



**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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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 7, 2024

**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!*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : JANUARY 7, 2024

**MASS SCHEDULE: January 8 – January 14, 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 8, 2024</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 9, 2024</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Deacon Marcelo and Ruby David Family;
	+Marciano Pangasnan
7:00 PM	Special Intentions of Leandro Ogando
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 10, 2024</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 11, 2024</b>
7:00 AM	Healing of Pilar Monje
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Wilton Rodriguez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 12, 2024</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Alma Avanzado
	+Arturo Casambre, Sr.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 13, 2024</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Juliet Solivio;
	+William & Joan Miller
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 14, 2024</b>
8:00 AM	+Lila D'Urso; +Michelle Cambria
	+Juliet & Lorenzo Solivio;
10:00 AM	Special Intention of Leandro Ogando;
	+Hector Valentin;
	+Joseph Cosme;
	+Rosalinda Gutierrez
12:00 PM	People of the Parish

**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 JANUARY 2024 :  
FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**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**

<b>Collection Sunday, December 31</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$2,748.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 539.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 784.00</b>
<b>On line donations</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 576.00</b>

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 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:  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

On the Feast of Manifestation of Jesus as Savior of the world, we join the Wise Men as they journey in faith to find Him. The Magi certainly left behind many precious things: comforts, families, and possessions, as they decided to seek the Lord. They also faced many uncertainties, dangers, sickness, and challenges along the way. But because of faith, they were open to all possibilities that God will see them through.

In our own life, as we embrace faith, we also give up things dear to us. We may also experience fears, anxieties, and difficulties of all sorts. But we are inspired by the presence of the Star, pointing us to Jesus, who assures us that He will never leave us nor forsake us as we journey through life.

Despite king Herod's distraction, the wise men were determined to find Christ; so, they went ahead on their journey without delay. As we begin the New Year, we too must decide that, no matter the challenges and what anyone may say, we must hasten to seek Christ, and live by His Gospel.

May the Lord bless and protect you as you complete the Christmas Season; and may He help us all to continue in our journey of faith with great determination.

Have a Blessed week.

**Very Rev Eustace Edomobi**

**Stewardship**

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."  
- Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

# 300 CLUB

Join or **RENEW TODAY!** This will be a big help to your Church and to your family. Prizes will be drawn on the last Friday of the month.

Congratulations to the December Winner: **Thomas A. Sember**

**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 familia es uno de los pilares de la sociedad y donde se cultivan y forjan los valores que sostienen la convivencia internacional genuinamente humana. A un mundo que se fragmenta y deshumaniza, la Iglesia le brinda a Jesucristo como paradigma de humanidad nueva y de unidad fraterna (cf. CDSI, 428-432). La vocación a construir la paz y la fraternidad compete a cada bautizado y en todos los órdenes de la vida. Cada uno ha de hacer brillar la luz de Cristo para todos, no opacar ni esconderla.

- ◆ Identifique empresas o negocios que sostengan y promuevan valores genuinamente cristianos.
- ◆ ¿Cómo le ha impactado a usted los valores o aportes de otras culturas?
- ◆ ¿Qué rasgos multiculturales identifica usted en su comunidad de fe?

**REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETÍN DE  
CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

**Epifanía del Señor**

*"Y postrándose lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros le presentaron obsequios de oro, incienso y mirra".*

*- Mateo 2:11*

Observe el orden de los eventos en la visita de los Reyes Magos. Primero, se arrodillaron ante Jesús y lo adoraron. Luego le presentaron sus obsequios. Nosotros también debemos tomar tiempo para orar antes de presentarle nuestros obsequios al Señor. ¡No sabemos lo que Dios nos puede pedir que compartamos!

**Practice of Charity**

Little is known about the mysterious visitors who arrive in Jerusalem seeking the newborn king. They caused quite a stir there and probably also in Bethlehem when they found Mary and Joseph.

- ◆ Imagine being in the house when the Magi arrive. How do they interact with Mary and Joseph? In what ways might each person, with their different backgrounds, have treated the others with loving kindness? The story of the Magi along with the other readings reminds us that we don't have to compete for God's love. God offers love freely and abundantly.
- ◆ Look at a map of the world or picture one in your head and pray for people from different countries.
- ◆ Is there someone you can honor with the gift of your presence? Perhaps you know someone in the hospital or a nursing home whose day you would brighten with a visit.

### **Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024**

- 8 Mon** The Baptism of the Lord white Feast Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or, in Year B, Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 Pss Prop
- 9 Tue** Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time) green 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20 /Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 Pss I
- 10 Wed** Weekday green 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
- 11 Thu** Weekday green 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- 12 Fri** Weekday green 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
- 13 Sat** Weekday green/white/white [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM] 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
- 14 SUN** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 Pss II

### **OL Czestochowa Open House & Registration**

**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

### **Santo Niño of Tondo**

Sto. Niño of Tondo Fiesta Mass will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 3:00PM in the Main Church.  
Please bring your family Sto. Niño for the yearly blessing.

Sto. La Misa de Fiesta del Niño de Tondo será el sábado 20 de enero de 2024 a las 3:00 p.m. en la Iglesia Principal.

Por favor trae a tu familia Sto. Niño para la bendición anual.



### **Our Lady of Altagracia**

Nuestra Parroquia honrará a Nuestra Señora de Altagracia el domingo 21 de enero de 2024 a las 10:00 a.m.  
Todos están invitados.

Our Parish will honor Our Lady of Altagracia on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 10:00AM. All are invited.

