

March 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY



ST. MARY
— OF THE —
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
PARISH

254 Second Street

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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.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD : MARCH 24, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE: March 25 – March 31, 2024

MONDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	March 25, 2024 +Mary Medina; +Marie Higgins Holy Hour
TUESDAY 7:00 AM	March 26, 2024 Thanksgiving for Reena Yu and Raiden Dizon; +Gloria Burke
7:00 PM	En Acción de Gracias por Brian Carreño; Salud de Magdelin Hernandez
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM	March 27, 2024 Thanksgiving & Good Health for Santiago Muzones, Jr.;
	+Hortencia Bona Santos; +Irene Higgins
THURSDAY 9:00 AM 7:30 PM	March 28, 2024 — Holy Thursday Morning Prayer Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual)
FRIDAY 9:00 AM 3:00 PM	March 29, 2024 — Good Friday Morning Prayer Passion of the Lord
6:00 PM	Seven Last Words of the Lord Outside Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 9:00 AM 8:00 PM	March 30, 2024 — Holy Saturday Morning Prayer with Blessing of Food Easter Vigil (Bilingual)
	Special Intention of Patrick Michael
SUNDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	March 31, 2024 — Easter People of the Parish En Acción de Gracias por Judith & Geselle Torres ;
	+Andrea Gonzalez; +Celso Collazo; +Maria Cifuentes
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for the Burke Family; Special Intention of Santiago Muzones

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 MARCH 2024:

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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, March 17	:	\$2,556.00
Easter Flowers	:	\$ 420.00
Online Donation	:	\$ 442.00

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

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey".

Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

Fr. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Stewardship

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Readings for the week of Palm Sunday

25 Mon Monday of Holy Week violet Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

26 Tue Tuesday of Holy Week violet Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

27 Wed Wednesday of Holy Week violet Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

28 Thu Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) 8 white Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 (260) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39) Pss Prop

29 Fri Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) red Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 (40) Pss Prop

30 Sat Holy Saturday white Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 (41) Pss Prop

31 SUN EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD white Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss Prop

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Practice of Charity

Jesus' passion and death is ultimately a love story.

- ◆ As you move through this story, imagine being with Jesus. How does he seem to you at each stage of his passion? Do you ask him anything? If so, how does he reply?
- ◆ If you know someone in your community who is grieving the death of a loved one, ask that person if a visit from you would be welcome to share stories and memories.

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on March 29 (Good Friday)

Salubong/Encuentro

All are invited to attend the annual Salubong/Encuentro on Sunday March 31, Easter Sunday, beginning at 7:30AM.

Men will gather on the corner of 2nd St & Manila Ave. Women will gather on the corner of 3rd St. & Erie St.

Family Mass and Easter Egg Hunt

Family Mass has returned to St. Mary's Parish, every last Sunday of the month. Children of all ages are welcomed. For the month of March 2024, Family Mass will also be on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:00AM.

After mass there will be a small breakfast in Marian Hall and then an **Easter Egg Hunt**. If possible, please bring your own Easter basket.



La Oficina Parroquial estará **CERRADA** el 29 de marzo (Viernes Santo)

Salubong/Encuentro

Todos están invitados a asistir al Salubong/ Encuentro anual el 31 de Marzo, Domingo de Pascua, a partir de las 7:30 a.m. Los hombres se reunirán en la esquina de la 2da y Manila Ave. Las mujeres se reunirán en la esquina de la 3ra y Manila Ave.

Misa de la Familia y búsqueda de huevos de Pascua

La Misa de la Familia ha regresado a la Parroquia de Santa Maria cada último domingo del mes. Niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos. Para el mes de Marzo, la Misa de familia será el domingo de Pascua, 31 de Marzo a las 8:00 a.m.

Después de la misa habrá un pequeño desayuno en el salón Marian Hall y luego una **búsqueda de huevos de Pascua**. Si es posible, traiga su propia canasta de Pascua.



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, JERSEY CITY 2024 CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, BLESSING OF PALMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23— Mass at 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, March 24 — Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That is a very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross. Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed. His Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King.

THE TRIDUUM: OUR THREE HOLIEST DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7:30 PM

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood. During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers. At this Mass, the washing of the feet symbolizes Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT follows after Mass until 11:00 PM in Marian Hall.**

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 — Morning Prayers 9:00 AM, PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00 PM

There is no Mass today; the Altar is bare, and the door of the tabernacle is open. We begin and end our service in silence as we remember Christ's suffering and death. As we venerate the cross, each of us is asked to contemplate the magnitude of Christ's redemptive sacrifice along with our own death to sin in the death of the Lord. Holy Communion will be distributed.

THE CHURCH IN MOURNING: The Death of the Messiah. 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of our Lord, Seven Last Words of Jesus (immediately after Passion of the Lord)

Today we contemplate on the journey of Christ to Calvary and His death on the Cross through songs and meditations. Listen to the voices of the people who played important roles during the final hours of Jesus. What were the thoughts of Judas who betrayed Jesus? What were the sentiments of Mary, who watched her Son suffer and crucified? Be there, for their thoughts maybe yours too.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF DEANERY 11 OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00PM @ Grove Street PATH

This year, there will be a procession for Stations of the Cross. Please assemble at Grove Street PATH Station at 5:45pm and we will begin at 6:00pm. We will end our procession at Exchange Place. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 — Morning prayers 9:00 AM, EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

This is the central celebration of the entire liturgical year! It is the night on which ancient Christians 'kept watch' for the resurrection as marked in the sunrise of Easter morning. The liturgy also emphasizes the story of our salvation history through a Service of Light and Liturgy of the Word. Then we gather around the font to renew our baptismal promises and to be touched by the waters of new life before celebrating the Eucharist with full Easter joy. We invite everyone to join us; it is our primary Easter Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 — Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next. That new life began on Easter Sunday. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church. Easter isn't a spiritual event that happened just once, long ago; we don't say "Christ has risen" but "Christ is risen," because He rose, body and soul, and is still alive and with us today.