



**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: Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm]

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm Spanish

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration / Rosary

Saturday: 9:00 am English

**Saturday Anticipated Mass:**

5:30 pm English

2000 Hail Mary's 8:00am—6:00pm  
(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 Third Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

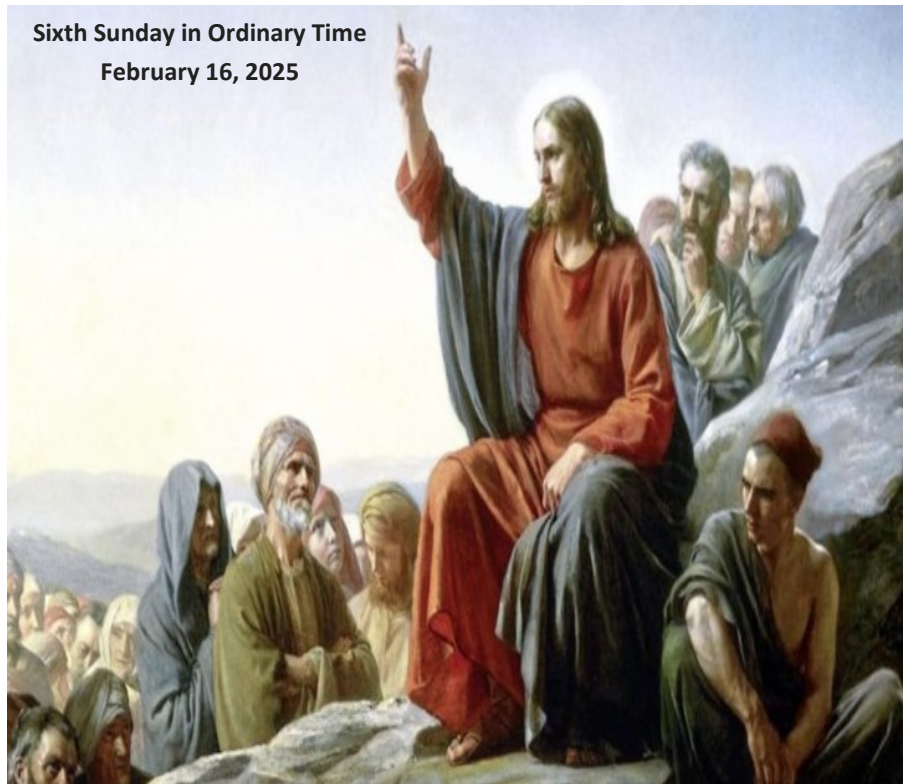
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



**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: Nelly Tabora

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!*

**MASS SCHEDULE: February 17 – February 23, 2025**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>February 17, 2025</b> Thanksgiving for Jun Cruz +Serafin Lozada, Jr.
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>February 18, 2025</b> +Juliet & Lorenzo Solivio; +Francisco Casambre, Jr.
7:00 PM	+Serafin Lozada, Jr. +Carmen Garay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>February 19, 2025</b> +Marie Higgins; +Serafin Lozada, Jr.
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>February 20, 2025</b> +Serafin Lozada, Jr.
7:00 PM	Intención especial de Rosalia Mendoza
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>February 21, 2025</b> +Irene Higgins; +Eriberto P. Sarmiento; +Serafin Lozada, Jr.
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>February 22, 2025</b> Memorial Mass — Tree of Life +Eileen Quirk
5:30 PM	+Leopoldo Narciso; +Alfonso Tizon; +Serafin Lozada, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 23, 2025</b> Thanksgiving for Lourdes B. Sarmiento; +Jesus M. Sarmiento; +Aristedes Cruz; +Sergio Aro
10:00 AM	+Raul & Miriam Mostajo; Cecilia Arroyo; +Deacon Danulfo Raymundo
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 FEBRUARY 2025:**

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**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 9 : \$2,428.00**

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**

+Santiago Muzones, Jr.

**St. Boniface Chapel**

+In Loving Memory of the 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, 8:00am – 6pm

**CATHOLIC ACTION OF MARY:** First Sunday 11AM, St Bridget's Library

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** First Sunday 1PM, St Bridget's Library

**COLUMBIETTES:** First Sunday 1PM, Marian Hall

**Solo En Dios El Hombre Es Feliz**  
**(Las Bienaventuranzas)**

Buscar, alcanzar la felicidad es el deseo más fuerte que siente todo ser humano. Todos nosotros anhelamos la felicidad, queremos ser felices. Ser feliz es la aspiración más profundamente humana, más auténtica. Dios nos ha creado para ser felices. Pero el problema está en que escogemos el camino equivocado y la felicidad no llega. Jesús nos propone un camino seguro de felicidad.

Jesús da un grito total a los criterios humanos sobre la felicidad, a lo que nosotros pensamos sobre la felicidad. Nos dice quienes están en el verdadero camino de ser felices y quien está en el camino de ser infelices, pero infelices de verdad.

Jesús declara dichosos, porque poseen el reino de Dios, ya desde ahora y no solo en la otra vida, a los que el mundo tiene por infelices: los pobres y los que tienen hambre, los que lloran y los que sufren, los misericordiosos que saben perdonar, los honrados y limpios de corazón, los que trabajan por la paz desde la no violencia, los perseguidos a causa de su fidelidad a Dios.

Las bienaventuranzas, nos ofrecen la imagen de un Dios Padre, que se coloca de parte de los pequeños y de los humildes que “pone su fuerza al servicio de los desheredados”, se preocupa de los excluidos, privilegia a los que no cuentan, toma en serio la suerte de quien es marginado y rechazado.

La felicidad no está en el bienestar, en el tener. La civilización de la abundancia nos ha ofrecido medios de vida, pero no nos ha hecho felices. Para lograr nuestro bienestar somos capaces de mentir, defraudar, traicionarnos a nosotros mismos y destrozarnos unos a otros. Y así, no se puede ser feliz. Pidamos hoy al Señor que descubramos el camino de la verdadera felicidad. ¿No seremos más felices cuando aprendamos a necesitar menos y a compartir más? Yo sí lo creo.

Dios los bendiga,

**Diacono Pedro Gonzalez**

**REFLEXIONES**

**16 de febrero de 2025 — Domingo 6<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario**

*“Bienaventurados ustedes cuando los odien, los desprecien, los insulten y hablen mal de ustedes por causa del Hijo del hombre.” - Lucas 6:22*

Todos nosotros hemos estado en situaciones en las que alguien hace un comentario negativo o una broma acerca de Dios o de nuestra fe católica. ¿Cómo respondió usted? ¿Permaneció callado o fingió estar de acuerdo con la multitud porque no quería causar problemas y luego se sintió mal por eso? Sepa que Dios esta con usted todo el tiempo; el Espíritu Santo pondrá las palabras correctas en su boca. Ore para tener la fuerza y la valentía para proclamar su fe a los demás, especialmente en las situaciones incómodas.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

If you are interested in our youth group please contact  
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : [deaconsarmiento@aol.com](mailto:deaconsarmiento@aol.com)

**Practice of Hope**

Today's Scriptures paint a vivid picture for us. Our wellspring of hope, the Lord, is like a tree planted near running streams whose roots receive an eternal source of nourishment. So it is for us when we place our trust in God: hope will feed our hearts and enable us to bear the fruits of faith.

- ◆ Trust grows through time spent in a life-giving relationship. Nourish your hope in God by prioritizing time for prayer. Share with God what is in your heart and make space to listen as well.
- ◆ In what is called “the Sermon on the Plain,” Jesus promises the blessing of hope for oppressed community members. Look to the Beatitudes as a litmus test. Take stock of where you fall among the “blessed” and those whom woe awaits.
- ◆ Plan one action you can take this week to ease the suffering of the needy in your local community. Donate groceries to the local food pantry; deliver a meal to a grieving neighbor; bring a supply of new socks and hand warmers to the homeless shelter.

**Hospitality**

There is a small breakfast available after 8am Mass on Sundays (**EXCEPT** First Sundays of the Month) located in Marian Hall. Please feel free to join fellow parishioners for hospitality and to get to know another better.

**PLEASE GET INVOLVED**

To volunteer as a Lector, an Usher, Altar Server, Food Pantry, Catechist, or to sing with the Choir, please contact the Parish Office by calling (201) 434-8500 or email us ([stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com)).

All volunteers are subject to safe environmental procedures as directed by the Archdiocese of Newark.

THANK YOU!

**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.

Dues: \$10.00 a month or \$120 a year that is payable all at once or in 2 installments.

¡Únase o RENUEVA HOY! Esto será de gran ayuda para tu Iglesia y para tu familia. Los premios se sortearán el último viernes del mes.

Cuotas: \$10.00 al mes o \$120 al año que se pagan de una sola vez o en 2 cuotas.

## **Readings for the Week of February 16, 2025, Year C**

**17 Mon** Weekday green/white [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

**18 Tue** Weekday green Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

**19 Wed** Weekday green Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

**20 Thu** Weekday green Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

**21 Fri** Weekday green/white [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1

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

**23 SUN SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** green 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38 Pss III

### **President's Day**

Monday, February 17 the Parish Office will be closed in observance of President's Day.

The morning Mass will be held at 9:00am and there will be No Holy Hour.

El lunes 17 de febrero la oficina parroquial estará cerrada en conmemoración del Día del Presidente.

La Misa de la mañana se llevará a cabo a las 9:00 am y no habrá Hora Santa.

### **Family Game Night**

The Knights of Columbus will host a Family Game Night on Friday, February 21 at 7:00pm in Marian Hall.

Bring your family and friends for a night of fun and prizes!

### **Noche de Juegos Familiar**

Los Caballeros de Colón organizarán una Noche de Juegos viernes 21 de febrero a las 7:00 p.m. en Marian Hall.

¡Trae a tu familia y amigos a una noche de diversión y premios!



### **Family Mass**

Children of all ages are invited to the Family Mass on Sunday, February 23 at the 10am Mass.

Los niños de todas las edades están invitados a la Misa familiar el domingo 23 de febrero a las 10 a. m.



### **Annual Appeal 2025**

Please consider making a pledge or gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal by responding to the recent mailing. To learn more about the Annual Appeal or to make an online gift please visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or join us for In Pew Weekend on March 1 and 2.

### **La Llamada Anual 2025**

Considere hacer una promesa o una donación a la Campaña Anual de 2025 respondiendo al correo reciente. Para obtener más información sobre la Campaña Anual o hacer una donación en línea, visite [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) o únase a nosotros para el fin de semana In Pew el 1 y 2 de marzo.