



ST. MARY
— OF THE —
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 K – High School: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Kathy Sison

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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE: February 23 — March 1, 2026

MONDAY	February 23, 2026
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins; +Eriberto P. Sarmiento
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	February 24, 2026
7:00 AM	+Zosima "Chuchi" Calingasan; +Virginia Breen
7:00 PM	Conversion and Good Health of James Michael Carey
WEDNESDAY	February 25, 2026
7:00 AM	Conversion of Sarah King; +Ramon Tolentino
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY	February 26, 2026
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Conversion of Scottie Woods
FRIDAY	February 27, 2026
7:00 AM	Conversion of James M. Carey +Minda Sison; +Ramon Tolentino
SATURDAY	February 28, 2026
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass — Tree of Life +Eileen Quirk; +Dolores Tolentino
5:30 PM	+Barbara "Nonna" Risoli +Gudy Aclo
SUNDAY	March 1, 2026
8:00 AM	People of the Parish +Carol Dorico +Maria Pilar Monje +Aris Esporas +Ramon Tolentino
10:00 AM	Acción de gracias por Patricia Pereira Acción de gracias por Ernesta Leahey
12:00 PM	+Ricardo Somoza

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 (CCD): For Religious Education of Children & Teens from Grades Kindergarten - High School; please contact Freddy Burke: stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com or visit the parish website for more information on program enrollment and classes.

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

Parish Registration: New Parishioners and those not registered, please fill the registration form at the back of the church or online on the parish website. Please email the Parish Office (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) when you have a change of address or will move away from the area.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026:

For Children With Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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, Feb 8, 2026 : \$3,227.00

Online Donation : \$5,099.00

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

Por Accion de Gracia del Yolanda Muñoz

St. Boniface Chapel

+Deceased parishioners of St. Mary's Parish

The Bread and Wine is offered this week for:

+Feligreses fallecidos de la parroquia 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

Strength from God in resisting temptation

Jesus was tempted like us and he overcame sin not by his own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to him. He had to renounce his will for the will of his Father. He succeeded because he wanted to please his Father and he trusted that his Father would give him the strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in the way. Luke says that Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit". When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. Jesus came to overthrow the evil one who held us captive to sin and fear of death. His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God. How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world?

Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing. The Lord gives grace to the humble who acknowledge their dependence on him and he helps us to stand against the lies and attacks of our enemy, Satan, who seeks to destroy us.

Rev. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Stewardship

22 de febrero de 2026 —1^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

"Está escrito: 'Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él'" MATEO 4:10

Tentado a elegir entre las riquezas y el poder de este mundo y el servicio a Dios, Jesús eligió servir a Su Padre. Si queremos realmente seguir a Jesús, nosotros también debemos decidir alejarnos del poder y las riquezas mundanas y poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas. La cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para reducir nuestras cosas terrenales, y desarrollar y cultivar las cosas celestiales. La cuaresma es el tiempo para arrepentirse y dejar ir a los otros "dioses" que hemos puesto delante de Dios.

FOOD PANTRY



Our food pantry is open every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 7am—8:30am, located at 254 2nd Street (Marian Hall). Donations of nonperishable foods and grocery gift cards are always welcomed.

Nuestro banco de alimentos abre el primer y tercer sábado de cada mes, de 7:00 a 8:30 h, en 254 2nd Street (Salón Marian). Se agradecen las donaciones de alimentos no perecederos y tarjetas de regalo de supermercado.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Practice of Faith

This week Jesus perfectly models the spiritual practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Forty days of fasting made Jesus hungry for God's Word. Realize that in going into the desert, Jesus fasted from both food and activity. His solitude was also a form of fasting. Jesus' responses to Satan's temptations show how fasting made Jesus totally dependent on God and faithful to him. The late Pope Benedict XVI reflects, "Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God" (Message for Lent 2009). Follow in the footsteps of Jesus this Lent:

- ◆ Plan a fast from food. Offer your hunger to God and ask God to fill you.
- ◆ Fast from a fun activity this week. Pray instead.
- ◆ Put aside the money you saved from your fasting and give it as alms for the poor.

Family Mass

The February Family Mass will be on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 5:30pm. Children of all ages are welcome to come and join.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. First Friday's Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30PM.



Annual Appeal 2026

The 2026 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.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.



Readings for the week of the First Sunday of Lent, Year A

23 Mon Lenten Weekday *violet* [Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr] Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

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

25 Wed Lenten Weekday *violet* Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

26 Thu Lenten Weekday *violet* Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

27 Fri Lenten Weekday *violet* [Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church] Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

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

MARCH 2026

1 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT *violet* Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 Pss II

Estaciones de la Cruz

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



Misa Familiar

La Misa Familiar de febrero será el sábado 28 de febrero de 2026 a las 17:30 h. Niños de todas las edades están invitados a participar.

Plato de Arroz de CRS

Esta Cuaresma, nuestra comunidad participará en Plato de Arroz de CRS, uniendo nuestras oraciones, ayunos y limosnas para acercarnos más a Dios y a nuestra familia mundial. Rezaremos y conoceremos sobre familias en Ghana, Guatemala y Timor Oriental que se esfuerzan por vencer el hambre y la desnutrición. Recoge tu Plato de Arroz en parte trasera de la iglesia. Recuerda visitar crsplatodearroz.org/ unidos para compartir tus intenciones de oración de Cuaresma.

La Llamada Anual 2026

¡La Llamada Anual 2026 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.

Por favor considere participar en la Llamada Anual de este año para ayudar a hacer una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis.

Haga una donación en línea hoy visitando rcan.org/llamada, escaneando el código QR, o únase a nosotros para el fin de semana en Pew el 7 y 8 de marzo.

