

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Established 1917

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

## SERVED BY:

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Ralph D. Siendo
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - January 11 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Edward Winter

## SUNDAY - January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

- ◆ 8:00 AM—Ramon V. Cantos (2nd Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Vincent Gamarra (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 12:00 NN —Priscilla David (In Thanksgiving)

## MONDAY - January 13 St Hilary

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Bonifacio Razon
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Rita Langan

## TUESDAY - January 14

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Clemente B. and Josefina Cardenas
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Daniel Langan

## WEDNESDAY - January 15

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Bonifacio Razon
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees

## THURSDAY - January 16

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Loreto and Reynaldo Reyes
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Julita and Ricardo Evangelista

## FRIDAY - January 17 St Anthony

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Rev. Teofilo Rustia
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Divine Mercy Devotees

## SATURDAY - January 18

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Beatriz and Victorio Aguirre

## SATURDAY - January 18 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Mr & Mrs Edward Walsh

## SUNDAY - January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ 8:00 AM—Grayson Banaria (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Eliseo B. Cardenas (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 12:00 NN —Raymond Agcaoili (In Thanksgiving)



# Thank You!!!!

*For your generous donations to our parish:*

**Simbang Gabi Total Collection \$25,542.00**

**First Friday Eucharistic Adorers \$100.00**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Prayer Group \$400.00**

*OLV Parish is very grateful for your generosity!*

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:



**In Memory of Jane Scanlon - \$40.00**

*From husband, John*

## SANCTUARY CANDLE:

**In Memory of  
Andrew Harry Johnson  
(Death Anniversary)**

*From daughter Rosemary & Family*



## WINE & HOSTS:



**For June Johnson  
1st Birthday Blessings**

*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. Saña, Rodrigo Tapales, Jeanette Tait, William Perez, Thess Gutierrez, Angelica Roa Pascual, Joseph J. Skrocki.

*\*\*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 1/5/25 \$4,290.00**

**Solemnity of Mary Collection \$2,723.00**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help 1/8/25 \$67.00**

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.

**An Excerpt from the Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Tobin to the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark (Part I): *We Are His Witnesses***

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
The peace of Christ our Redeemer be with you.

If you asked me today what my vision is for the Church in northern New Jersey, I would make my own the Holy Father’s words from *Evangelii Gaudium*:

*I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are (EG #25).*

What is this “path” of pastoral conversion and missionary discipleship that we are called to follow as the People of God here in northern New Jersey? Jesus tells us that He Himself is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:6). He invites us to repent, to change the way we live, and to follow Him. What’s more, He invites us to be His witnesses and to share His love and His truth with everyone we encounter.

Pastoral conversion requires nothing more or less than our willingness to be open to what God’s Word is saying to us and to listen to one another. As we travel together as daughters and sons of God the Father and as sisters and brothers in Christ, united in the Holy Spirit, we are challenged to be agents of growth and change in our world. We must not be afraid to leave the comforts of home, or to risk venturing out into the world, because we are not alone. The Spirit of God leads the way, and we are accompanied by Mary and all the saints who walk alongside us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We are His witnesses. We exist to bring Christ’s peace to a world at war. As missionary disciples, we are called to bring the living Christ, who is the source of all freedom and hope, to our sisters and brothers who have abandoned hope, whether here in northern New Jersey or anywhere else in the world. We are compelled to bear witness to the lost and the lonely among us, and we believe that Jesus Christ is “the face of God and humanity’s ultimate destiny.” Through Him, with Him, and in Him, God is with us, so we never have to be afraid.

How can we be faithful witnesses to this extraordinary truth in our world today? How can we respond to the call for pastoral conversion and missionary discipleship in the present moment? How can we prepare our archdiocese for the challenges of future ministry when we have no clear understanding of what that future will look like or what it will require of us?

Our archdiocese is embarking on a multi-year initiative aimed at providing a pastoral and missionary response to the evolving circumstances of northern New Jersey. This response will be built on fostering new relationships within our archdiocesan community (synodality), and it will involve establishing or updating structures that can engage every member of the faith community in the Church’s mission (subsidiarity and solidarity). At the heart of this process is a spirit of collaboration and co-responsibility between archdiocesan and parish leaders as we work alongside the people we serve, to discern the future of the Archdiocese of Newark together.

This new pastoral planning process is called **We Are His Witnesses**. With this pastoral letter, I outline what we hope to achieve together, guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by the active participation and prayerful discernment of all members of our archdiocesan family.

*To be continued next week...*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**This Week at OLV**

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Jan 13 7:00pm	Sts Peter & Paul Bible Study	Rectory
Jan 17 7:30pm	St. John’s Prayer Group	Rectory
7:30pm	Line Dancing	Church Bsmt
Jan 18 3:00pm	O.C.I.A.	Rectory
6:30pm	Lord’s Flock Praise & Worship	Church Bsmt
Jan 19 1:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Group	Church Bsmt

**EMs and Lectors for January 18-19, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Date	Sat, Jan 18, 5:00 PM	Sun, Jan 19, 8:00 AM	Sun, Jan 19, 10:00 AM	Sun, Jan 19, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Mila Umil	Dionisia Perez	Alma Redondo	Gilbert Gabinete
Lector2	Purita Legaspi	Nueva Elma	Gigi Rapadas	Sister Eucharía
EM	Marline Julmice	Julieta De Los Reyes	Edna Falconer	Dionisa Perez
EM	Carino Perez	Vicky Bugarin	Alma Redondo	Kit Balbin
EM	Richard Punzalan	Tessie Santos	Edna Falconer	Violeta Varela
Usher1/Overseer	Sotto, Riza	Marilyn De Guzman	Fel Lim	Rita Samson

## World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer to celebrate women and men in consecrated life. Since then, the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This celebration is joined to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ, who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins and make consecration to the local bishop. Diocesan hermits make vows to live an eremitic life. Secular institutes are another form of living the consecrated life. We thank God for their saying “yes” to their vocation.

Please join Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R, Archbishop of Newark, and the Church of Newark at an 11:00 AM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, February 1, 2025, to celebrate those in consecrated life and in particular those sisters, brothers and priests who are celebrating their anniversaries this year. This invitation is extended in a special way to the members of every parish as a means of supporting and thanking the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese for their selfless gift of service to our local Church.

We hope you can be with us.



### OUR APOLOGIES!!!

In our previous bulletin, we forgot to thank **Sts. Peter & Paul Prayer Group** as one of our Simbang Gabi sponsors! We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for your support!



January 2025: No Classes (Winter Break)  
February 2 : In-Person Instruction (OLV Bldg.)

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

### MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASSES

Our Parish has a monthly Memorial Mass for the deceased on the first Monday of every Month. Those enrolled are prayed for once a month for one year. A large decorative Mass card is available. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 12, 2025



### The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



### Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



### A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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