



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 29, 2026

### 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



**ST. MARY**  
— OF THE —  
**IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION**  
PARISH

**254 Second Street**

**Jersey City, NJ 07302**

**[www.stmarysparishjc.com](http://www.stmarysparishjc.com)**

**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**

*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 29, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE: March 30 — April 5, 2026

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 30, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention of Judith Mankowski +Peter Burke; +Eileen Quirk +Matermiana Zamora
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Myrna Elarcosa +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Zosima "Chuchi" Calingasan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins; +Aquilino Dizon III +Peter Burke
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 2, 2026 — Holy Thursday</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:30 PM	Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 3, 2026 — Good Friday</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Passion of the Lord
5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Outside) Seven Last Words
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 4, 2026 — Holy Saturday</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer with Blessing of Food
8:00 PM	People of the Parish +Peter Burke
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 5, 2026 — Easter Sunday</b>
8:00 AM	Special Intention of Yvette Scarpa +Ricardo Somoza +Peter Burke +Francis X. And Gloria Burke
9:00 AM	No Tagalog Mass
10:00 AM	+Donato Reyes
12:00 PM	+Lorenzo & Juliet Solivio +Peter Burke

### 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](mailto:deaconsarmiento@aol.com) and [stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com).

**Religious Education (CCD):** For Religious Education of Children & Teens from Grades Kindergarten - High School; please contact Freddy Burke: [stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com)) when you have a change of address or will move away from the area.

There will be no Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy on Wednesday April 1, 2026.

The parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. There will be no First Friday and First Saturday devotions for the month of April 2026.

There will be NO Tagalog Mass on Sunday, April 5.

The morning Mass on Monday April 6 will be at 9am.

No habrá Rosario, Adoración ni Divina Misericordia el miércoles 1 de abril de 2026.

La oficina parroquial permanecerá cerrada el Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y el Lunes de Pascua. No habrá devociones del Primer Viernes ni del Primer Sábado durante el mes de abril de 2026.

La Misa matutina del lunes 6 de abril será a las 9:00am.

### TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

**Collection Sunday, March 22, 2026 : \$2,411.00**

**Online Donation : \$ 518.00**

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.*

### REFLECTION

*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Psalm 22:1*

This is taken from our responsorial psalm during the mass for Palm Sunday and it is one of the seven last words of Christ on the cross. To most of us, it is a cry of despair. On the other hand, we can look at it as a prayer of hope. It is the beginning of Psalm 22, the prayer of an innocent person. It starts with an expression of despair "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" It is followed by a plea for help, "But you, O Lord, be not far from me." Finally, a song of praise, "In the midst of the assembly I will praise you".

When things in our life go wrong, when we feel helpless and when we feel that God has abandoned us, let us pray Psalm 22 with Christ, draw hope and end by praising God. He never abandons us.

It is very interesting that Psalm 22 is immediately followed by Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want".

**Deacon Cesar Sarmiento**



### 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:**

+Felices difuntos de la parroquia de Santa María

## SEMANA SANTA 2026

### DOMINGO DE RAMOS, BENDICIÓN DE LAS PALMAS

**SÁBADO, 28 de marzo: Misa a las 5:30pm**

**DOMINGO, 29 de marzo: Misas a las 8:00am, 10:00am y 12:00pm**

Tras el Domingo de Ramos, al comenzar esta Semana Santa, recordemos constantemente su significado y valor para nuestras vidas. Fue un día muy importante en la historia, cuando Jesús inició su camino hacia la cruz. Sin embargo, en medio de la ajetreada vida cotidiana, tras las vacaciones de primavera o con tantas reflexiones sobre la Pascua, su verdadero significado puede, incluso sin querer, pasar desapercibido. Su Palabra revela grandes verdades en cada parte de esta historia. Verdades que nos acercan a Cristo, recordándonos que solo Él es Rey.

### EL TRIDUO: NUESTROS TRES DÍAS MÁS SAGRADOS

**JUEVES SANTO, 2 de abril — Oraciones matutinas 9:00 a. m., MISA DE LA CENA DEL SEÑOR, 7:30pm**

Exceptuando la resurrección en Pascua, el Jueves Santo es uno de los días de celebración más importantes, complejos y profundos de la Iglesia Católica. El Jueves Santo celebra la institución de la Eucaristía como el verdadero cuerpo y sangre de Jesucristo y la institución del sacramento del sacerdocio. Durante la Última Cena, Jesús se ofrece a sí mismo como sacrificio pascual, el cordero sacrificial, y enseña que todo sacerdote ordenado debe seguir el mismo sacrificio de la misma manera. Cristo también se despide de sus seguidores y profetiza que uno de ellos lo traicionará y lo entregará a los soldados romanos. En esta Misa, el lavamiento de los pies simboliza el lavamiento que Cristo hizo de sus doce apóstoles, nuestros primeros obispos y sacerdotes.

**La adoración del Santísimo Sacramento tendrá lugar después de la misa hasta las 11:00pm en el Salón Mariano.**

### VIERNES SANTO

**VIERNES, 3 de abril — Oraciones matutinas 9:00am., PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR 3:00pm**

Hoy no hay misa; el altar está vacío y la puerta del sagrario está abierta. Comenzamos y terminamos la misa en silencio, recordando el sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo. Al venerar la cruz, se nos invita a reflexionar sobre la magnitud del sacrificio redentor de Cristo y nuestra propia muerte al pecado en la muerte del Señor. Se distribuirá la Sagrada Comunión.

### LA IGLESIA DE LUTO: 3:00pm, Muerte del Mesías. Celebración de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor

En las ceremonias de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor, contemplamos el camino de Cristo al Calvario y su muerte en la Cruz a través de cantos y meditaciones. Escuchemos las voces de quienes desempeñaron un papel importante durante las últimas horas de Jesús. ¿Qué pensaba Judas, quién traicionó a Jesús? ¿Qué sentía María, al ver a su Hijo sufrir y ser crucificado? Escuchemos sus pensamientos, y quizás también los nuestros.

### VÍA CRUZADO: 5:00pm, Procesión al aire libre

El Vía Crucis se realizará al aire libre. Comenzaremos frente a la Iglesia de Santa María. Se ruega vestir de acuerdo al clima.

**Las siete últimas palabras de Jesús después del Vía Crucis**

### SÁBADO SANTO

**SÁBADO, 4 de abril — Oraciones matutinas 9:00am., VIGILIA PASCUAL 8:00pm**

¡Esta es la celebración central de todo el año litúrgico! Es la noche en que los primeros cristianos velaban por la resurrección, marcada por el amanecer del Domingo de Pascua. La liturgia también enfatiza la historia de nuestra salvación a través de un Servicio de la Luz y la Liturgia de la Palabra. Luego nos reunimos alrededor de la pila bautismal para renovar nuestras promesas bautismales y ser tocados por las aguas de la vida nueva antes de celebrar la Eucaristía con la alegría propia de la Pascua. Los invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros; es nuestra Misa Pascual principal.

### DOMINGO DE PASCUA

**DOMINGO, 5 de abril — Salubong/Encuentro 7:30am, Misas a las 8:00am, 10:00am y 12:00 del mediodía**

El Salubong/Encuentro anual comenzará con la reunión de los hombres en la esquina de la 2.<sup>a</sup> Avenida y la Avenida Manila, y la de las mujeres en la esquina de la 3.<sup>a</sup> Calle y la Calle Erie. Esta es la tradición de la celebración con una representación del reencuentro de Jesús y María, donde las mujeres llevan a María velada, para mostrar su dolor, y los hombres llevan a Jesús. Juntos, ambos grupos orarán lentamente y se dirigirán en procesión hacia la iglesia. Una vez allí, un ángel descubrirá a María, señalando el fin de su sufrimiento.

La Pascua es un día de celebración porque representa la plenitud de nuestra fé como cristianos. Mediante su muerte, Cristo salvó a la humanidad de la esclavitud del pecado y destruyó el dominio que la muerte ejerce sobre todos nosotros; pero es su Resurrección la que nos da la promesa de una nueva vida, tanto en este mundo como en el venidero. Esa nueva vida comenzó el Domingo de Pascua. Con la resurrección de Cristo, el Reino de Dios se establece en la tierra, en la forma de la Iglesia. La Pascua no es un acontecimiento espiritual que ocurrió una sola vez, hace mucho tiempo; no decimos «Cristo ha resucitado», sino «Cristo ha resucitado», porque resucitó en cuerpo y alma, y sigue vivo y con nosotros hoy.

### Misa familiar a las 8:00am

La misa familiar será a las 8:00am, seguida de un desayuno ligero en el Salón Marian. Después del desayuno, habrá una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para los niños.

## HOLY WEEK 2026

### **PALM SUNDAY, BLESSING OF PALMS**

**SATURDAY, March 28— Mass at 5:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, March 29 — 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, April 2 — 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, April 3 — 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: 3:00 PM, The Death of the Messiah. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.**

Our Lord's Passion ceremonies is where 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 5:00 PM, Outside with procession.**

We will have outside Stations of the Cross. We will start in front of St. Mary's Church. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

**SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS after Stations of the Cross**

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

**SATURDAY, April 4 — 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, April 5 — Salubong/Encuentro 7:30AM, Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON**

The annual Salubong / Encuentro will begin with the men gathering on the corner of 2nd/Manila Ave and the women gathering on the corner of 3rd/Erie Street. This is the tradition of celebration with a reenactment of Jesus and Mary reuniting with the women carrying a veiled Mary, to show her bereavement, and the men carrying Jesus. Together the two groups will slowly pray and process towards the Church. Once there an angel will unveil Mary, signaling the end of her grief.

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.

**Family Mass at 8:00 AM**

Family Mass will be at 8:00 AM followed by a light breakfast in Marian Hall. After breakfast there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.