



**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**

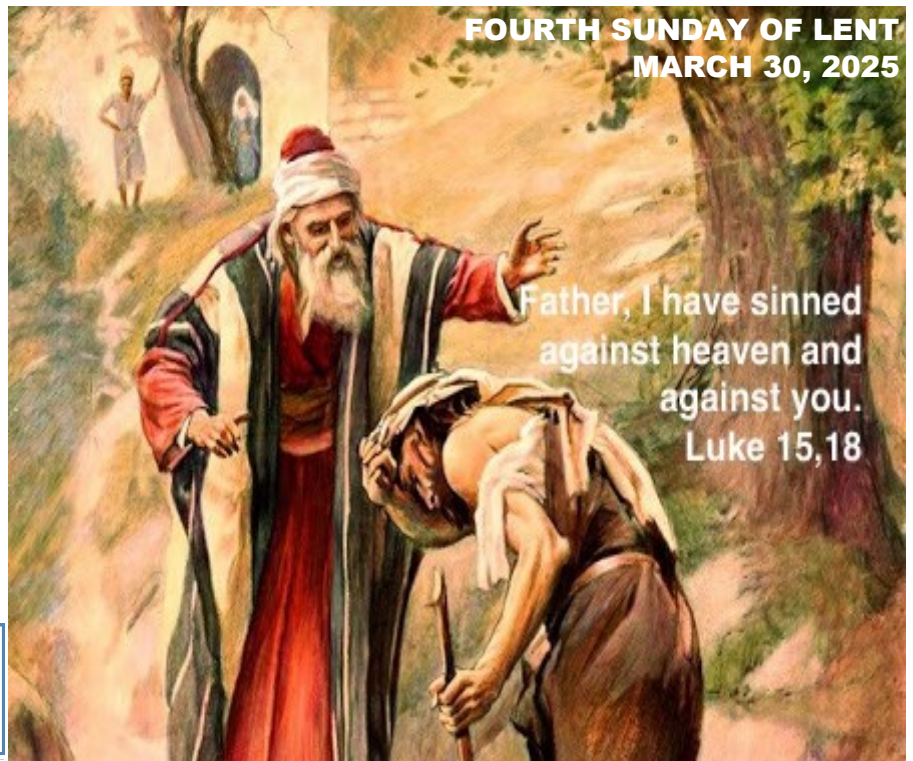
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 30, 2025**



**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

Religious Education: Grades 1-H.S: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

Music Director: Eric Fahner

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!*

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**MASS SCHEDULE: March 31 – April 6, 2025**

<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>March 31, 2025</b> Thanksgiving for Myrna Elarcosa; Healing of Josefa Guadamus Holy Hour
7:00 PM	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>April 1, 2025</b> +Irene Higgins +Marino Giraldo
7:00 PM	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>April 2, 2025</b> +Vitalis Elewune; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>April 3, 2025</b> +Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+Marino Giraldo
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>April 4, 2025 — First Friday</b> Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family;
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	First Friday Devotion
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 5, 2025 — First Saturday</b> Memorial Mass — Tree of Life
5:30 PM	+Alfredo Olega; +Cristeta Garcia
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>April 6, 2025</b> People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Rheanne Lagman; Special Intention of Diwata & Rollie Macuja
10:00 AM	+Donato Reyes; +Norma O. Flores; +Juventino Gomez
12:00 PM	+Vitalis Elewune; +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 APRIL 2025:**

**FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**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 23 : \$2,634.00**

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**

All Souls in Purgatory

**St. Boniface Chapel**

All Souls in Purgatory

**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

## Regresare a la casa de mi Padre

En esta parábola, Jesús nos da una imagen vívida de Dios y de cómo es. Dios es verdaderamente más bondadoso que cualquiera de nosotros. No pierde la esperanza ni se da por vencido cuando nos alejamos de él. Siempre está atento a quienes han cambiado de actitud y quieren regresar. Se regocija al encontrar a los perdidos y darles la bienvenida a casa. ¿Conoces el gozo del arrepentimiento y la restauración de la relación como hijo o hija de tu Padre celestial?

Señor Jesús, que nunca dude de tu amor ni dé por sentada la misericordia que me has mostrado. Lléname de tu amor transformador para que pueda ser misericordioso como tú lo eres.

### **Rev. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar**

#### REFLEXIONES

30 de marzo de 2025 — Domingo 4<sup>o</sup> de Cuaresma  
“*Los hijos de Israel no tuvieron más maná, sino que comieron del producto de la tierra de Canaán.*” - Josué 5:12

Durante los cuarenta años que los Israelitas viajaron por el desierto, Dios les proporcionó maná para que se alimentaran. Tan pronto como fueron capaces de disfrutar de los frutos de la Tierra Prometida cesó el maná. De la misma manera las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado pueden cambiar en el transcurso de los años, pero es importante confiar en que Dios siempre proveerá para todas nuestras necesidades.

#### **Viviendo Nuestra Fe**

Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos llama a empeñarnos en la caridad. Pero no hay genuina conversión del corazón sin los más vulnerables. El discípulo de Cristo necesita hacerse amigo de los pobres: “sólo la cercanía que nos hace amigos nos permite apreciar profundamente los valores de los pobres de hoy, sus legítimos anhelos y su modo propio de vivir la fe. La opción por los pobres debe conducirnos a la amistad con los pobres” (*Fratelli tutti*, 234).

- ◆ ¿Dónde aprecia usted la bondad paternal de Dios?

#### 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: 7am—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)

#### **Practice of Faith**

St. Paul reminds the people at Corinth, and all of us, that Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation and that he explicitly implored Christians to be reconciled to God. The Gospel narrative of the prodigal son and forgiving father illustrates God's infinite mercy for those who seek it.

- ◆ Spend time prayerfully reflecting on today's Gospel. Imagine yourself in the place of the older son, the son who ran away and then returned, and the father of the family. With whom do you most identify? What does that reveal about the relationships in your life in need of repair?
- ◆ Name for yourself the relationship that holds you in bondage. Ask God to guide you in seeking freedom from anger, judgment, frustration, and resentment. Attend to the ways God provides opportunities to take steps toward repairing your relationships in the coming days.
- ◆ Catholics celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation each Lent as a part of their spiritual preparation for Easter. Plan to seek this healing gift in the coming weeks.

#### **CRS Rice Bowl**

Your donation to the CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people.  
Please pickup a rice bowl in the back of the Church.

#### **Plato de Arroz de CRS**

Su donación a Plato de Arroz de CRS ayuda a brindar apoyo vital a más de 200 millones de personas.  
Por favor, recoja un cuenco de arroz en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

#### **Good Friday is April 18, 2025**

Good Friday ceremonies will start at 3:00pm, and at 5:00pm we will have Outside Stations of the Cross. We will assemble and begin outside St. Mary's Church.

Seven Last Words will follow after Stations of the Cross.

Come and pray with everyone in our Community!

#### **El Viernes Santo es el 18 de abril de 2025**

Las ceremonias del Viernes Santo comenzarán a las 3:00 p. m. y a las 5:00 p. m. tendremos el Vía Crucis al aire libre.

¡Vengan a orar con todos en nuestra comunidad!

Nos reuniremos y comenzaremos fuera de la Iglesia de Santa María.

Las Sietes Últimas Palabras seguirán después de la estación de la Cruz.





## **Readings for the Week of Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C**

**31 Mon** Lenten Weekday violet Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

### **APRIL 2025**

**1 Tue** Lenten Weekday violet Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

**2 Wed** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit] Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

**3 Thu** Lenten Weekday violet Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

**4 Fri** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**5 Sat** Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest] Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

**6 SUN** FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT violet Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 (36) or, for Year A, Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34) Pss I

### **2025 Annual Appeal**

The 2025 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.

### **Llamamiento Anual 2025**

¡La Llamada Anual 2025 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.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday night of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross.

April 4, (First Friday) Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30PM followed by First Friday Devotions.

### **Estaciones de la Cruz**

Todos los viernes por la noche de Cuaresma, habrá Vía Crucis.

El 4 de abril, (Primer Viernes) el Vía Crucis será a las 6:30 p.m. seguido de las Devociones del Primer Viernes.

### **Pabasa 2025**

Catholic Action of Mary (CAM) invites everyone to attend the annual Pabasa ng Pasyon on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 7:00am in Marian Hall.

La Acción Católica de María (CAM) invita a todos a asistir a la Pabasa ng Pasyon anual el sábado 12 de abril a partir de las 7:00 a. m. en el Salón Mariano.

### **Mother's Day Dinner Dance**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Mother's Day Dinner Dance will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Tickets are \$35.



### **Día de la Madre Cena y Baile**

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

La cena-baile del Día de las Madres será el sábado 3 de mayo de 2025 a las 6:30pm.

Las entradas cuestan \$35.

