



**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

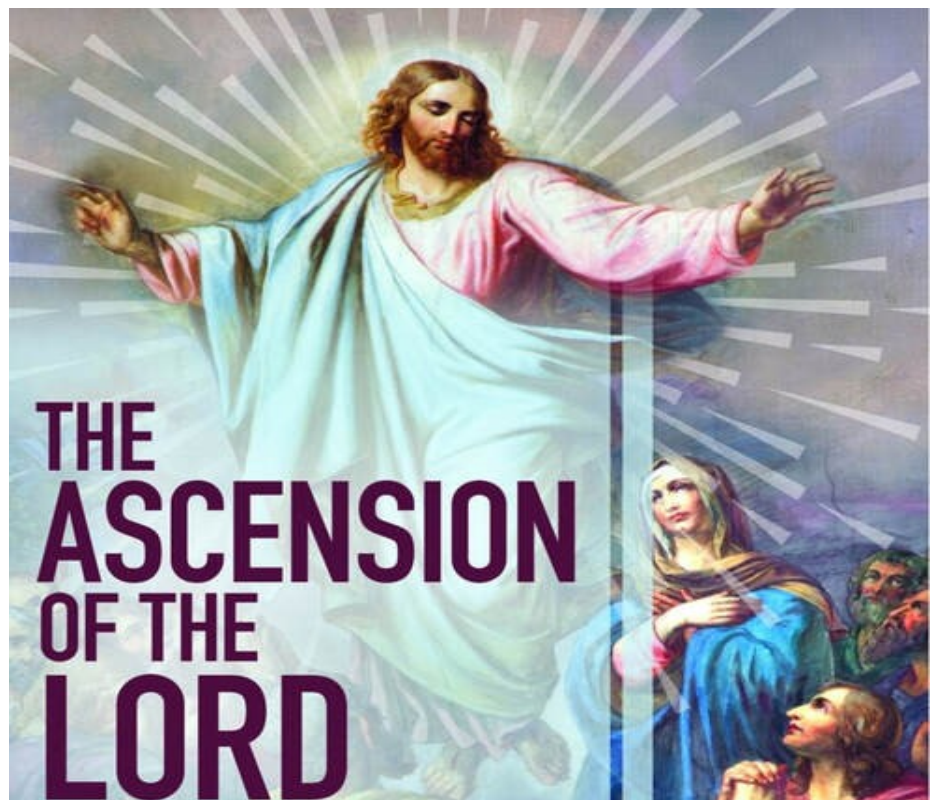
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**THE**  
**ASCENSION**  
**OF THE**  
**LORD**

**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!*

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD : MAY 17, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE: May 18 — May 24, 2026

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 18, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	Conversion of Suzanne Chapin
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 19, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	+Zosima "Chuchi" Calingasan
7:00 PM	Conversion of Rebecca Earney
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 20, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins; +Peter Burke
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 21, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
	Thanksgiving Reynaldo Sr. & Rolando Lozada
	Thanksgiving for Leizyl Somoza & Ernesto Danoy, Jr.
7:00 PM	Conversion of Heather King
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 22, 2026</b>
7:00 AM	+Deceased members of Cristino y David Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 23, 2026</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass — Tree of Life
	+Eileen Quirk
	+Dolores Tolentino
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Gil Clark Santos
	+Lea Magdalena Cabas
	+Victoria Yu
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 24, 2026 — Pentecost Sunday</b>
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	+Nelly Mostajo de Herrera
	+Zoila Calle
	+Mercedes Gonzalez
	+Evelyn Estrada
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Angelo Joseph Lazaro
	+Ricardo Somoza
	+David Martinez
2:30 PM	48th Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo Mass

### 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). You must be registered for at least 4 months, or bring a letter from your parish of origin.

**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 move away from the area.

## POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY 2026:

### That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### 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, May 10, 2026 : \$2,528.00

Online Donation : \$ 150.00

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

Good Health for St. Mary's parishioners

### 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

### 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

## Reflection

*“Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” – Mt 28:20*

Before His ascension into heaven, Jesus instructed His apostles to baptize all nations and teach them to observe all of his commandments. These are the ways to salvation – baptism and following His commandment to love God and others.

The best way to teach is by example – practicing what we teach. Learning and teaching could take a lifetime which means we learn to love and we keep on loving from the time we were born until the time we die. This love makes us live with God in this world and for all eternity.

### Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

#### STEWARDSHIP

*“I am praying for them...” JOHN 17:9*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

#### YOU WILL BE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH!

For us and the Apostles, Ascension of Jesus means that our training period is over, and time has come for us to engage in Christ's mandate to us: go out to all the world and preach the gospel.

Jesus came to save us who turn to Him. Our mission is not to stand around looking up to heaven, waiting for something to happen. We must listen to the Lord's instruction that we shall be clothed with power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us, and we shall be His “witnesses to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

Let us, therefore, enter the upper room of prayer and prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. Come next week, PENTECOST SUNDAY prepared to receive afresh the Holy Spirit.

### Fr Eustace

#### 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](mailto:deaconsarmiento@aol.com)

#### Viviendo Nuestra Fe

Lo más característico de un fiel laico es su servicio, signo de su caridad. El cristiano expresa la verdad de su fe y de la doctrina social de la Iglesia, no con argumentos más o menos brillantes sino en su compromiso para solucionar los problemas sociales, porque el testimonio de las obras es más poderoso que la lógica interna (ver *Compendio de la doctrina social cristiana*, 551).

- ◆ ¿Qué iniciativas o proyectos conoce usted en favor de su vecindario?
- ◆ ¿En qué proyecto de tipo social está usted involucrado? ¿Cómo le hace sentir ayudar a los demás?
- ◆ ¿De qué manera su grupo ministerial o de fe impacta en la vida de la comunidad? ¿Hay servicio de dirección espiritual o de apoyo psicológico en su parroquia?

#### 48th Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo

A partir del viernes 15 de mayo de 2026, la Acción Católica de María invita a todos a participar en la novena de 9 días para pedir buen tiempo, que se celebrará a las 6:30 p. m. en la capilla.

Esta culminará con la 48.ª celebración de la Santacruzán y las Flores de Mayo el 24 de mayo de 2026.

Habrará una pequeña feria callejera de 11:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m.

Celebraremos la Misa a las 2:30 p. m., seguida de una procesión.

#### La Llamada Anual 2026

Si aún no lo ha hecho, considere participar en la Campaña de este año para ayudar a marcar una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Haga una donación en línea hoy mismo visitando <https://rcan.org/sharing/>

Por favor, ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta de tan solo \$25,000.

#### Vigilia de Pentecostés

Ven a compartir con nosotros una noche de oración, alabanza y adoración mientras esperamos la llegada del Espíritu Santo. Sera una oportunidad para renovar nuestra fe y fortalecer nuestra comunidad.

Sábado, 23 de mayo de 2026, 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia principal.



## **Readings for the Week of The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**

**18 Mon** Easter Weekday *white/red* [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr] Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

**19 Tue** Easter Weekday *white* Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

**20 Wed** Easter Weekday *white/white* [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest] Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

**21 Thu** Easter Weekday *white/red* [Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs] Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

**22 Fri** Easter Weekday *white/white* [Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious] Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

**23 Sat** Easter Weekday *white* Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

**24 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY** *red Solemnity Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62)

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63) Pss Prop

### **48th Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo**

Starting Friday, May 15, 2026 the Catholic Action of Mary would like to invite everyone to the 9 days novena for good weather at 6:30pm in the chapel.

This will cumulate to the 48th Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo celebration on Sunday May 24, 2026. There will be a small street fair from 11am-5pm.

We will have Mass at 2:30pm and a procession afterwards.



### **Annual Appeal 2026**

If you haven't done so, 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 <https://rcan.org/sharing/>

Please help us reach our goal of only \$25,000.

### **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**

If you would like to share your Time, Talent and Treasure with our Church, please contact our Priests or call the Parish Office. To volunteer as a Lector, an Usher, Altar Server, or to sing with the Choir, please contact the Parish Office by calling (201) 434-8500 or emailing 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!