



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

Parish Office Is Located At

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**First Sunday of Lent,
Year B**



February 18, 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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE: February 19 – February 25, 2024

MONDAY 9:00 AM	February 19, 2024 In Honor of St. Joseph for the Intentions of Lissa Santiago
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
TUESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	February 20, 2024 +Joseph Vincent Luistro Por la Salud de Madelyn Hernandez; +Norberto Merced
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	February 21, 2024 +Phillip Generao; +Marie Higgins Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	February 22, 2024 +Alexander Moteagudo, Jr.; +Irene Higgins +Carla Rodriguez; +Norberto Merced
FRIDAY 7:00 AM	February 23, 2024 +Federico Obligacion Sr.; +Eriberto Sarmiento
7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	February 24, 2024 Memorial Mass People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	February 25, 2024 +Stella Samson +Modesto Reyes; +Rosa Gutierrez; +Raul y Miriam Mostajo; +Claudina Jarquin
12:00 PM	+Joseph Gorey; +Pedro Berrios

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 FEBRUARY 2024 :

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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, February 11 : \$2,948.00

Online Donation: \$ 660.00

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

Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio

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

As we begin this journey, we need first to have an accurate understanding of what interferes with our relationship with Jesus, what areas of life do we need to work on? It may be different for each one of us; it depends on where you are right now. The devil will always come from where you have the highest need. He would like to find out if you are serious in desiring holiness this Lenten season.

It happened to Jesus, when he was tired and hungry; the first temptation was that He commands stone to be bread - 'if you are the son of God.' That is why we must articulate where the danger lies: our sinful patterns, attachments, bad habits – resentment, indifference, un-forgiveness, impurity, addiction to TV internet; cell phone, lack of courage to confront evil, being judgmental of others, laziness in prayers, or no interest in church.

As we make our discovery, Jesus shows us three ways we can win our battles with these wild beasts: Prayer – keeping close contact with God, morning Mass, and confessing our sins; Fasting – discipline/control our flesh/appetite; and Almsgiving – helping those in need, showing more love and compassion to family members, and forgiving wrong done to us. To all these, I shall add: keeping close to Word of God by engaging in family 40 days Bible reading.

Have a fruitful Lenten Season!

Very Rev Eustace Edomobi D.Min.

Lent Retreat

In preparation for Lent, all are invited to attend a morning of reflection, meditation, and prayer.

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024

Location: Main Church

Time: 10:00 — 1:00PM

Bring: Bible, notebook and pens

Note: Refreshments will be provided.

Practice of Hope

The flood that covered the earth mirrored the evil that had spread across it. Such sin still permeates the earth and can feel overwhelming.

- ◆ Reflect on the promise God made to Noah and the earth. What promise can you make back to God? In what specific, concrete ways can you care for the earth and its inhabitants?
- ◆ During his time in the desert, Jesus committed himself to opposing evil in all its forms. Schedule a time to go to confession this week. Acknowledge the ways you have ignored opportunities to make life-giving choices.
- ◆ Celebrate God's gift of creation by spending time in nature or learning more about a particular species or ecosystem.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in our youth group please contact
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : deaconsarmiento@aol.com

Viviendo Nuestra Fe

El papa Francisco nos enseña que la mejor de conocer a Jesús es buscarlo en las heridas de los más necesitados. La opción preferencial por los pobres nos lleva siempre a ganar en esperanza y a vencer la tristeza de la necesidad, es decir, a convertirnos (*Evangelii gaudium*, 5),

Para Reflexionar

- ◆ ¿Cuáles tentaciones amenazan la vida en el entorno en el que usted vive?
- ◆ ¿Cómo vincula usted la alianza bautismal con la alianza por la vida?
- ◆ ¿Qué ingredientes contiene el camino de conversión que se grupo de fe anduviera esta Cuaresma?

REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETÍN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

18 de febrero de 2024 — 1^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

“Después de que encarcelaran a Juan, Jesús se fue a Galilea a anunciar las buenas nuevas de Dios”.

-Marcos 1:14

Alguna vez ha pensado lo difícil que debió ser para Jesús ir a Galilea, sabiendo que Juan había sido arrestado por enseñar el mismo mensaje que Él estaba proclamando. Jesús tuvo un gran amor y confianza para hacer lo que el Padre le había enviado a cumplir en la tierra. De la misma manera, tener un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad supone un gran amor y confianza de nuestra parte. Debemos tener la voluntad de rendirnos completamente a Dios, confiando que Él siempre nos dará todo lo que necesitamos para cumplir el plan que tiene dispuesto para nosotros.

Retiro de Cuaresma

Como preparación para la Cuaresma, se le invita a asistir a una mañana de reflexión, meditación y oración.

Fecha: Sábado 24 de febrero de 2024

Lugar: Salón parte baja — Marian Hall

Hora: 10:00 am a 1:00 pm

Traer: Biblia, cuaderno y bolígrafos

Nota: Se servirán refrigerios

Estaciones de la Cruz

Todos los viernes por la noche de Cuaresma, habrá Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7:00 p.m.



Las Estaciones De La Cruz

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2024

19 Mon Lenten Weekday violet Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

20 Tue Lenten Weekday violet Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

21 Wed Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

22 Thu The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle white Feast 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 Pss Prop

23 Fri Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr] Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

24 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

25 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT violet Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Pss II

ANUNCIOS

Día del Presidente

El lunes 19 de febrero de 2024 es el Día del Presidente.

La misa de la mañana será a las 9:00 am y no habrá Hora Santa. La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada.

Llamamiento Anual 2024

¡La Llamada Anual 2024 ha comenzado! Cada año estamos invitados a participar en la Llamada Anual, que es una oportunidad para apoyar los ministerios y programas esenciales de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Su apoyo sacrificial nos permite llevar a cabo el importante trabajo que estamos llamados a hacer como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

Reglas De Ayuno Para Cuaresma 2024

La Cuaresma es la temporada de 40 días durante la cual los católicos oran, ayunan y se arrepienten para profundizar su fe en preparación para la Pascua. Este año, la Cuaresma se lleva a cabo desde el Miércoles de Ceniza, 14 de febrero, hasta la puesta del sol del Jueves Santo, 28 de marzo.

En observancia de la Cuaresma, las siguientes obligaciones fueron aprobadas por el Cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Para los católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Newark que disfrutan de las bendiciones de la buena salud:

- Los días de ayuno y abstinencia son el Miércoles de Ceniza (14 de febrero) y el Viernes Santo (29 de marzo). Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como el “ayuno pascual” para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús y prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más Su Resurrección. fácilmente.
- Los otros viernes de Cuaresma (16 y 23 de febrero, 1, 8, 15 y 22 de marzo) son días de abstinencia.
- En un día de ayuno, los católicos están limitados a una (1) comida completa y dos (2) comidas más pequeñas, que en conjunto no deben exceder el tamaño de la comida completa.
 - La obligación de ayunar se aplica únicamente a los católicos entre 18 y 59 años.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Day

Monday, February 19, 2024 is President's Day. The morning mass will be at 9:00am and there will be No Holy Hour. The Parish Office will be closed.

2024 Annual Appeal

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.

