



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

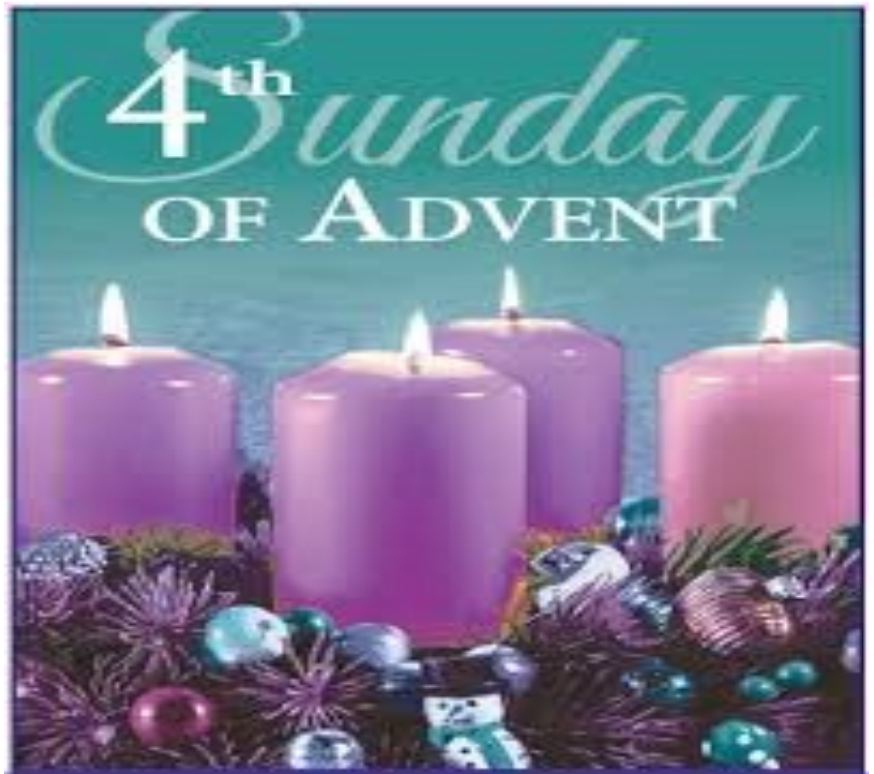
Parish Office Is Located At

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DECEMBER 24, 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT : DECEMBER 24, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: December 25- – December 31, 2023

MONDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00pm	December 25, 2023 The Nativity of the Lord +Manuel & Tarcela Muzones +Segundo Bravo +Judy Gulmatico, +Maximino Gulmatico, Jr.
TUESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	December 26, 2023 +Bing Sison Special Intention of Michael Patterson (L); +Margarita Ceballos
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	December 27, 2023 +Grace Casambre Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	December 28 2023 +Irene Higgins Special Intention of Michael Patterson (L) +Juan Bravo
FRIDAY 7:00 AM	December 29, 2023 +Marie Higgins; Special Intention of Michael Patterson (L)
SATURDAY 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	December 30, 2023 Memorial Mass People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	December 31, 2023 Thanksgiving for Alexander Xavier Green +Jose Reuben & +Himmler Lozada Thanksgiving for Enrique de la Cruz; +Polonia Gutierrez +Ronald Taylor; Thanksgiving for Dayiri Dogoni In Honor of the Virgin Mary: for the intention of Lissa Santiago

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 17 : \$2,604.00

Christmas Flowers : \$ 149.00

On line donations : \$ 632.00

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.

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

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

REFLEXION DE LA SEMANA

En la primera lectura vemos cómo Dios rechaza que se le haga una casa. Después, es Él mismo quien dispone cómo se ha de edificar el templo, a cuidado del gran Salomón. Pero el templo verdadero no lo hará Salomón, sino el Espíritu Santo, y no en Jerusalén, sino en María. "El templo era su cuerpo...", anota Juan refiriéndose a Cristo (Jn 2,21). Y este es principio que podemos aplicar a tantas cosas: sólo Dios hace obras dignas de Dios; sólo Dios sabe cómo se alaba a Dios, cómo se sirve a Dios, cómo se ama a Dios. Nada somos, nada podemos en su honor si Él mismo no viene con su Espíritu a darnos la luz, la voluntad y la constancia.

El templo era su Cuerpo. El templo es su Cuerpo. Ese Cuerpo bendito, ese Cuerpo glorioso que contempla nuestra fe en los altares, y que come nuestra boca en cada Eucaristía. El Cuerpo tejido de amores en María; el Cuerpo y Templo y Casa que David hubiera querido ver, ese es el Cuerpo que comulgamos, esa es la verdad que nos sacia, ese es el Amor que nos colma de alegría y de gozo.

Feliz y bendecida Navidad,
Carmen Gonzalez

Stewardship Reflection 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal Steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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

Each reading recalls the promises God has made and fulfilled, from providing an heir to King David to the salvation of all nations in Jesus Christ. Often God seems to fulfill these promises in unexpected ways.

- ♦ Slowly read through the Gospel passage. Imagine that you are Mary hearing this news or that you are the angel delivering it. Ponder a part of this story that you have not considered. Spend some time renewing your wonder at God's promises.
- ♦ Look closely at your life. In what ways has God surprised you? How have you responded? Have you always noticed how God surprises?
- ♦ If you can, share your faith in God's unexpected love by offering to help someone with childcare, housework, or the preparation of a meal.

Advent Giving Tree

Our "Advent Giving Tree" gift cards to benefit our food pantry recipients should be brought back this week. 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

Cada lectura recuerda las promesas que Dios ha hecho y cumplido, desde proporcionar un heredero al rey David hasta la salvación de todas las naciones en Jesucristo. A menudo Dios parece cumplir estas promesas de maneras inesperadas.

- ♦ Lea lentamente el pasaje del Evangelio. Imagina que eres María escuchando esta noticia o que eres el ángel que la transmite. Reflexiona sobre una parte de esta historia que no hayas considerado. Dedique algún tiempo a renovar su asombro ante las promesas de Dios.
- ♦ Mire de cerca su vida. ¿De qué manera te ha sorprendido Dios? ¿Cómo has respondido? ¿Siempre has notado cómo Dios sorprende?
- ♦ Si puedes, comparte tu fe en el amor inesperado de Dios ofreciéndote a ayudar a alguien con el cuidado de los niños, las tareas del hogar o la preparación de una comida.

Readings for the Week of December 24th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 ...

25 Monday Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 ...

26 Tuesday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 ...

27 Wednesday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 ...

28 Thursday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18 ...

29 Friday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 ...

30 Saturday 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 ...

31 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

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. All are invite 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.



ANUNCIOS

Caballeros de Colon

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.

Todos estamos invitados 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.

“Árbol de Donaciones de Regalos”

Las tarjetas de regalo para el “Arbol de Donaciones” para beneficiar a los destinatarios de nuestra despensa de alimentos deberían ser regresadas esta semana. Las tarjetas de regalo deben ser de tiendas de alimentos locales como ShopRite, ACME o tarjetas de regalo en general. Gracias por su regalo para los menos afortunados entre nosotros.

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Pre-K3 —Grade 3, 248 Marin Boulevard
Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm

Grade 4-8, 225 Morris Boulevard
Friday, January 12, 2024 8:00am-10:00am

Early Childhood Center, 180 Grand Street,
Sunday January 21, 2024 10:30am– 12:30pm