



Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Established 1917

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SERVED BY:

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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 WILL RESUME ON APRIL 10TH.

Please join us in the Stations of the Cross
at 5:30PM before the 6:30PM Mass
on Fridays during Lent.

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 - March 21 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM Rosa & Gloria Manalastas-Rivera
(Birthday Blessings)

SUNDAY - March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- ◆ 8:00 AM Alejandro Timbal, Jr. (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 10:00 AM † Rev. Jose Cadusale
† Rosalina De Lumen
- ◆ 12:00 NN Aurora Garcia (In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life)

MONDAY - March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Annie R. Delos Santos (Bday in Heaven)
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Rosalia Fortaleza

TUESDAY - March 24 St Oscar Romero

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Rev. Campion Langan, OFM Conv.
- ◆ 6:30 PM Marie Coly (In Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY - March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Neil Tropel
† Dominador Abello, Jr (Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 6:30 PM Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees
† Guillermo Bailon (Birthday in Heaven)

THURSDAY - March 26

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Elizabeth Martinez
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Blanche Malong

FRIDAY - March 27

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Quirino Fortaleza
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Wilfredo Agustin (Death Anniversary)

SATURDAY - March 28

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Estelita Soriano (Death Anniversary)

SATURDAY - March 28 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM Jeffrey & Cherry Panganiban (25th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY - March 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Virginia Cesario (Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 10:00 AM † Bayani Villaver, Sr (2nd Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 12:00 NN Black Nazarene Devotees



PALM SUNDAY

The Blessing of Palms will be done outside the Church at the beginning of all masses for Palm Sunday. Please be sure to gather outside the Church with your palms.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday, April 3, 2026

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

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, Raul Tan, Robert B., May Gonzales, Susan Gonzalo, Tess Perez, Jose Veloso, Grace Collelo, Rowena Linga, Loretta Kallighan, Josef Mendiola, L.D., Michael Loretto, Margaret Romano, Mary Ann McGrath, C.Balbin, Travis Lorenzo, Lord Rheo Matias, Mario Jaranilla, Sr. Carol Marie, Felimon Bagares, Jr., Rubenstein Joseph, Ray Agcaoili, Louis Redondo, Necita Racelis, Joan Scerbo, Fr. Victor Paloma, Dr. Emma Mangosing, Dia Domaosan, Jeanette Tait, Artis Santos, Verna Obanon, Rowena Yaptango, Diwata Villanueva, Rodrigo Tapales, Diane Fleming, William Perez, Angelica Roa Pascual, Felina Gutierrez Ilaga, Milagros Rustia, Sheila Pormentilla, Helen O'Connor, Chico Ramchal, Imelda Macalindong, Hernani and Araceli Blancaflor, Aurora Garcia, Lourdes David, Alma Gomez, Rose Ann Lampasi, Riza Sotto.

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 3/15/26 \$4,408.00

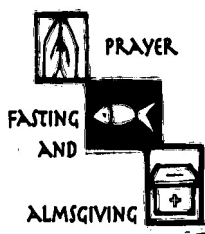
The survival of a parish relies on the generosity of its parishioners' time, talents and treasures. Without such generosity, we, as a parish church, could not function. The good Lord rewards you for your generosity and sacrifice. Thank you to those who faithfully use their envelopes in church, and those 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.

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Fasting

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children.

Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

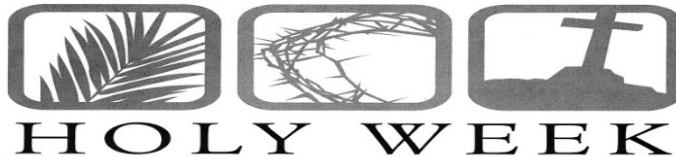


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This Week at OLV

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Mar 28 10:00am	Altar Servers practice	Church
6:30pm	Lord's Flock Praise & Worship	Church Bsmt
Mar 29 1:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Group	Church Bsmt

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Holy Wednesday – April 1, 2026
6:30 PM – Tenebrae (Prayer Service)
[No Mass; Confessions After Tenebrae]



EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026
7:00 PM – Mass of The Lord's Supper
[Solemn Adoration before the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament continues until midnight]
12:00 MN – Church Closes

Good Friday – April 3, 2026
3:00 PM – Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
6:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2026
8:30 PM – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00NN Mass

Thank You!!!!

For your generous donations to our parish:

St. John's Prayer Group \$75.00

OLV Parish is very grateful for your generosity!

Prayer during Lent

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you. As we walk the path of these forty days, may we turn away from sin and embrace a life of goodness and truth. Strengthen us on our Lenten journey and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.

He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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All are invited and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 30, at 8PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.



Mar 22: In Person Instruction, OLV Bldg.
Mar 29: 12NN Family Mass, OLV Church

Please visit our website at <https://www.olvjc.org/evangelization> for more information and updates.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

EMs and Lectors for MAR 28-29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Minister/Date	Sat, March 28, 5:00 PM	Sun, March 29, 8:00 AM	Sun, March 29, 10:00 AM	Sun, March 29, 12:00 PM
Lector1	Helen Pacio	Betty Buenviaje	Rosemary Callaghan	Tess Serrano
Lector2	Purita Legazpi	Jimmy Buenviaje	Edna Falconer-Thompson	Aurora Garcia
EM	Marline Julmice	Cora Herrera	Emeterio Rodriguez	Jimmy Bustamante
EM	Mario Medinaceli	Julieta De Los Reyes	Fel Lim	Lina Bustamante
EM	Carino Perez	Tessie Santos	Tess Ong	Armie Samson
Usher1/Overseer	Carino Perez	Evelyn Tropel	Alma Redondo	Tess Alvarez

The Veiling of Images and Crosses

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Veiling

The third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* provides a rubric at the beginning of the texts for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which allows that: "the practice of covering crosses and images in the Church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent is permitted, according to the judgement of the Conferences of Bishops. Crosses remain veiled until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on good Friday; images remain veiled until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." In 2001, the USCCB approved an adaptation of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* allowing for the veiling of crosses and images in this manner.

The option of veiling images and crosses is left to the discretion of the local pastor and is not a required practice. If it is decided to cover crosses and statues, it is not to be done until the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Unveiling

Crosses are unveiled following the Good Friday liturgy. Since the cross is the focus of attention on Good Friday, it is logical that all crosses would be unveiled after the celebration of the Passion of the Lord for the veneration of the faithful.

Statues are unveiled *before* the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The veiling and unveiling of statues is not done as part of any liturgy, including the Easter Vigil. States are to be unveiled *before* the Easter Vigil begins.

Veils

While liturgical law does not prescribe the form or color of such veils, they have traditionally been made of simple, lightweight purple cloth, without ornament.



Holy Thursday

The concluding rubrics following the Mass of the Lord's Supper (41) indicate that "at an opportune time the altar is stripped and, if it is possible, crosses are removed from the church. It is fitting that crosses which remain the church be veiled." After the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, then, it is permitted to cover crosses if this has not been done at the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional. The decision to cover the crosses is left up to the discretion of the local pastor.

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This Week on Formed Week of March 22, 2026



The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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Office of the Archdiocese of Newark

2026 Retreat Dates

April 10-12, 2026
September 25-27, 2026

For more details, contact Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office by
phone at 201-912-3272 or email at
Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

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