

# Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Established 1917

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

## 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
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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:

<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 - December 14 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM—Melvin Orque (Death Anniversary)

## SUNDAY - December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

- ◆ 8:00 AM—For the Speedy Recovery of Mila Rustia
- ◆ 10:00 AM—Marcela Tyminski Blackmon
- ◆ 12:00 NN —Alper & Maria Pangilinan (In Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary)

## MONDAY - December 16

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Adelaida Lirag (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Rodelito Cruz (For Good Health)

## TUESDAY - December 17

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Charles M. Polizzano, Sr.
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Daniel Langan

## WEDNESDAY - December 18

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Gabriel Samson
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees

## THURSDAY - December 19

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Jason James Buenviaje (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Juliet Marbid-Cruz Family (In Thanksgiving)

## FRIDAY - December 20

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Nilda Cua (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 6:30 PM—Divine Mercy Devotees

## SATURDAY - December 21 St Peter Canisius

- ◆ 8:30 AM—Vicente Garcia

## 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



**Simbang Gabi December 16-24 @ 5AM**

**Christmas Eve Masses at 5PM and 10PM**

**Christmas Day Masses at 8AM, 10AM, 12NN**

**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*

## SANCTUARY CANDLE:

**In Memory of Acela Cua  
(Birthday in Heaven)**

*From Nilda Cua & Family*



## WINE & HOSTS:



**For the Eternal Rest of  
Primitiva "Remy" Cotaco**

*From Nestor & Emma Ayuso*

**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 Domoan, Nora B. Yamamoto, Cynthia F. Bautista, Rowena Yaptangco, Artis Santos, Diwata Villanueva, Ravilyn C. Sañga, Rodrigo Tapales, Jeanette Tait, William Perez, Thess Gutierrez.

*\*\*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 12/8/24 \$3,774.00**

**Immaculate Conception \$634.00**

**Collection for Retired Religious \$712.00**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help 12/11/24 \$ 48.00**

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.

## What is Joy?

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday; *gaudete* means “let us rejoice” in Latin. We light the rose candle on this day to mark the fact that we are now closer to Christmas than the beginning of Advent. Jesus is near, and so we rejoice! In our world that is often marked by fear, darkness, and sadness, we Christians are called to be prophetically joyful.

What is joy, and how do we get more of it in our lives? Sometimes, life just feels too heavy and the burdens too great for us to be light in spirit and hopeful about the future of the world. But faith roots us in a destiny and purpose far greater than we can imagine. Understanding and embracing joy helps us through the dark nights of life. When we contrast joy with pleasure, satisfaction and happiness, it helps toward a greater understanding.

When we know that we are loved by God, when we have encountered His tender mercy, when we realize our deepest identity as beloved children of the Father, we experience the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven. No suffering, setback or sadness can rob us of joy if we stay rooted in the love of the Lord. We may lose all pleasure, satisfaction and happiness, but no one and nothing can take away our joy without our permission.

When we are tempted to let life rob us of peace and joy, we need to focus on the truth and meaning of Advent and Christmas: God coming to us in the poverty of our human condition; Jesus embracing everything within us that was lost, dark, and dead; the Lord opening us to mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life.

We know how the story of our lives and the history of the world will end; we have the book of Revelation. God, life, love, and joy win out over the forces of sin and death. When we know who we are and where we are going, life becomes joyful for us. As Saint Catherine of Siena said, “All the way to heaven is heaven because Christ is the Way.”

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“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” - Philippians 4:4-5

## Thank You!!!

For your generous donations to our parish:

First Friday Eucharistic Adorers \$100.00

El Shaddai Charismatic Group \$400.00

Line Dancing Group \$400.00

OLV Parish is very grateful for your generosity!

**“The stronger our desire to serve others, the stronger our love for them will be. If you have too much to do, with God’s help you will find time to do it all.” - St. Peter Canisius (Dec. 21)**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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!

## This Week at OLV

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Dec 16 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
Dec 17 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
Dec 18 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
Dec 19 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
Dec 20 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
9:00am	Kidz USA	Church Bsmt
Dec 21 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
3:00pm	O.C.I.A.	Rectory
Dec 22 5:00am	Simbang Gabi	Church
2:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Group	Church Bsmt

### EMs and Lectors for December 21 & 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Sat, Dec 21, 5:00 PM	Sun, Dec 22, 8:00 AM	Sun, Dec 22, 10:00 AM	Sun, Dec 22, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Purita Legaspi	Dorothy Tillano	Edna Falconer	Mila Umil
Lector2	Benny Reyes	Cathy Mariano	Dionisia Perez	Sister Eucharía
EM	Marline Julmice	Vicky Bugarin	Tess Ong	Kit Balbin
EM	Carino Perez	Marilyn De Guzman	Fel Lim	Rita Samson
EM	Violeta Varela	Julieta De Los Reyes	Ana Maria Suarez	Marjorie Alzate
Usher1/Overseer	Ruchard Punzalan	Nueva Elma	Alma Redondo	Linda Pambuena

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 15, 2024



## 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



## Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



## Christmas (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIOSA PRESS



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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



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 Manaoag 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)

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# 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.*

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