

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Established 1917

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

## SERVED BY:

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Ralph D. Siendo
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<b>Director of CCD</b>	Gilda Salvo
<b>Digital Catechist</b>	Richard Punzalan
<b>Music Director</b>	Shanice Aquino
<b>Parish Trustees</b>	John Scanlon & Greg Racelis
<b>Finance Chairperson</b>	Nueva Elma

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

### THE LORD'S DAY:

<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	5:00 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
<b>Weekdays</b>	8:30 AM AND 6:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	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 4 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Dominador Abello, Jr. (Birthday in Heaven)

## SUNDAY - January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

- ◆ 8:00 AM—Antonio Fortaleza
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Jaime David (1st Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 12:00 NN—Mary Gene & Elizabeth Mary Quiroz (Birthday Blessings)

## MONDAY - January 6 St Andre Bessette

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Jane Scanlon
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Monthly Mass Intentions

## TUESDAY - January 7 St Raymond of Peñafort

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Ethel Lombardo
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Melitona Binaday (Death Anniversary)

## WEDNESDAY - January 8

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Yvette Scarpa (In Thanksgiving)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees Dulce Navarro (Death Anniversary)

## THURSDAY - January 9

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Lawrence Zacche (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Ramon V. Cantos (Death Anniversary)

## FRIDAY - January 10

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Adrienne Zacche (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Candido P. Balbin, Jr.

## SATURDAY - January 11

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Cesar Soriano (Birthday in Heaven)

## 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)



### Our Monthly Mass Intentions are for:

*Shirley Luis, Enriqueta Gapasin, Gregorio Gapasin,  
Jesusa Millor, Trinidad Morante, Menchit Olayres,  
Errol Young Sr. and Blanche Malong*

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them, Amen.

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:



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

*From husband, John*

### SANCTUARY CANDLE:

**In Memory of  
Lawrence & Adrienne Zacche  
(Birthdays in Heaven)**

*From Andrew Zacche*



### WINE & HOSTS:



**For the Eternal Repose of  
Lydia Ramos**

*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

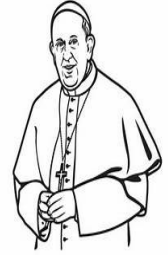
**Sunday Collection 12/29/24 \$3,348.00**

**Additional Christmas Collection \$1,535.00**

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.

## Epiphany Mass Message from Pope Francis

The first place we should seek the Lord is in “restless questioning”, which helps us put aside our apathy and confront life’s important questions. *“The exciting adventure of the Wise Men from the East teaches us that faith is not born of our own merits, thoughts and theories.”* A probing mind, challenges us to yearn for the infinite and set out on a “quest for the transcendent that inspires the progress of civilizations”. The journey of faith can only begin when—by God’s grace—we grow restless of our daily routine and begin to examine seriously our relationships with others, as well as our dreams and fears.



The second place we can encounter the Lord is in “the risk of journeying”, since every pilgrimage entails real risks that must be overcome to arrive at our destination. Questioning, including spiritual questioning, can lead to frustration and desolation, unless we embark upon a journey, unless we turn ourselves, in the depths of our being, to the face of God and the beauty of His word. Our faith is a “continuous journey in constant dialogue with the Lord”, as we bring every aspect of our lives to Him in prayer. Personal devotion and even consistent Mass attendance are not enough to allow our faith to grow. We need to bring it outside and to live it in a constant journey towards God and towards our brothers and sisters.

The third and final stage on our journey of faith winds up in the “wonder of worship.” Our restlessness, our questioning, our spiritual journeys and the practice of our faith must all converge in worship of the Lord.

Adoration has fallen by the wayside in our modern world, and each of us needs to recover the wonder of adoring God. Everything starts and ends there because the purpose of everything is not to achieve a personal goal or to receive glory for ourselves, but to encounter God.

*Then we will discover that a light shines even in the darkest nights: the light of Jesus, the radiant morning star, the sun of justice, the merciful splendor of God, who loves every man and woman, and all the peoples of the earth.*

### PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten  
Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house  
and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ,  
that our concern for others may  
reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## This Week at OLV

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Jan 6 7:30pm	Sts Peter & Paul Mass	Church
Jan 11 6:30pm	Lord's Flock Praise & Worship	Church Bsmt
Jan 12 2:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Group	Church Bsmt

**“Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.” - St. Raymond of Peñafort (January 7)**



January 2025: No Classes (Winter Break)

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

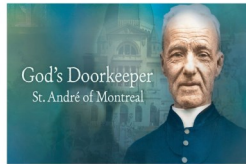
Salvo at [ccd@olvjc.org](mailto:ccd@olvjc.org) for any questions.

### EMs and Lectors for January 11-12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Sat, Jan 11, 5:00 PM	Sun, Jan 12, 8:00 AM	Sun, Jan 12, 10:00 AM	Sun, Jan 12, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Dionisia Perez	Nueva Elma	Fel Lim	Aurora Garcia
Lector2	Cora Herrera	Belle Penetrante	Rosemary Callaghan	Gigi Rapadas
EM	Carino Perez	Marilyn De Guzman	Avelino De La Pena	Armie Samson
EM	Marline Julmice	Julieta De los Reyes	Marjorie Alzate	Kit Balbin
EM	Riza Sotto	Sister Eucharía	Edna Falconer	Rita Samson
Usher1/Overseer	Carino Perez	Vicky Bugarin	Alma Redondo	Linda Pambuena

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 05, 2025



## God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



## Epiphany

What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRATIAS PRESS

## 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.

# JERSEY CATHOLIC

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



How You Can Make A Difference

## Catholic Charities Off-Site Volunteer & Service Opportunities

<b>BROWN BAG LUNCHEES FOR THE HOMELESS</b>	Help ensure individuals/families with budgets stretched thin get enough to eat.
<b>PREPARE/SERVE A MEAL FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS</b>	Give back by preparing and serving a delicious meal at one of our shelters.
<b>SPONSOR A HOLIDAY PARTY AT A SHELTER</b>	The holidays are the perfect time to bring joy to some of those less fortunate.
<b>VISIT A CATHOLIC CHARITIES GROUP HOME/CLINIC</b>	Sponsor a fun activity to brighten the day for some of our group home residents.
<b>BUNDLE UP FOR WINTER</b>	Help provide warmth this winter by supporting our Hat, Gloves, Scarves Drive.
<b>BLESSING BAGS</b>	Help provide much needed personal care items for our clients.
<b>HAVE A HEART BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE</b>	Help relieve financially struggling families feed their infants/toddlers.
<b>MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS</b>	Help make Mother's Day special for moms in our shelters & social services programs.
<b>HAPPY WARM FEET SOCK DRIVE</b>	This sock drive will help 7 of our shelters warm the feet of many families.
<b>WELCOME HOME BASKETS</b>	Housewarming gifts for families moving from the shelter to their own home.

**For More Details** 

Office of Volunteer Services  
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark  
Phone 908.497.4013  
Email [sreilly-tobin@ccannj.org](mailto:sreilly-tobin@ccannj.org)

## Inaanyayahan ang lahat!



# MISANG PILIPINO



**Tuwing ikalawang linggo ng buwan**  
**2:30 - 3:30 ng hapon**  
**Parokya ni San Aloysius**  
**691 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, NJ07304**



**Kasamang tagapagdiwang ang mga Pilipinong Kaparian**  
**mula sa iba't ibang parokya ng New Jersey**  
**(Halina't dumalo sa munting salo-salo sa Duffy Hall matapos ang Misa)**