



ST. MARY
— OF THE —
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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

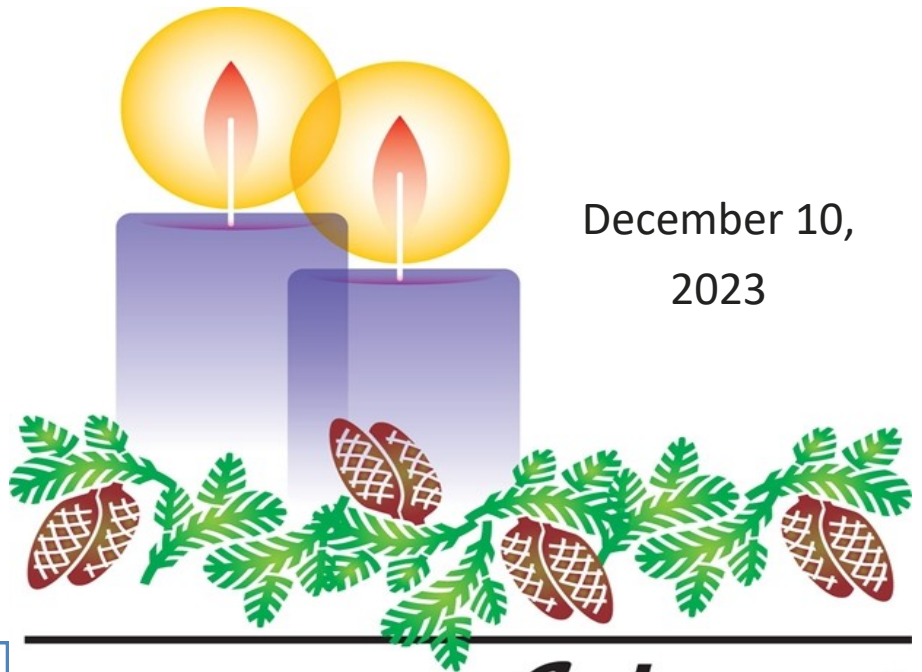
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December 10,
2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 10, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: December 11 – December 17, 2023

MONDAY	December 11, 2023
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Michael Patterson
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	December 12, 2023
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Sarah Patterson; +Rebecca Payumo
7:00 PM	Special Intention of Michael Patterson; En Acción de Gracias por María Bravo; +Hector Taveras; +Aneudy De La Cruz
WEDNESDAY	December 13, 2023
7:00 AM	+Serafina Sengco; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY	December 14, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Rene & Ditas Tolentino; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Special Intention of Michael Patterson
FRIDAY	December 15, 2023
7:00 AM	+Amy Patterson
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SATURDAY	December 16, 2023
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Laila Carmen Arroyo; +Presentaion Sison; +Alejta Rodriguez
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY	December 17, 2023
8:00 AM	+Lila D'Urso; +Leoncio Bustamante
10:00 AM	+Luciano Roque; +Adelaida Vda de Sosa; +Bonifacia Carballo; +Isabel German
12:00 PM	People of the Parish
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi

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, December 3 :	\$2,511.00
Christmas Flowers :	\$ 647.00
On line donation :	\$ 240.00

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

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

“Every Valley shall be filled; Every mountain shall be made low.” Isaiah 40:4

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Prophet Isaiah calls us to prepare the way for the Lord’s coming: every valley shall be filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Are there valleys to be filled and mountains to cut down in our lives? What are your valleys – deficiencies, laziness in the spiritual, unrepentance, or oppression given to others? What are your mountains to cut down - pride, arrogance, selfishness or self-righteousness? Did you see John’s humility? ‘Someone greater than me is coming,’ he said.

Dare we believe then that God is still coming to us in our lives? The Gospel does not ask us to pretend that the bad times are somehow good times. It does not ask us to imagine that our ‘mountains or valleys’ are blessings to be celebrated. But it does say that in every circumstance we must believe that the Lord is coming again, and we must prepare the way of the Lord.

Therefore, there is work to do. There is much to do; And there is enough opportunities in the world to do them. You and I, beginning here, beginning now, must “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Blessings of the Season to all!

Very Rev Eustace Edomobi D.Min

Stewardship

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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

Practice of Hope

Throughout the centuries God has brought about wondrous and surprising change. Whenever God’s people felt that he had abandoned them, he always revealed himself, renewing their hope and leading them into a new and better future.

- ◆ Imagine how people felt as they listened to John the Baptist. Place yourself at the Jordan River. What are people saying to one another? How are they reacting? What do you say and do? In the second reading, we hear of God’s patience as we prepare ourselves for God’s transformation of heaven and earth.
- ◆ How is God patient with you? Is there a person toward whom you can show greater patience? What specific, concrete steps can you take to treat that person with greater patience?
- ◆ What particular change do you need to make in your life “to be found without spot or blemish” (2 Peter 3:14) before the Lord?
- ◆ How may we as God’s people today participate in the preparation for God’s advent?

Advent Giving Tree

Our “Advent Giving Tree” is once again 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.

Viviendo Nuestra Fe

La doctrina social de la Iglesia “tiene de por sí un valor de instrumento de la evangelización” (CDSI, 67) y se desarrolla al encuentro siempre renovado entre el mensaje Evangelio y la historia humana. En este sentido, la enseñanza social es un camino particular para el ministerio de la Palabra y la función real del Pueblo de Dios. La cuestión social no es algo marginal o añadido a la misión. Es el corazón mismo de ese camino ministerial y de servicio que la caridad exige.

- ◆ Identifique signos o expresiones de cambio, como se anuncia en los medios de comunicación.
- ◆ ¿Qué actitud de vida le inspira a usted la figura y predicación de Juan Bautista?
- ◆ ¿Cómo prepara su grupo de fe la llegada del Señor para las personas relegadas de su entorno?

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

11 Mon Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint Damasus I, Pope] Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

12 Tue USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe white Feast Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary Pss Prop

13 Wed Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr red Memorial Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

14 Thu Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

15 Fri Advent Weekday violet Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

16 Sat Advent Weekday violet Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

17 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT violet or rose Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8) Pss III

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMBANG GABI

Catholic Action of Mary invites everyone to join and celebrate Simbang Gabi. December 15—23, 2023 every night at 7:00PM located in St. Boniface's Chapel.

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. Eucharist Ministers & Lectors are required to attend. Please do not miss this great opportunity to prepare your heart for baby Jesus' coming.

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

POSADAS

La Parroquia invita a todos a unirse y celebrar Posadas. Todas las noches a las 7:00 p. m., del 15 al 23 de diciembre de 2023 en la iglesia de St. Mary.

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 las 9:00 a. m. misa de la mañana. Habrá sacerdotes invitados disponibles para confesarse. Se requiere que los Ministros de la Eucaristía y los Lectores asistan. Por favor no pierda esta gran oportunidad de preparar 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.