



Our Lady of Victories Church

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

Established 1917

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

SERVED BY:

Pastor	Rev. Ralph D. Siendo
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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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 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 - February 21 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM Beato T. Agripa (For Healing)

SUNDAY - February 22 First Sunday of Lent

- ◆ 8:00 AM John Matthew Panganiban (In Thanksgiving)
- ◆ 10:00 AM † Helen May Abrigo
- ◆ 12:00 NN Black Nazarene Devotees
† Zenaida & Frisco Navarro (Bday in Heaven)

MONDAY - February 23 St Polycarp

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Armando Gutierrez (Birthday in Heaven)
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Juliana Endaya (Death Anniversary)

TUESDAY - February 24

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Marlyn Angeles
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Rev. Campion Langan, OFM Conv.

WEDNESDAY - February 25

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Rosita A. Merlusa
- ◆ 6:30 PM Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotees

THURSDAY - February 26

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Rita Langan
- ◆ 6:30 PM † Blanche Malong
† Irene Pacheco Galang (80th Bday in Heaven)

FRIDAY - February 27 St Gregory of Narek

- ◆ 8:30 AM Allen Catbagan (Birthday Blessings)
- ◆ 6:30 PM Mila Umil (Birthday Blessings)

SATURDAY - February 28

- ◆ 8:30 AM † Rosita A. Merlusa

SATURDAY - February 28 (Sunday Vigil)

- ◆ 5:00 PM † Pio G. Caballero, Jr.

SUNDAY - March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

- ◆ 8:00 AM Lennen & Mark Fargas (Wedding Anniversary)
- ◆ 10:00 AM Christopher Rapadas (Birthday Blessings)
† Antonio Abelardo (Death Anniversary)
- ◆ 12:00 NN † Roderick Taboso and Angelita Uy



During Lent, we will follow the Way of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm, prior to the 6:30pm Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday, April 10th.

Don't miss this Lenten opportunity!!!

Join the Spiritual Renewal Conference sponsored by the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark on Saturday, March 7, 2026, 7:00AM—4:00PM, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Leonia, NJ. \$15 Participation tickets available at OLV Parish Office.

SANCTUARY CANDLE:



In Memory of Richard A. McCaig
(Birthday in Heaven)
From Mom and Family

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 Domaoan, Jeanette Tait, Artis Santos, Verna Obanon, Rowena Yaptangco, 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, Catalina Sta. Maria, Rose Ann Lampasi.

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 2/15//26 \$4,573.00

Ash Wednesday Collection \$2,233.00

Central & Eastern Europe Collection \$283.00

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.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
Those between the age of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Thank You!!!

For your generous donations to our parish:
Ss. Peter & Paul Prayer Group \$200.00

OLV Parish is very grateful for your generosity!



Feb 22: Remote Learning, God’s Park/WOOF
Mar 1: In Person Instruction, OLV Bldg.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

This Week at OLV

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Feb 23 7:00pm	Ss Peter & Paul Prayer Grp	Rectory
Feb 28 6:30pm	Lord’s Flock Praise & Worship	Church Bsmt
Mar 1 1:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Group	Church Bsmt

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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22 Sunday, February 22
Matthew 4:1-11
 Afterwards he was hungry. (Matthew 4:2)

Of course Jesus was hungry! Who wouldn’t be, after forty days of fasting? Surely his stomach ached and his head throbbed. It’s true that he is the Son of God who needs nothing. But he was also a real human being with real needs. And so this Divine Son . . . got hungry.

Matthew wants to make sure we understand this truth. Jesus decided to become a man and face trials in a human body like our own. In his hunger, he confronted the temptation to provide for himself instead of trusting God—a test our first parents had failed. *Is God truly good? Will he provide for me?*

In Eden, the serpent had asked, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees?” (Genesis 3:1). Now, Jesus heard a similar enticement: “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread” (Matthew 4:3). It seemed logical: *Would God really*

want you to be famished? Isn’t there a better way to bring in the kingdom?

But Jesus held fast to the word of God: “It is written: ‘One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4). He was recalling the Exodus, when God provided manna for his hungry people so that they could learn to rely on him. In the wilderness, Jesus defeated the devil by trusting his Father and aligning himself with his will. At the same time, he showed us how to battle our own temptations.

We all face testing. Our Lenten fasting is difficult, our best-laid plans go awry, someone we love falls ill. In our “wilderness,” we are tempted to doubt the goodness of God’s plan. In our “hunger,” we wonder if he will provide. But Jesus promises that we will not be tested beyond our ability (1 Corinthians 10:13). And he is with us to give us strength.

Cling to the Lord today—he knows what it is to be hungry.

“Lord, help me to trust in your ways and resist temptation.”

► **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19

EMs and Lectors for FEB 28-MAR 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent				
Minister/Date	Sat, February 28, 5:00 PM	Sun, March 1, 8:00 AM	Sun, March 1, 10:00 AM	Sun, March 1, 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

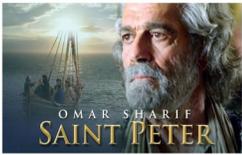
This Week on Formed

Week of February 22, 2026



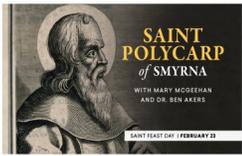
Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

ONE BREAD
ONE BODY
ONE PEOPLE

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
470 Broad Ave., Leonia, NJ



MOST REV. MIDYPHIL BILLONES, STD, D.D.
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF JARO
(Iloilo, Philippines)
GUEST OF HONOR & FEATURED SPEAKER

**CHOSEN FOR MORE:
LIVING OUR FAITH WHERE LIFE HAPPENS**

Talk 1 - Chosen, Called, Sent: Living Our Baptismal Identity and Mission
Talk 2 - Walking with Christ in the Ordinary: Discipleship as a Way of Everyday Life
Talk 3 - To Love as He Loves: Christian Life in Family, Work, and Community

LENTEN MEDITATION

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS
Featuring Seven (7) Filipino Priests of the Archdiocese of Newark
Fr. Ralph Siendo * Fr. Juancho de Leon * Fr. Robert Lamirez
Fr. Arlou Buslon * Fr. Alfie Pangilinan * Fr. Dave Sison * Fr. Chris Panlilio

OPEN TO ALL

The Conference concludes with a **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**
\$15.00 participation Fee payable to the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark
Please bring **PACKED LUNCH**.

Parking is available in the church parking lot and along the street.

For more information: **FR. DAVE SISON - 973-489-1047**

Priest Coordinator, COMMITTEE ON FAITH & EVANGELIZATION

FR. ALFIE PANGILINAN - 201-201-9937

Priest Coordinator, COMMITTEE ON FILIPINO CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS,
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LENT & EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS



Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!



Alleluia!
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



Journey Through Lent: An Evening of Reflection

Speaker: Fr. Moises Eduardo Ciego

Chaplain: Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

Makati Medical Center, Makati City

February 23, 2026, Monday
8:00 pm (US time)

(February 24, 2026, Tuesday, 9:00 am MNL time)

ZOOM Meeting ID : 3653511152
Passcode: Lent0223

For more details: Please call: (551) 358 - 0626 , (201) 527 - 8423
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