

MERRY Christmas

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.

“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.

OL CZESTOCHOWA OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

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



The Nativity of the Lord

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

209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9AM-5PM
Parish E-mail: info@stmarysparishjc.com
Phone: 201-434-8500 Fax: 201-333-1816

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

Come and join us and create a Christ-Centered Community where Strangers become Friends and Friends become Family!

From the Pastor and Parish staff Christmas 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: December 25- – December 31, 2023

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

Dear parishioners:

Our Christmas prayers and wishes this year is that God will share His love and peace with all of you who so faithfully form the Body of Christ in this wonderful faith community of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish. We thank you all and please know that we are constantly aware of your prayers and support you have showed during this year, 2023.

Christmas is a perfect time to express how grateful we are for the things we have accomplished together and grateful to God for being born among us and giving us the opportunity to follow the radiant star that shines upon our lives in our journey of faith.

During the four weeks of Advent, we waited patiently for the arrival of this Holy Season. Now that Christmas is here, we place all our concerns before the manger. In the words of the familiar carol, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." The coming of Jesus Christ does not give us simply one night to rejoice, but a lifetime to reflect on God's decision to leap down from heaven and make a home with us.

We pray that all who gather at the Eucharist this Christmas will feel drawn near Christ, not simply for a day, but also realize that Christ wants to be with each one of us always, at home, in our hearts, in our nights of need and in our days of joy. If you have been searching for a community to pray and worship together, we hope that you have felt welcomed here and will join us again for the days to come. As Christ has made a home with us, let us make a home with each other.

Christmas joy and peace to all!

Fr . Eustace Edomobi; Fr Duberley Salazar, Deacon Cesar Sarmiento, Deacon Pedro Gonzalez Deacon Leopoldo Polanco, Carmen Gonzalez, Freddy Burke and Alexis Zhu.

SALUDO DE NAVIDAD Párroco y personal parroquial Navidad 2023

Queridos feligreses,

Nuestras oraciones y deseos de Navidad este año es que Dios comparta Su amor y paz con todos ustedes que tan fielmente forman el Cuerpo de Cristo en esta maravillosa comunidad de fe de la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción de Santa María. Les agradecemos a todos y sepan que siempre estamos atentos a sus oraciones y apoyo que han mostrado durante este año 2023

Durante las cuatro semanas de Adviento hemos esperado pacientemente la llegada de este Tiempo Santo. Ahora que la Navidad está aquí, ponemos todas estas preocupaciones ante el pesebre. En palabras del villancico familiar, " Las esperanzas y los temores de todos los años se cumplen en ti esta noche ". La venida de Jesucristo nos da no solo una noche para regocijarnos, sino una vida para reflexionar sobre la decisión de Dios de saltar del cielo y hacer un hogar con nosotros.

Oramos para que todos los que se reúnan en la Eucaristía esta Navidad sientan que Cristo se acerca, no solo por un día, sino también dándose cuenta de que Cristo quiere estar con cada uno de nosotros siempre, en casa, en nuestros corazones, en nuestras noches de necesidad y en nuestros días de alegría. Si has estado buscando una comunidad para orar y adorar juntos, esperamos que te hayas sentido bienvenido aquí y te unas a nosotros de nuevo durante los próximos días. Así como Cristo hizo una casa con nosotros, hagamos una casa con otros.

¡La alegría de la Navidad y la paz para todos!

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