



**ST. MARY**  
 OF THE  
**IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION**

**PARISH**

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302  
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**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

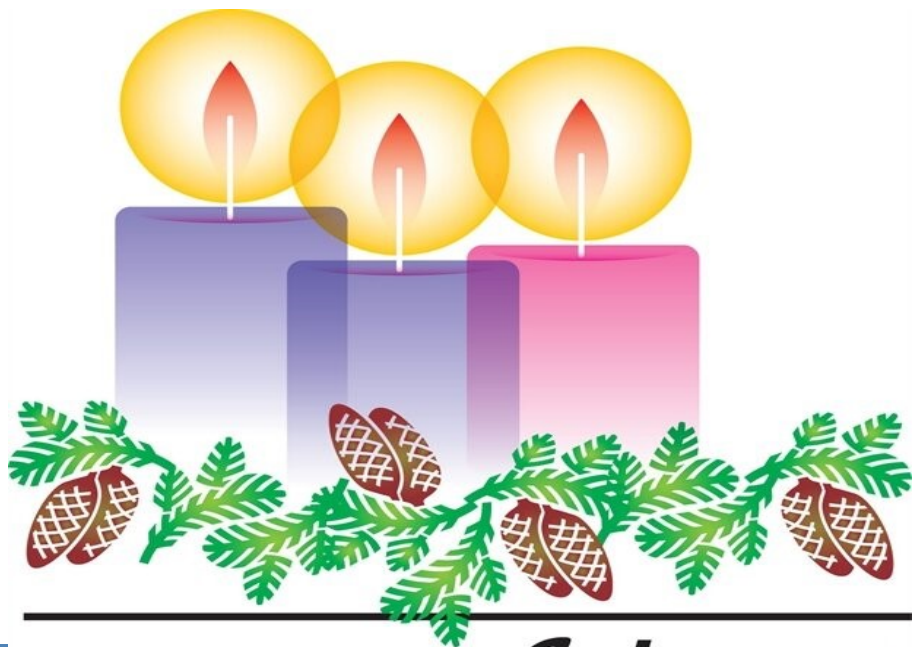
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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 17, 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!*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 17, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: December 18 – December 24, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 18, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for the Dogoni Family; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 19, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	In honor of St. Joseph for the intentions of Lissa Santiago
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 20, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Michael Patterson; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 21, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Armi Ricardo; Special Intention of Michael Patterson
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 22, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Dayiri Dogoni
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 23, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Chris Concepcion
7:00 PM	Simbang Gabi
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 24, 2023 — Christmas Eve</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	+Gregoria Sierra; +Gregorio Gutierrez; +Antonio Amurrio; +Beatris Vargas
12:00 PM	+Carmen Garay
6:30 PM	Villancicos (Spanish)
7:00 PM	Christmas Carols (English)
7:30 PM	Holy Mass (Bilingual)

**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 10 : \$2,450.00**

**Second Collection : \$ 928.00**

**On line donation : \$ 685.00**

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Advent season is a time for reflection on our thoughts, words and actions. Our Lord Jesus is coming into the world to save us from sin. The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at 4pm in St. Mary's and we are called to participate in the sacrament in preparation for Christmas.

As we enter the 3rd week of Advent, we remember that this is a time of patience and preparation for the birth of the Lord Jesus. Take note, on the Advent Reef the candle that is lit for the 3rd week is pink/rose, this symbolizes we must also be joyful as the savior will be born in addition to being patient. We will wait in anticipation of joy!

**Freddy Burke**

**irector of Religious Education**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

It is my pleasure to announce that our parish has been blessed with the establishment of its first Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization comprised of Catholic men which started in 1882 with a mission of charity. This new council is called St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Council 137. Its principles are charity, unity, and fraternity with a focus on serving our parish. We invite you to attend the Installation Ceremony for the Grand Knight Officers for Council 137 being held here on December 24th during the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7:30pm.

**V. Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min.**

### Stewardship

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."*  
– 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

## 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)

### III Domingo de Adviento

#### Viviendo Nuestra Fe

La constitución sobre la Iglesia en el mundo (*Gaudium et spes*) desarrolla el concepto clave de que los bautizados son comunidad de creyentes y pueblo de Dios. Afirma la capital importancia de testimonio de vida de los cristianos como medio auténtico para hacer visible la presencia de Dios en el mundo (cf. CDSI, 96). De tal modo que cada persona, familia y comunidad debería revisar su comprensión del ser testigo de Cristo en el mundo. La misión, la evangelización, los ministerios tienen aquí, en el testimonio, su punto de partida.

- ◆ Describa a alguien que usted conozca que sea una persona que vive con una misión.
- ◆ ¿En qué momentos ha experimentado usted la luz de Dios como sanación personal?
- ◆ Identifique la misión o carisma de los distintos grupos y asociaciones parroquiales y su trasfondo bíblico.

### 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.



### Practice of Hope

On the Third Sunday of Advent our joy at what God has done for us bursts forth. We rejoice because our celebration of Jesus' birth is simultaneously a celebration of all that God has promised and will accomplish through his Son.

- ◆ St. Paul thus urges us to rejoice always and give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18). Think of times your heart overflowed with joy. Give thanks for such moments.
- ◆ Pray for those who have lost hope and are filled with sorrow, such as those who have fled their homeland or been unjustly imprisoned.
- ◆ When John the Baptist urged people to hope in Jesus, he directed attention away from himself. Thank someone in your community who works quietly and diligently to help others without seeking attention or recognition.

## Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

**18 Mon** Advent Weekday violet Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

**19 Tue** Advent Weekday violet Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

**20 Wed** Advent Weekday violet Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

**21 Thu** Advent Weekday violet [Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

**22 Fri** Advent Weekday violet 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

**23 Sat** Advent Weekday violet [Saint John of Kanty, Priest] Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

**24 SUN** FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT violet 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 Pss IV

## 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.

On the final night of December 23, there will be a joint celebration with the Posadas after mass.

## 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.

La última noche del 23 de diciembre habrá una celebración conjunta con el Simbang Gabi después de la misa.

### **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.

## Celebrate Jesus — The Reason for the Season

### **Schedule of Christmas & New Year's Masses**

#### **Saturday, Dec 23**

5:30pm Anticipated Mass

#### **Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec 24**

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

6:30pm Villancicos (Spanish)

7:00pm Christmas Carols (English)

7:30pm Holy Mass (Bilingual)

#### **Christmas Day, Monday, Dec 25**

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

Parish Office is Closed

No Holy Hour in the evening

#### **Saturday, Dec 30**

5:30pm Anticipated Mass

#### **New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec 31**

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

#### **New Year's Day, Monday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

Parish Office is Closed; No holy hour in the evening

### UN MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PASTOR

Es un placer para mí anunciar que nuestra parroquia ha sido bendecida con el establecimiento de su primer Consejo de Caballeros de Colón. Caballeros de Colón es una Organización Fraternal Católica compuesta por hombres católicos que comenzó en 1882 con una misión de caridad.

Este nuevo concilio se llama Concilio de Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción 137. Sus principios son la caridad, la unidad y la fraternidad con un enfoque en el servicio a nuestra parroquia.

Te invitamos a asistir a la Ceremonia de Instalación de los Caballeros Oficiales para el Consejo 137 que se llevará a cabo aquí el 24 de diciembre durante la Misa de Nochebuena a las 7:30 pm.

**V. Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min.**