevocables.” - Romanos 11:29*

Dios tiene una misión en mente para cada uno de nosotros. Él nos da los dones que necesitamos para cumplir esa misión. Somos llamados a ser buenos administradores de esos dones para hacer el trabajo que Él ha planificado para cada uno de nosotros. Si negamos nuestros dones o no los utilizamos como Dios nos lo pide, entonces parte de su obra queda sin terminar. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un papel en el plan de salvación de Dios.

**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**

“For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” This final sentence from the first reading announces that all people are created to be with God. In the Gospel, the Canaanite woman passionately claims this promise of God. Throughout the Church's history, a dynamic has existed between those who want to maintain God's house for a certain group who meet specific criteria and those who would open the doors wide to welcome all. Although we understand the Church as missionary, whose purpose is to bring all to salvation in Christ, all of us have times when we would like to be able to keep certain people out of the sanctuary. Many of us are not in charity with our fellow Christians, never mind the rest of the world.

- ◆ Pray this week to discern if there are people you would like to bar from the Lord's table. Reach out to them in charity.
- ◆ Look for ecumenical organizations in your community and see if you might take part in their activities.
- ◆ How do you break down barriers to God's mercy?

**Memorial of the Queenship of Mary:** O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Parish BBQ**

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make our BBQ this year a success! Thank you to everyone that came to celebrate with us!

**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 August 20, 2023**

**21 Mon** Saint Pius X, Pope white Memorial Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

**22 Tue** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Memorial Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

**23 Wed** Weekday green/white [Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin] Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

**24 Thu** Saint Bartholomew, Apostle red Feast Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 Pss Prop

**25 Fri** Weekday green/white/white [Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest] Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

**26 Sat** Weekday green/white [BVM] Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

**27 SUN** TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 Pss I

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

### **RCIA**

An invitation to join the Church! If you or someone you know would like to become fully Catholic; if you have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination, or if you were baptized Catholic but have never celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation call the Parish office or email Rene Tolentino: rptolentino321@gmail.com.

On line registration is also available on our Parish website. The first RCIA class will start in 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.

Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Included at the Shrine:

The Holy Rosary, Procession of the Parish Banners, Holy Mass in the Greater Upper Church

## **ANUNCIOS**

### **50 Aniversario: Peregrinación Arquidiocesana**

El sábado 16 de septiembre de 2023 es la Peregrinación Arquidiocesana a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción ubicada en Washington, DC.

Peregrinación dirigida por el cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Incluido en el Santuario:

El Santo Rosario, Procesión de los Estandartes Parroquiales, Santa Misa en la Iglesia Mayor

## **ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**

- ◆ Celebramos la Hora Santa Eucarística todos los lunes de 7pm – 8pm en la Capilla de San Bonifacio.
- ◆ Los miércoles tenemos devociones de Adoración con Rosario y Divina Misericordia a las 7pm en la Capilla.
- ◆ También tenemos Adoración y Devoción similar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús todos los primeros viernes de cada mes de 7:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. en la Iglesia.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir y tener la maravillosa oportunidad de reunirse y reflexionar en oraciones silenciosas y meditación en la Presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Por favor únase a nosotros.