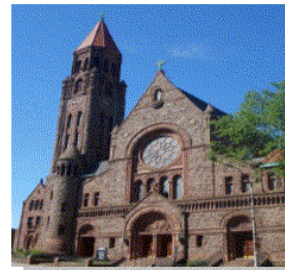


The Bells of St. Mary's
The Church of the Immaculate Conception

*Twenty – Fifth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*



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Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
 Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them,

Mass Schedule

English: Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30 am & 11:00 am
 Spanish: Saturday 7:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 Arabic: Sunday 12:30 pm

Weekdays & Saturday

English: **8:15 am & 12:05 pm Saturday 12:05pm**
 Spanish: **(Thursday) 7:00 pm**

First Fridays: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

English: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Spanish: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Holy Days To be announced

Eve of Holy Days 5:00 pm

Confessions

English Monday - Friday 11:45 am -12 pm
 Saturday 11:45 am -12 pm
 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Spanish Thursday 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Church Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday 8:30 - 2:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 - 1:00PM

Sacraments

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Baptism

In English – the **2nd Sunday** of the month at 3:00pm, please call ahead and make an appointment with: Fr. Tony C. Ekanem, MSP.

In Spanish – the **2nd Saturday** of the month at 2:30pm please call ahead and make an appointment with: Fr. George N. Okoro, MSP.

Marriage

In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the Wedding Ceremony.

Sacrament of Anointing

**Let us remember and honor our loved ones
 with a Mass Intention.**

To request a Mass visit the Rectory, or send an email to icmary@gmail.com, or call us at (914) 963-0156.

IT IS UNFAIR

We hear this very often, 'this is not fair,' especially when things do not go the way we expected. Sometimes we wonder why, get upset and even question why is life very fair.

The story of the workers in the Vineyard seems to us very unfair when we listen to how the master treated those who came last. This Gospel from Matthew 20:1-16, causes most people, whoever has had to work for a living, a little bit of upset. And rightly so. The generosity of God portrayed in the story goes beyond our human standard. It supports what the prophet Isaiah says about our Lord's mercy in the first reading: **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts about your thoughts."** (Isaiah 55:8-9). Just notice how vast the difference between God's ways and our ways, between God's thoughts and our thoughts, illustrates in the Gospel that our God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

Today, we hear a fantastic parable of the landowner who hires workers for his Vineyard throughout the day, some at sunrise, some just before evening. What are our reactions? "Are you envious because I am generous?" This parable was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because He befriended sinners and outcasts. The moral lesson in this story is that Jesus faces up to His critics and shows them what God is like: **God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast.** In that respect, the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

Note, we are those workers who are called to follow Christ into the fields and make disciples of all nations. We may have been privileged to be called at an early age, middle age, or old. The question now is, why are we upset at the master's choice of payment?

As Christians, we are all called to this mission. To use the words of St Paul and Isaiah, may we magnify Christ in our bodies (Philippians 1:20) as we call upon the Lord in our midst.

Please take a look at how Jesus flips our expectations of success upside down in the parable. When the Lord rewards his team, he values more than outer appearance. Jesus prizes the heart. He is open-handed with the late - bloomers. Indeed, God's ways are not our ways.

Also, note that the prophet's opening statement is "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near." (Isaiah 55:6). The eleventh - hour people in Jesus' story were not idlers. They waited there and wanted to work. But it was just that nobody had hired them. Imagine how they felt as the day drew to a close. They felt rejected, useless, hopeless. The idea that any employer would care to take these people on at the eleventh hour, and pay them a full day's wage, was unthinkable. Yet this is what the owner of the Vineyard did. Here is the main point of the parable.

How does that influence the way that you feel about the marginalized?



Saturday, September 19, 2020

12:05 pm - Leo Gango + * Maria Susan Budlong
5:00 pm - Marisol Santiago + * Malta González
7:30 pm - Janina Ramírez + * Livia Torres

Sunday, September 20, 2020

7:30 am - For the Parishioners/ Para los Parroquianos
9:00 am - Jacovo Tovar + * Toribio Tovar
11:00 am - Roberto & Marisa Rivera Anniversary
* Roberto & Marisa Rivera

Monday, September 21, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible
12:05 pm - Héctor René Gabriel + * José Gabriel

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

8:15 am - Jesus Sacramentado * Lila Perez
12:05 pm - Mathew V. O. Orathel + *Orathel Family

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible
12:05 pm - Carl & Vee Motta + *Son George Motta

Thursday, September 24, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible
12:05 pm - John Patteril + * George Patteril
7:00 pm - Gladys & Sunilda Reales + * De Sus Hijos

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible
12:05 pm - St. Mary's * Lila Perez

Saturday, September 26, 2020

12:05 pm - Maria Cordero + * Josephine Jurado
5:00 pm - Regina & Samuel David + * Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
7:30 pm - Ana María Ramírez + * Marisela Ramirez

Sunday, September 27, 2020

7:30 am - Oscar Enriquez Flores + * Rosa Flores
9:00 am - Carmen Celi + * Livia Torres
11:00 am - Mary Wonch + * Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martin

+Indicates deceased

~ Parish Membership ~

Every family member & single adult to be considered active members of St. Mary's must be properly registered in the parish; receiving & regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes or using We Share online giving. Only in this way can parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice. Example a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. We welcome new members!

PRAYER



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in your care.

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Hit Next, - create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser formed.org and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

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E-Books

Go to formed.org.

Click on "sign up",

Click on "I belong to a parish or organization".

Start typing name—Immaculate Conception St. Mary's Church Yonkers NY. You will see a number of parishes with this name).

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Sundays Readings:

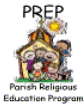
First Reading: *Isaiah 55: 6-9 (133-A)*
Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18*
The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Second Reading: *Philippians 1: 20c—24, 27a*
Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain...I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Gospel: *Matthew 20: 1-16a*
Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Jesus added, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

Religious Education Program



New registration for 2020 are going on please come and register your children from grade 2 through High School.

Religious Education office is open for registration. on the following days
 Wednesdays & Thursday from 10:00am - 1:00pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
 our application is on the website.

We will have a meeting on September 26, 2020 first group 2, 3, 4, 5 grade will come at 9:00am and the second group 6, 7, 8th grade will come at 10:30am.
 Email will be sent to all parents that have register.

Archdiocesan Appeal



Update of 2020 Appeal Goals
 2020 Mandatory Goal \$37,500
 Pledged: \$36,857.00
 Paid: \$34,145.00

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our Annual Cardinal's Appeal
 We still need \$643 in pledges to reach parish goal and \$3,355 in cash to reach our parish goal.

Update of Renew & Rebuild September
 Pledges: \$420,984.30
 Paid: \$240,286.50
 Left: (\$180,697.80)

Stewardship



Tithing – God's Plan for Giving on Sat/Sun, September 12 & 13, 2020
Parish Mass Total Collection: \$3,061.00
English Mass Collection was \$1,730.00

- * Today's second collection is for the St. Joseph's Seminary and Cathedral Prep.
- * Next week our second collection will be for Church Property Insurance
- ♦ There will be Parish Council meeting Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Rectory.

I wish to sincerely thank The CUBAN Community for the OFFERING of the Caridad Del Cobre celebration of \$2,478.00 to the parish. We are deeply grateful for this donation during this trying time. May the good Lord continue bless your community and your contribution to our parish.

Fr Tony

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 Giovanni Campos
 Abroamy Cruz
 Briseida Cruz
 Daisy Cruz
 Jennifer Cruz
 Kelly Cruz
 Karen Dominguez
 Ashley Flores
 Janelly Flores
 Henry González
 Justin Alexander Lauture
 Alberto Martínez
 Kymani Martínez
 Natalia Martínez
 Deyanira Mata
 David Alfredo Mejía
 Jose Alfredo Murrieta
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