

# 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

Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9AM-5PM

Parish E-mail: [info@stmarysparishjc.com](mailto:info@stmarysparishjc.com)

Phone: 201-434-8500 Fax: 201-333-1816



Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!"

*Luke 12:49*

## 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

Deacon Leandro Javier Ogando

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Diana Encalada

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

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristan: Rosalia Mendoza

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!*

**MASS SCHEDULE: August 18 – August 24, 2025**

<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>August 18, 2025</b> Special Intention of Mary Joseph; +Zosima "Chuchi" Calingasan
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>August 19, 2025</b> Special Intention of Sara Paulich; +Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+Marino Giraldo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>August 20, 2025</b> +Vernon Dungan; +Lulu de Villava +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>August 21, 2025</b> +Cecilio Songco; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Marino Giraldo
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7:00 AM	<b>August 22, 2025</b> Thanksgiving for Lourdes Somoza; +Ricardo Somoza
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	<b>August 23, 2025</b> Memorial Mass — Tree of Life +Maria B. Sanchez; +Jesus Mendoza; +Zayda Austero Bona
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>August 24, 2025</b> Thanksgiving for Rosalinda Lozada; Special Intention of Mary Joseph People of the Parish
10:00 AM	+Sergio Roca; +Roberto Roca; +Roberta Reyes
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Edwin Danoy +Cecilio B. Songco; +Richard Thomas Valle

**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 both deaconsarmiento@aol.com and stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com.

**Religious Education:** For Religious Education of Children from Grades 1 to High School; please contact Freddy Burke: stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com.

**Adult Education (OCIA):** For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact Rene Tolentino (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) or visit our website for more information.

**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.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2025:**

**For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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, August 10 : \$2,603.00**

**Online Donation : \$ 585.00**

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 or visit 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**

Acción de gracias por Yolanda Muñoz

**St. Boniface Chapel**

+Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish

**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

## Reflection

*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?"*

*No, I tell you, but rather division."*

*Luke 12:51*

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are very puzzling unless we put them in the context of the whole Gospel. After all, we know him as the Prince of Peace. He is saying that his mission is not to divide people, even family members, but he is saying that division will result from his ministry. Others will believe him wholeheartedly while some will not believe and even persecute those who do believe. For instance, converts from a different faith might find themselves rejected by their own family. Even Protestants who convert to Catholicism might find themselves out of favor with the rest of the family or vice versa. It is particularly difficult with children of mixed-faith parents. Sometimes, they end up not practicing any faith at all just to please Mom or Dad or to maintain peace in the family.

Jesus teaches us to love. It is the same message taught by other religions but why do we fight with each other in the name of our God? It is puzzling indeed. God, please give us wisdom, humility and understanding.

**Deacon Cesar Sarmiento**

## Stewardship

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth?"*  
*No, I tell you, but rather division."*

*Luke 12:51*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

## 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)

## Viviendo Nuestra Fe

La doctrina social de la Iglesia no es un manual ni un recetario a modo; requiere, más bien de un juego continuo interdisciplinar entre las ciencias humanas, que permita encarnar la verdad trascendente sobre el hombre. Por lo mismo "hay que recordar también la dimensión práctica y, en cierto sentido, experimental de esta doctrina. Ella se sitúa en el cruce de la vida y de la conciencia cristiana con las situaciones del mundo y se manifiesta en los esfuerzos que realizan los individuos, las familias, cooperadores culturales y sociales, políticos y hombres de Estado, para darles forma y aplicación en la historia" (*Centesimus annus*, 59).

- ◆ Identifique personas, varones y mujeres, que hayan sufrido persecución por su fidelidad a una noble cause.
- ◆ ¿Ha sentido usted rechazo o presiones debido a su fe en Cristo? ¿Cómo ha reaccionado?
- ◆ ¿Cómo promueve su comunidad de fe el conocimiento de la doctrina social de la Iglesia?

## Barbacoa Parroquial

Todos están invitados a la barbacoa parroquial el 23 de agosto. De 11:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.,

¡coman y celebren el verano con sus feligreses!



## Educación religiosa para niños y adolescentes 2025-2026

Ya está abierta la inscripción en línea en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia para el programa de Educación Religiosa (CCD) para estudiantes de 1.º de bachillerato, para el Año Catequético 2025-2026, aquí en la Parroquia de Santa María. Las clases comenzarán en septiembre y se impartirán todos los sábados por la mañana (10:45 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.).

## Libro de intenciones de misa 2026

El Libro de Misas para 2026 ya está abierto. Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial, envíenos un correo electrónico a [stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) o visítenos de lunes a viernes, de 10:00am a 5:00pm, para programar misas para familiares vivos o fallecidos.

También puede dedicar la Vela del Tabernáculo u ofrecer el Pan y el Vino en memoria de un ser querido.

## **Readings for the Week of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**18 Mon** Weekday green Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

**19 Tue** Weekday green/white [Saint John Eudes, Priest] Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

**20 Wed** Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

**21 Thu** Saint Pius X, Pope white Memorial Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

**22 Fri** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Memorial Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

**23 Sat** Weekday green/white/white [Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM] Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

**24 SUN** TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 Pss I

### **Parish BBQ**

Everyone is invited to the Parish BBQ on Saturday, August 23.

From 11am to 6pm, eat and celebrate the summer with your fellow parishioners!

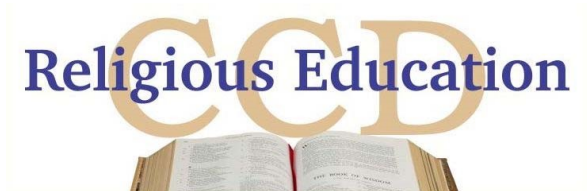
### **Religious Education for Children and Teens 2025-2026**

Registration is now open online at our parish website for Religious Education (CCD) for students Grades 1 to High School for the 2025-2026 Catechetical Year here at St. Mary's Parish.

Classes will start in September and will be held every Saturday morning (10:45am-12:00pm).

You can register online or on the parish website.

In-person registration will take place on Saturday, August 23, 8am -12:00pm at the Parish Office.



### **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 have a change of address, will move away from the area, or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

### **2026 Mass Intention Book**

Mass Book for 2026 is now open. Please call the Parish office, email us at stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com, or stop by from Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm to arrange Masses for living or deceased members of your family.

You may also dedicate The Tabernacle Candle, or offer the Bread and Wine in loving memory of a loved one.

**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin invites you  
to participate in a special JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC**

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend this year's Pilgrimage.

Seats are First Come, First Served. Cost is \$50.

Deadline is September 30, 2025.