



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Vicar

December 3, 2023

Come Home to Communion

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:00PM In Spanish

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM

Confessions

Sat: 2:00PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8AM-3PM

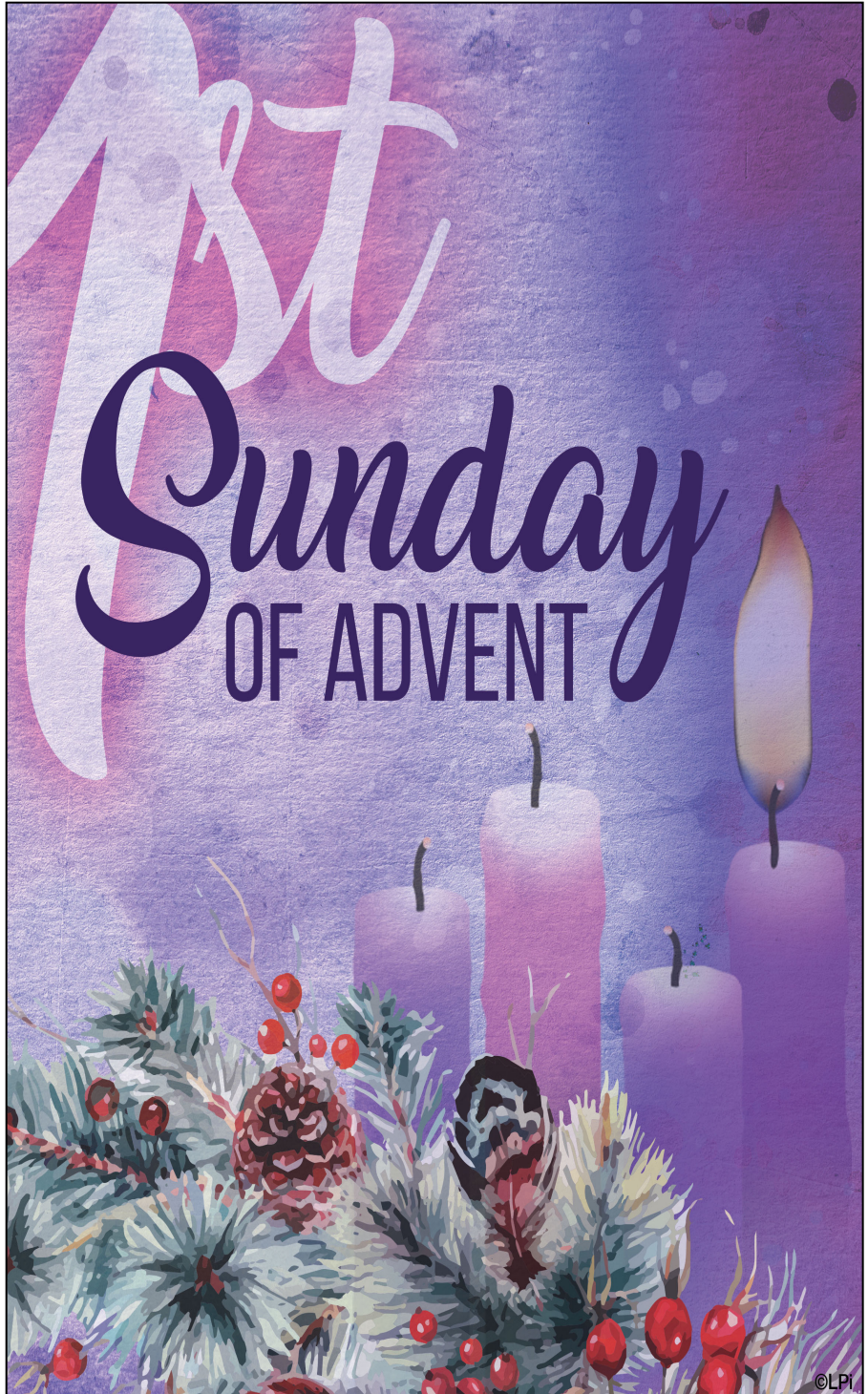
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School Office	763-5837
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Parish Staff

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Deacon Richard Gross	
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Roger Cashman, Maintenance	Ext. 307
Luke Donahue, DRE & Faith Formation	Ext. 306
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Parish Council

Deacon Ken Albers	Gerl Haile
Mike Apprill	Fr. Emmanuel Lopez
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Robin Fisher	Randy Seever
Grace Givens	John Wood



***Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 8.***

All are encouraged to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation.

Masses at St. Regis will be on:

**December 7 at 6:30pm in Spanish
December 8 at 8:30am & 6:30pm in English**

Please plan to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother
And the special role she has in our lives.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed **Friday, December 8th**, in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Fr. Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

FEED YOUR FAITH

There are only 2 weeks left of our **Wild Goose** series. Make plans to join us tomorrow night, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a breakfast food dinner together, then *Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* at 6:00 p.m., then we will begin Episode 11 and 12 at 6:15 p.m. of **The Wild Goose** – *The Spirit Convicts* and *The Spirit's Freedom*. Join us.

**Parish Support
November 15-26, 2023**

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 11,348
Plate	\$ 2,584
Online Giving	\$ <u>5,316</u>
Total	\$ 19,248

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,

Advent begins this weekend with the purpose of preparing our hearts for the Nativity of Jesus. There are many symbols in this advent season such as the Advent Wreath which help us to wait for the Lord with Joy. The blessing of the Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. I encourage you to do the blessing at your home and to be joyful for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ.

All make the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Then with hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

NAME TAG SUNDAY

This weekend, **December 2 & 3** the Academy will host "Name Tag Sunday." To help parishioners with fellowship Mass attendees will be asked to wear name tags. Refreshments will be served after all the Masses. Please stop and meet the Academy Staff after Mass and learn about their ministry. If your group/council would like to volunteer please call the Parish Office, 816-761-1608.

THANK YOU

Thank you for turning in your Time/Talent and Pledge cards. If you have not turned them in yet, you can drop them in the basket in the Gathering Space or bring them by the office.

SIGN UP FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 8:30am and 6:30pm Masses on the Immaculate Conception, **Friday, December 8.** Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

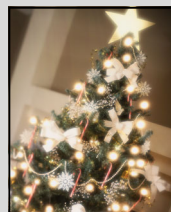
GO ON A CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

There is a group of parishioners going to the *Olde World Christmas Tour* at the Strawberry Hill Museum located in Kansas City, KS. It will be a beautiful, entertaining, educational and rewarding experience. Each room displays the history, customs and various artifacts of the country it represents. The tour costs \$10 per person. We will car-pool (It is about a 45 minutes drive). We will meet at St. Regis and leave after Mass. If you would like to go contact Theresa Van Pelt at 816-554-1240.

GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 25/26.** Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to the Carroll Park residents this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be **wrapped.** **Please attach** the gift tag on the **outside** of the gift. Return the gifts by **Sunday, December 17th.** This year we will again collect **full size** toiletry items for men and women: **lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.** There will be gift boxes by the Giving Tree for donated items. All toiletry items are due by **Sunday, December 17th.** There will also be a box for monetary donations. The residents at the Carroll Park Care Facility are always so appreciative of the Christmas gifts. Thanks for your continued generosity.

Social Service Ministry Council



St. Regis Parish Invites you to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Celebration Sunday, December 10th.



Celebration begins with Matachines 12:30pm
Rosay 1:00pm
Serenade 1:30pm
Mass 2:00pm
Play 3:00pm
Dinner and Serenade 4:00pm

Please note there is no 5:00pm mass

Christmas

PARTY FOR FRIENDS OF ST. REGIS



DEC | 15 | 9 AM

We are happy to welcome you to our Christmas brunch. This is our gift to you !!

Please bring a \$5.00 gift to do a gift exchange!!

RSVP : 816-761-1608 PARISH OFFICE



Academy Corner

What's Coming Up?

- **Thursday, December 14:** St. Regis Academy Christmas Program 6:30 - 7:30
- **Friday, December 15:** School Movie Night in the Parish Hall 5:30 - 7:30

Check Us Out!

- The new Regis Review is out! If you didn't receive one in the mail, grab one in the gathering space. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact doneill@regisacademy.org.



Exhibitio Oratorium



COBIJAS DE ESPERANZA

◆ campaña de donativos ◆

El Ministerio Pastoral necesita de su generosidad para poder brindar paquetes de esperanza para nuestros enfermos. Les pedimos si nos pueden donar cobijas individuales. Por favor traer a la oficina parroquial o dejar en la caja en el espacio de reunion.

Gracias de antemano por su generosidad



Contactar a Esmeralda Lopez 816-761-1608 si tiene preguntas.

Parroquia de San Regis te invita a la Celebracion de la Virgen de Guadalupe Domingo ,10 de Diciembre



Celebracion empieza con los matachines 12:30pm
Rosario 1:00pm
Serenata 1:30pm
Misa 2:00pm
Apariciones 3:00pm
Cena y Serenata 4:00pm

No habra misa de 5pm

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism.

Valerie Antoniette Villarreal, daughter of Thomas and Esmeralda; **Mia Luna Alvarado**, daughter of Nolvía who were baptized last weekend. May they be blessed throughout their lives and be guided by the Holy Spirit.



PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos,

El Adviento comienza este fin de semana con el propósito de preparar nuestros corazones para la Natividad de Jesús. Hay muchos símbolos en este tiempo de adviento, como la Corona de Adviento, que nos ayudan a esperar al Señor con alegría. La bendición de la Corona de Adviento tiene lugar el primer domingo de Adviento o la noche anterior al primer domingo de Adviento. Cuando se celebra la bendición de la Corona de Adviento en el hogar, es apropiado que sea bendecida por uno de los padres u otro miembro de la familia. Los animo a que hagan la bendición en su hogar y a que se regocijen por la venida de nuestro salvador Jesucristo.

Todos hacen la señal de la cruz

Líder: Nuestra ayuda es en el nombre del Señor.

Todos: Quien hizo el cielo y la tierra.

Luego, con las manos juntas, el líder dice:

Señor nuestro Dios,
te alabamos por tu Hijo, Jesucristo:
él es Emmanuel, la esperanza de los pueblos,
Él es la sabiduría que nos enseña y nos guía,
él es el Salvador de toda nación.

Señor Dios,
Que tu bendición venga sobre nosotros
mientras encendemos las velas de esta corona.
Que la corona y su luz
ser un signo de la promesa de Cristo de traernos la
salvación.

Que venga pronto y no se demore.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Todos: Amén.

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.
Amén.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

FONDO DE JUBILACION PARA RELIGIOSOS

Tú puedes ayudar. "Los religiosos tienen la bendición de servir", dice el padre dominico Bertrand Ebben, de 90 años. Por favor, haga una donación al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos la próxima semana. Su donación brindará atención esencial a casi 25,000 hermanas mayores, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas que han dedicado sus vidas a servir a los demás. Demostremos nuestra gratitud a estas personas desinteresadas dando generosamente.

Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción Viernes 8 de diciembre.

Se anima a todos a asistir a Misa en este
Día Santo de Precepto.

Las misas en St. Regis serán en:

7 de diciembre a las 6:30pm en español

8 de diciembre a las 8:30 a.m. y 6:30 p.m. en inglés

Por favor, planeee unirse a nosotros mientras honramos a
nuestra Santísima Madre
y el papel especial que tiene en nuestras vidas.

TENGA EN CUENTA

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada **el viernes 8 de diciembre**, en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María.

GRACIAS

Gracias por entregar sus tarjetas de Tiempo/Talento y Promesa. Si aún no los ha entregado, puede dejarlos en la canasta en el espacio de reunión o traerlos a la oficina.

ARBOL DE DONACIONES

Las etiquetas de regalo para el árbol de donaciones estarán disponibles el fin de semana del **25 y 26 de noviembre**. ¡Únase a la tradición de donaciones de St. Regis! Ayude a traer esperanza y alegría a los residentes de Carroll Park esta Navidad quitando una etiqueta del Giving Tree. Los regalos deben estar **envueltos**. **Coloque** la etiqueta de regalo en el **exterior** del regalo. Devuelva los regalos antes del **domingo 17 de diciembre**. Este año volveremos a recolectar artículos de tocador de **tamaño completo** para hombres y mujeres: **loción, jabón en barra, pasta de dientes, cepillos de dientes, gel de baño, champú, acondicionador, desodorante**. Habrá cajas de regalo junto al Giving Tree para los artículos donados. Todos los artículos de tocador deben entregarse antes **del domingo 17 de diciembre**. También habrá una caja para donaciones monetarias. Los residentes del Centro de Cuidado de Carroll Park **siempre** están muy agradecidos por los regalos de Navidad. Gracias por su continua generosidad. Consejo de Pastoral de Servicio Social



Spiritual Adoption

Month 4: Well, I now weigh six ounces and mom can feel my movements. I have fingernails, eyelashes, and my own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same for the rest of my life. My taste buds are working and my sense of hearing is developing. I have soft hair all over my body. I can touch my hand to my face and grasp my feet. Basically, there will be no major new developments from here on. I just need nourishment, protection, love and prayers.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18); Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and after reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

BLANKETS OF HOPE

◆ donation drive ◆

The Pastoral Care ministry is asking kindly for your donation. We are in need of throw blankets to make caring packages for the sick. Please bring them to the parish office or put them in the plastic tub in the gathering space.

In advance thank you for your generosity



Contact Esmeralda Lopez 816-761-1608 if you have any questions.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Dennis Wadle, Aidan Jones, Joanne Whitehurse, Denise Kopek, Dolores Dick, McCartney Weist, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Phil Hoffman, John Hoffman, Teefey Family, Hanger Family, Daniel & Jeneth Hunter, John Stadler, Genevieve Thieme, Pat Filley, JR Lillig, John Minton, Ben Rosenblum, Georgiana Smith, Mary Jill Reid, Rosie Murphy, Vickie Young, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Bobby Washington, Andres Foncha, Tom Fournier, Jim Rouchka, Ken Stewart, Stephanie Eads, Robert Harvey, Rick Martin, Julie Boisen, Kathy Gross, Marek Family, Hodge Family, Sylvia Mooney, Jerry Crowley, Jane Marzano, Kenny Thornton, Michael Sheehan, Nathan Livingston, Mike & Pat Gallagher, Tammy Fayard, Jennifer Buddemeyer & family, Dianne Greene, Phoebe Reiting, Sean Pinkerton, Jerry Anselmo, Jack Deuschle, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr. and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

- Coletta Merrigan, mother of Jennifer Hampton
- Betty Hoffaker, sister of George Weiter
- Gerardo Lupercio Aldana
- Betty Ulshak
- Ada Bridges

Phyllis Gross, mother of Deacon Richard Gross

Please Pray for our parishioners' family members serving in the military: Tyler Griggs, Buck Roberts, Cathy Roberts & Troy Fraser



St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Parish

presents

"A Christmas Concert"

featuring

Roberta Gumbel, Soprano Rev. Paul Turner, Pianist



**Holiday Hymns,
Songs, and Spirituals**



Sunday, December 17, 2023

2:00 p.m.

There is no charge to attend but a free-will offering will benefit St. Therese Parish on their "Journey to 100" years of ministries.

St. Therese Little Flower Church
5814 Euclid Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri
www.stlffc.org 816-444-5406



Liturgical Roles

December 9 & 10

Lectors

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Melissa Wiehn
8:30am Joan Sack & Dianne Schmidt
10:30am Cathy Albers & Terry Colombatto

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Jim Filley
8:30am Joan Sack & Dave Vorbeck
10:30am Ora Reyes & Prisca Tizimbune

Servers

3:00pm Ellyson Smith
8:30am Aaron Palacios
10:30am Rowyn Crawford, Isaac Minton, Ian Minton
Ginny McGeehan & Kai Townsend

Greeters

3:00pm Mary Ann Warren & Manuel Botello
8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Maxine Rodriguez
10:30am Julie Schmidt & Ken Glasbrenner

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 5

†Juan & Marcos Guevara

Wednesday, December 6

†Glennis Ahern by Rick & Terri Martin

Thursday, December 7

8:30am †Alice Crowley by Jerry Crowley
6:30pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Friday, December 8

8:30am †Fr. Michael Coleman
6:30pm †Fr. Ernest Gauthier

Saturday, December 9

3:00pm †Orvil Emanuel by Rick & Terri Martin

Sunday, December 10

8:30am †Fr. Michael Coleman
10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
5:00pm †Fr. Ernest Gauthier

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 3

Name Tag Sunday
8:30am Mass
9:30am Pictures with Santa
10:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Monday, December 4

5:30pm Feed Your Faith
6:30pm Bible Class/Sp
7:00pm Stewardship Council

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am Mass
9:30am Militia Immaculata
6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
6:30pm Bible Class/Sp
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Neo Way

Wednesday, December 6

8:30am Mass
6:00pm Adoration/Confessions
6:00pm Religious Education
7:00pm Bible Class/Sp

Thursday, December 7

8:30am Mass
9:30am Scripture Sharing
9:30am Monica's Mom
5:00pm Bible Class/Sp
6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm OCIA
6:30pm Mass/Spanish
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception
8:30am Mass
5:00pm Bible Class/Sp
6:30pm Mass/English
No School
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 9

6:15am That Man Is You
2:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Mass
4:00pm Teen Retreat/Sp

Sunday, December 10

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
12:00pm Guadalupe Fiesta
2:00pm Mass/Spanish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Tuesday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to cmelchior@regischurch.org