



**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 Is Located At**

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**FIRST SUNDAY**

OF

*Advent*

December 3, 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-H.S: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

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!*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 3, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: December 4 – December 10, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 4, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Sarah Patterson; +Benigno Talatala
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 5, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Armi Ricardo; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Special Intention of Michael Patterson; En Acción de Gracias por Yolanda Muñoz; +America Guzman
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 6, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Amy Patterson; +Agustin Sirilan
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 7, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Lilia Devera; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Julio Solivan; +Maria Medina; +Amy Patterson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 8, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Arturo Casambre, Jr. Special Intention of Michael Patterson
7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception +Fernando Antonio Restrepo
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 9, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Good Health of Xavier Anthony Lopez; +Romeo Banico
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 10, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	+Nelly y Walter Herrera; +Mercedes Gonzalez; +Juanita Rios; +Luis y Jose Valentin
12:00 PM	+Benita Comes Sarmiento; Thanksgiving for Deacon Cesar and Lourdes Sarmiento

**Sacramental Preparation & Parish Registration**

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** 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 the 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 Children from Grades 1 to High School; 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 the sacraments 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 the area or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

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

**For Persons with Disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**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, November 26 : \$2,268.00**

**Second Collection : \$ 524.00**

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 por Yolanda Muñoz

**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

## How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?

The advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begin with the first coming of Christ (when the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us) and it culminates in Christ's second coming on the Day of judgment and vindication for his people. Jesus spoke of his return in glory at the close of the ages as an indisputable fact and predetermined act which he will perform as the Judge and Ruler of all peoples, nations, and individual who ever lived on the earth.

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to be vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We are not only to watch with Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his Word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and joyful hope?

**Rev. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar**

## Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

Nuestra fiesta de La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María será el viernes 8 de diciembre. Tendremos una misa matutina a las 7 am y una misa bilingüe a las 7 pm.

### Stewardship

**3 de diciembre de 2023  
1er Domingo de Adviento**

*"¡Vigile! ¡Manténgase alerta! Usted no sabe cuándo llegará el momento." - MARCOS 13:33*

Damos las cosas por sentado. En particular, damos el tiempo por sentado. Tenemos nuestras vidas demasiado ocupadas. Planificamos por adelantado nuestros días, semanas, meses y aún nuestros años. Recuerde, nuestro tiempo en la tierra es un regalo. Ninguno de nosotros sabe cuánto tiempo estaremos aquí. Empiece hoy y comience a darle gracias a Dios por todos y cada uno de nuestros días. Tómese un tiempo en silencio, todos los días, y escuche cómo Dios lo está llamando en este momento para ayudar a construir Su reino en la tierra.

### 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)

### Viviendo Nuestra Fe

La doctrina social de la Iglesia católica se desarrolla por medio de la reflexión madura al contacto con situaciones cambiantes de este mundo, bajo el impulso del Evangelio como fuente de renovación para asumir innovaciones atrevidas y creadoras que requiere la situación presente (Pablo VI, *Octogesima adveniens*, 42). El estar atentos y al discernimiento constante implican análisis detenidos de la realidad que aprieta a la comunidad humana, a fin de poder sembrar en ella el Evangelio, la penetre y la transforme, con atrevimiento creativo para que todos accedan a un estado de bienestar satisfactorio.

- ◆ ¿Cómo se preparan las personas no religiosas durante el Adviento? ¿Por qué lo hacen?
- ◆ ¿Qué actitud nueva desea cultivar en usted mientras aguarda "el fin de los tiempos"?
- ◆ ¿Qué área de la comunidad parroquial es la más necesitada de esperanza? ¿Por qué?

### Immaculate Conception Feast Day

Our feast day for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Friday, December 8. We will have a morning mass at 7am and a bilingual mass at 7pm.

### Second Collection

The weekend of December 9-10 will have a second collection for the National Religious Retirement. This collection will benefit approximately 24,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the United States.

### Practice of Faith

As we begin a new liturgical year, we remember that God, our Father, has enriched us with his Spirit. At times, however, we ignore what God has done for us and wander off on our own path. As you look back at the past year, how have you failed to keep alert and walk in God's ways?

- ◆ Find a time this Advent season to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and to acknowledge your need for God's mercy and guidance.
- ◆ Reflect on the spiritual gifts you have received from God. Give thanks for these gifts. What can you do to strengthen these gifts or to cultivate new ones?
- ◆ Today's psalm includes the refrain, "Lord, let us see your face and we shall be saved." Celebrate God's faithfulness by saying this prayer throughout the day, especially while lighting the candle of your Advent wreath.

## **Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023**

**4 Mon** Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

**5 Tue** Advent Weekday violet Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**6 Wed** Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint Nicholas, Bishop] Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**7 Thu** Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**8 Fri** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY white (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) Solemnity [Holy Day of Obligation] Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Pss Prop

**9 Sat** Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin] Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**10 SUN** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT violet Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 Pss II

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Advent Bilingual Penance Service**

Please join us in our Advent Penance Service that will take place on Saturday, December 16 right after 9:00am morning mass until 12noon. There will be guest priests available for confession.

Please do not miss this great opportunity to prepare your heart for baby Jesus' coming.

### **Advent Giving Tree**

Our "Advent Giving Tree" is set up for the holiday. We are asking our parishioners for gift cards to benefit our food pantry. The gift cards should be from local food stores such as ShopRite, ACME or general gift cards. Thank you for your gift for the less fortunate among us.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

This year, for the first time, we will hold a special bilingual Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Empress of the Americas in the early morning of Tuesday, December 12. We will first have a serenade to our Heavenly Mother at 5:30am followed by 6:00am mass. Afterwards, all are invited to a Mexican style breakfast.



## **ANUNCIOS**

### **Árbol de Adviento**

Nuestro "Árbol de donaciones de Adviento" está preparado para las fiestas. Estamos pidiendo a nuestros feligreses tarjetas de regalo para beneficiar nuestra despensa de alimentos. Las tarjetas de regalo deben ser de tiendas de alimentos locales como Shop Rite, ACME o tarjetas de regalo en general. Gracias por su regalo para los menos afortunados entre nosotros.

### **Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento**

Únase a nosotros en nuestro servicio de penitencia de adviento que se llevará a cabo el sábado 16 de diciembre justo después de la misa de 9:00 a. m. de la mañana hasta 12pm. Habrá sacerdotes invitados disponibles para confesarse. Por favor no pierda esta gran oportunidad de prepara tu corazón para la venida del niño Jesús.

### **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Este año, 12 de diciembre por primera vez, celebraremos una misa bilingüe para honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como Emperatriz de las Américas. Comenzaremos con una Serenata a las 5:30am en la iglesia principal, luego a las 6:00am celebraremos la Santa Misa.

Después de Misa todos estamos invitados a un desayuno estilo mejicano.