

Our Lady of Victories Church

2217 J.F. Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Established 1917

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SERVED BY:

Pastor	Rev. Ralph D. Siendo
Administrative Assistant	Ritz G. Densing
Director of CCD	Gilda Salvo
Digital Catechist	Richard Punzalan
Music Director	Shanice Aquino
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

THE LORD'S DAY:

Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekdays	8:30 AM AND 6:30 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS:

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays - after the 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays - 6:00 PM (before the 6:30 PM Mass)

HOLY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY at 6:00 PM.

Exposition, Silent Adoration, No Benediction, Reposition, and Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:30 - 5:00 PM or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD):

For CCD information, please contact Gilda Salvo at ccd@olvjc.org or visit our parish website <https://www.olvjc.org/evangelization>

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (O.C.I.A.)

For adults who are not baptized and wish to become members of the Catholic church, or Christians baptized into a non-Catholic church who wish to become a Catholic, or adult Catholics baptized as infants but have not received Communion and/or Confirmation. Please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Ralph at pastor@olvjc.org for more information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Regular Baptisms are held every **first & third Sundays** of the month after the 12 Noon Mass. **There are no Baptisms during Lent.** Please stop by the Parish Office for Baptism Registration or call the Parish Office. Godparents must be Catholic and have received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Visit our website <https://www.olvjc.org/baptism>

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must make arrangements with a priest at least one year before the planned wedding date. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office to request for a priest.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Email us at: contactus@olvjc.org or call the Parish Office at 201-433-4152

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Parish is a community of the faithful,
committed to celebrating and communicating the spirit of Jesus,
not only by our words, but also by our actions.

Together, we will strive to continue Christ's mission:
to teach, to bless, to heal, and to reconcile one another to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Please pardon us for any omissions or misspelling

SATURDAY - December 21 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Nueva Elma (Birthday Blessings)

SUNDAY - December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ◆ 8:00 AM—Marion Scanlon (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Gileta Castelo Dela Cruz
- ◆ 12:00 NN —Rolando & Noemi Siendo

MONDAY - December 23 St John of Kanty

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Rafael Garcia
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Rev. Campion Langan, OFM Conv.

TUESDAY - December 24

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Deceased Members of Satiro & Sodano Families

MASSES FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

TUESDAY - December 24

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Luis Garcia
- ◆ 10:00 PM—Ricardo Corpuz (Birthday in Heaven)

WEDNESDAY - December 25

- ◆ 8:00 AM—Richard A. & Richard F. McCaig
- ◆ 10:00AM—For the People
- ◆ 12:00NN—Manuel L. Ferrer (Birthday in Heaven)

THURSDAY - December 26 St Stephen

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Edgardo Jarencio (1st Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Teresita Alvarez & Zosima Evangelista (Birthday Blessings)

FRIDAY - December 27 St John

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Paciencia Domaoan (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Thanksgiving of Zosima Evangelista

SATURDAY - December 28 The Holy Innocents

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Inocencia Gutierrez (Birthday in Heaven)

SATURDAY - December 28 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Virginia Cesario (Birthday in Heaven)

SUNDAY - December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- ◆ 8:00 AM—For the Holy Souls
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Black Nazarene Devotees
- ◆ 12:00 NN —Noel Vivas

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Observed as a Holyday of Obligation in 2025)

December 31, 2024 at 5:00PM

January 1, 2025 at 8:30AM and 12:00NN



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:

In Memory of Jane Scanlon - \$40.00

From husband, John

Anonymous Donation - \$100.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

**In Memory of Angelo Minichiello
Happy Birthday in Heaven**

From Rosemary McCaig



WINE & HOSTS:

**In Memory of Mary E. &
Joseph H. Skrocki**

Merry Christmas in Heaven

From the Family



**Let us remember all those who have
asked for our prayers especially the
sick and suffering of our parish.**



Karen & James McCaig, Louis Pavlichko, Mateo Vitale, Kim Vitale, Loretta Busniak, Elizabeth DeFalco, Raul Tan, Robert B., May Gonzales, Tess Perez, Susan Gonzalo, Jose Veloso, Grace Collelo, Angelita Peña, Rowena Linga, Loretta Kallighan, Josef Mendiola, L.D., Michael Loretto, Margaret Romano, Mary Ann McGrath, Travis Lorenzo, C.Balbin, Mario Jaranilla, Lord Rheo Matias, Sr. Carol Marie, Felimon Bagares, Jr., Rubenstein Joseph, Ray Agcaoili, Rowena Diaz, Louis Redondo, Lenny Haynoski, Fr. Victor Paloma, Dr. Emma Mangosing, Nestor R. Ayuso, Jr., Eliseo B. Cardenas, Necita Racelis, John Scanlon, Joan Scerbo, Dia Domaoan, Nora B. Yamamoto, Cynthia F. Bautista, Rowena Yaptangco, Artis Santos, Diwata Villanueva, Ravilyn C. Sañga, Rodrigo Tapales, Jeanette Tait, William Perez, Thess Gutierrez, Angelica Roa Pascual.

Please note that only family members can request the names of their sick loved ones be published in the Bulletin.

Our Weekly Collection

Sunday Collection 12/15/24 \$4,104.00

Fuel Collection \$510.00

The survival of a parish relies on the generosity of its parishioners' time, talents and treasures. Without such generosity, we, as a parish church, could not function. The good Lord rewards you for your generosity and sacrifice. Thank you to those who faithfully use their envelopes in church, and those who catch up by sending in their donations each week through the mail or dropping them off in the Rectory. We are also very grateful to our ministries who keep the people of our parish actively involved. And lastly, thank you to our selfless volunteers who always assist us in every way they can. OLV Parish is truly blessed.

"Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord"—Psalm 45

EMs and Lectors for December 24 & 25, 2024
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Date	Tues, Dec 24, 10:00 PM	Wed, Dec 25, 8:00 AM	Wed, Dec 25, 10:00 AM	Wed, Dec 25, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Edna Falconer	Nueva Elma	Gigi Rapadas	Sister Eucharia
Lector2	Rosemarie Callaghan	Bella Penetrante	Gene Marcos	Gilbert Gabinete
EM	Lea Luis	Marilyn De Guzman	Fel Lim	Rita Samson
EM	Purita Legaspi	Tessie Santos	Tess Ong	Kit Balbin
EM	Marline Julmice	Vicky Bugarin	Tessie Llenera	Arnie Samson
Usher1/Overseer	Richard Punzalan	Julieta De los Reyes	Alma Redondo	Tess Alvarez

The Christmas Manger—From Pope Francis

What does this night still have to say to our lives? Two thousand years after the birth of Jesus, after so many Christmases spent amid decorations and gifts, after so much consumerism that has packaged the mystery we celebrate, there is a danger. We know many things about Christmas, but we forget its real meaning. So how do we rediscover the meaning of Christmas? First of all, where do we go to find it? The Gospel of Jesus' birth appears to have been written precisely for this purpose: to take us by the hand and lead us where God would have us go.

It starts with a situation not unlike our own: everyone is bustling about, getting ready for an important event, the great census, which called for much preparation. In that sense, the atmosphere was very much like our modern celebration of Christmas. Yet the Gospel has little to do with that worldly scenario; it quickly shifts our gaze to something else, which it considers more important. It is a small and apparently insignificant detail that it nonetheless mentions three times, always in relation to the central figures in the narrative. First, Mary places Jesus "in a manger" (Lk 2:7); then the angels tell the shepherds about "a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (v. 12); and finally, the shepherds, who find "the child lying in the manger" (v. 16). In order to rediscover the meaning of Christmas, we need to look to the manger. Yet why is the manger so important? Because it is the sign, and not by chance, of Christ's coming into this world. It is how he announces his coming. It is the way God is born in history, so that history itself can be reborn. What then does the Lord tell us? Through the manger, three things, at least: closeness, poverty and concreteness.

The Christmas manger, the first message of the divine Child, tells us that God is with us, he loves us and he seeks us. So take heart! Do not allow yourself to be overcome by fear, resignation or discouragement. God was born in a manger so that you could be reborn in the very place where you thought you had hit rock bottom. There is no evil, there is no sin, from which Jesus does not want to save you. And he can. Christmas means that God is close to us: let confidence be reborn!



Christmas
BEGINS WITH
Christ

Announcement:

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25. We wish you and your family a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel." - Isaiah 7:14

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy. The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - St. Stephen (December 26)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

This Week at OLV

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Dec 23	5:00am Simbang Gabi	Church
Dec 24	5:00am Simbang Gabi	Church
	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Dec 25	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Dec 28	3:30pm Lord's Flock Leaders Meeting	Church Bsmt
	6:30pm Lord's Flock Praise & Worship	Church Bsmt

EMs and Lectors for December 28 & 29, 2024
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Date	Sat, Dec 28, 5:00 PM	Sun, Dec 29, 8:00 AM	Sun, Dec 29, 10:00 AM	Sun, Dec 29, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Purita Legaspi	Cora Herrera	Sister Eucharia	Aurora Garcia
Lector2	Dorothy Tillano	Cathy Mariano	Fel Lim	Edna Falconer
EM	Richard Punzalan	Tessie Santos	Benny Garcia	Jimmy Bustamante
EM	Lea Luis	Vicky Bugarin	Dionisia Perez	Lina Bustamante
EM	Carinio Perez	Nueva Elma	Editha Francisco	Rita Samson
Usher1/Overseer	Marline Julmice	Marilyn De Guzman	Alma Redondo	Linda Pambuena



2024 SIMBANG GABI

December 16 (Monday) to 24 (Tuesday)
5:00 AM – Main Church

Monday, Dec. 16	Ocean of Mercy, Ushers, Victory Chicken House
Tuesday, Dec. 17	Black Nazarene Devotees, Our Lady of Manaog Devotees, Brgy. Sang Virgen
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees, First Friday Adorers
Thursday, Dec. 19	Our Lady of Peñafrancia, Sacred Heart Devotees
Friday, Dec. 20	Divine Mercy Devotees, Our Lady of Fatima Devotees, St. John's Prayer Grp.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Sts. Peter & Paul Prayer Group
Sunday, Dec. 22	The Lord's Flock Charismatic Group, Siendo/Dela Cruz Families
Monday, Dec. 23	El Shaddai Charismatic Group
Tuesday, Dec. 24	All Ministries (Choirs, Altar Servers, EMs, Lectors)



December 2024: No Classes (Christmas Break)
January 2025: No Classes (Winter Break)

Visit our website at <https://www.olvjc.org/> evangelization for more information or email Gilda Salvo at ccd@olvjc.org for any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sinulog sa Jubileo 2025 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Patrick Church in Elizabeth, NJ on Sunday, January 5th. Subsidized bus fee of \$20 round trip per person. Please pay at the Parish Office as you reserve your seat.

Your parish is your spiritual home. To register as a parishioner of Our Lady of Victories Church, simply fill out the form and drop it in the offertory basket or stop by the Parish Office.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark Proudly Sponsors its Annual
CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION



Please join us in providing non-perishable food items that will be distributed to local food pantries to help feed those who are less fortunate in our Archdiocese.
 Donations may be dropped off during business hours in the offices of all Archdiocesan mausoleums **now through January 6, 2025.**

Generosity = Blessings



Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving kindness and is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. (Other Corporal Works of Mercy include clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, and burial of the dead.)

Donating food on behalf of a departed loved one is a wonderful gift that truly honors their memory in a tangible way.

Keep Christ in Christmas. Help feed the hungry.

www.CatholicJourney.org
 866-PRE-PLAN (773-7526)

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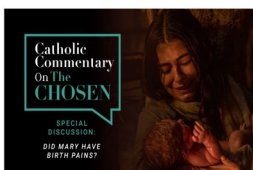
Week of December 22, 2024



The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special
 In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band
 Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.



Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?
 Join Dr. Scott Hefefinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.

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