



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Vicar

December 10, 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

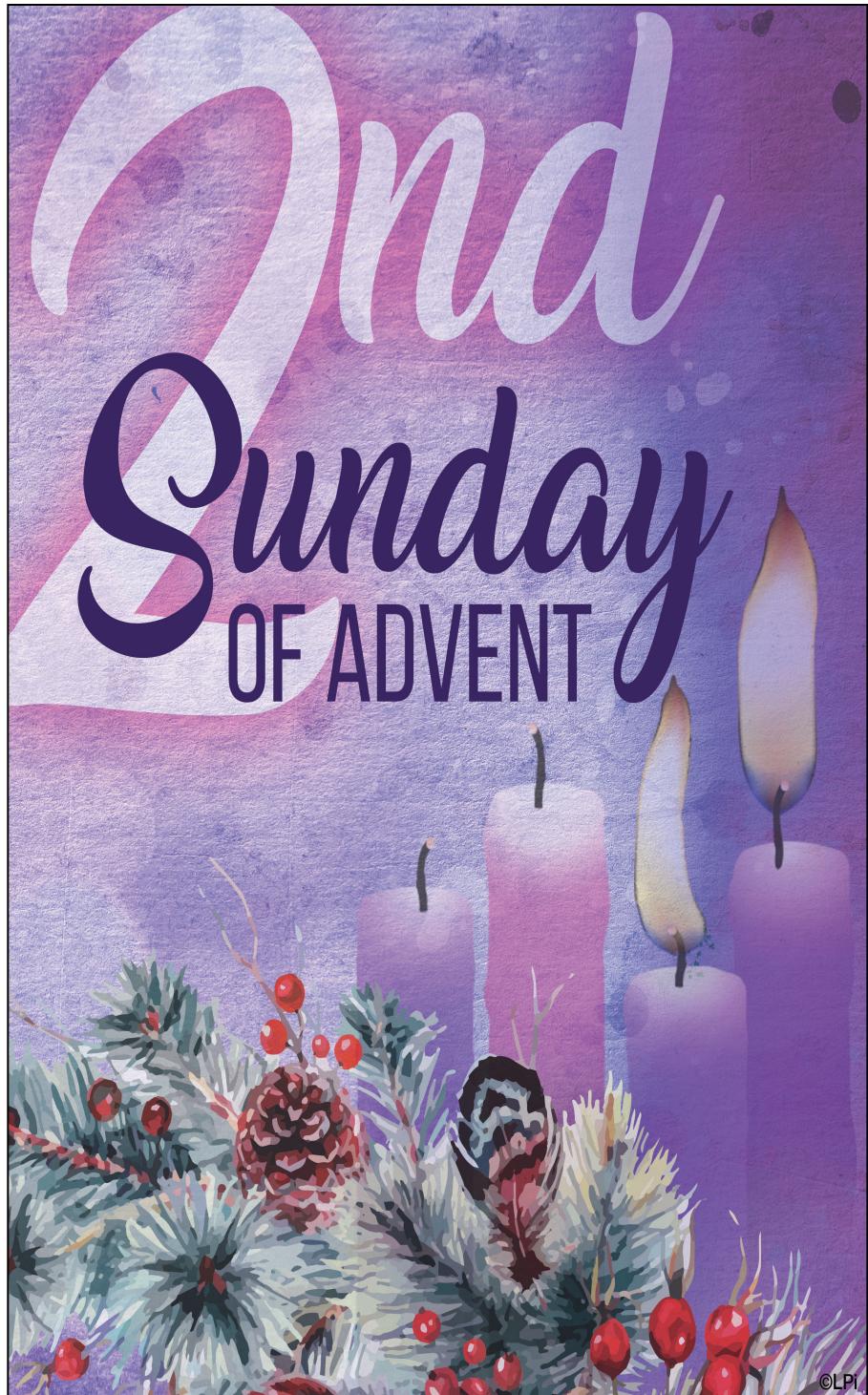
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| Parish Office | (816) 761-1608 |
| Emergencies | 761-1608 |
| School Office | 763-5837 |
| Religious Education | 761-1608 |
| FAX | 966-1350 |

Parish Staff

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| Fr. Emmanuel Lopez | Ext. 302 |
| Deacon Ken Albers | |
| Deacon Richard Gross | |
| Robin Fisher, Principal | Ext. 312 |
| Diane Banks, Music Ministry | Ext. 303 |
| Roger Cashman, Maintenance | Ext. 307 |
| Luke Donahue, DRE & Faith Formation | Ext. 306 |
| Esmeralda Lopez, Hispanic Ministry | Ext. 303 |
| Colleen Melchior, Office Manager | Ext. 301 |
| Maeghan Miller, Director of Operations | Ext. 304 |
| Marilyn Moore, School Secretary | Ext. 311 |
| Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word | (816) 500-2057 |
| Diocesan Ombudsman | (816) 812-2500 |
| Victim Advocate | (816) 392-0011 |

Parish Council

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| Deacon Ken Albers | Geri Haile |
| Mike Apprill | Fr. Emmanuel Lopez |
| Abraham Benavides | Frankline Musongwe |
| Glen Ernstmann | Deanna Perry |
| Robin Fisher | Randy Seever |
| Grace Givens | John Wood |



SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 3pm and 5pm Masses on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

FEED YOUR FAITH

Be sure and join us for the last 2 episodes of **The Wild Goose** tomorrow night, December 11th. We begin with dinner together in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m., prayers to *The Sacred Heart of Jesus* at 6:00 p.m., then Episode 13: *The Spirit's Witness*, Episode 14: *The Spirit Remembers*. All are welcome – including the Holy Spirit!

Parish Support

November 27-December 3, 2023

| <u>Contribution Income</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Offertory | \$ 6,408 |
| Plate | \$ 1,453 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,528 |
| Total | \$ 12,389 |

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting**, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. “The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:10-11)

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer, adoration, and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we **faithfully await** the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

Please join us next Saturday 12/16 for our “Posadas” beginning with the regular vigil Mass at 3:00 pm then celebrations in the parish hall. Wear something rose colored as we go with Mary and Joseph to the nativity of the Messiah.

Blessings,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Please help beautify our church at Christmas by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. You may honor your family or remember deceased family members with your Christmas flower offering. Please use the designated envelope in your December packet and clearly print any names on the front. You may place your flower offering in the regular collection at Mass any time during the month of December.

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

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23 - 3:00pm

Sunday, December 24
10:30am Bilingual

Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24 -
3:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm in Spanish

Christmas Morning Mass
Monday, December 25 - 10:30am

ACTION ALERT

2024 Proposed Pro-Abortion Missouri Ballot Initiative

Have you heard that protections for the unborn are at risk in the state of Missouri? The Missouri Supreme Court declined the appeal to amend ballot language which will allow abortion-on-demand once more in the state of Missouri. Now the ACLU and the ballot initiative supporters will be gathering signatures through petitions.

As you are shopping this holiday season, be on the lookout for any signature gatherers. Please politely ask for what they are petitioning. If it is regarding this ballot initiative, then please email Missouri Right to Life at righttolife@missourilife.org or call 573.635.5110. They will then send a petition awareness sidewalk advocate with "decline to sign" signs to talk to them in compassion and kindness. Thank you, and continue to pray and stay tuned for the work ahead.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP

Write a letter to someone expressing gratitude for something meaningful they've done in your life. The letter can be mailed, delivered or never sent. It can be to a friend, family member or even someone you've never met. While several studies link gratitude to enhanced physical health—reduced stress, a stronger immune system, improved sleep quality and lower blood pressure, to name a few benefits—practicing gratitude can also improve mental health in some pretty meaningful ways.

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





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

Teacher Wish Lists

- If you would like to make a seasonal gift to one of our teachers, their Amazon Classroom Wish Lists can be found on our website at: www.regisacademy.org/wishlist



Mass with
Bishop
Johnston



November Eucharistic Procession

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.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, **December 16 & 17** is our monthly food collection. Your canned goods and other non-perishable food donations help keep the food pantry stocked. We are in need of jelly, canned chili, canned pasta and canned stew. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of these ministries.

4º Domingo de Adviento Calendario de Navidad

4º Domingo de Adviento
Sábado, 23 de diciembre - 3:00pm

Domingo 24 de diciembre
10:30am Bilingüe

Misas de Nochebuena
Domingo, 24 de diciembre -
15:00 horas
17:00 horas
7:00pm en español

Misa de la mañana de Navidad
Lunes, 25 de diciembre - 10:30am

PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos,

El segundo domingo de Adviento nos da la oportunidad de **preparar nuestros corazones en espera fiel**, celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús y prepararnos para su segunda venida.

Es una hermosa oportunidad para reflexionar sobre las formas en que la profecía se ha cumplido y para reflexionar sobre lo que traerá el futuro (prometido a través de las profecías).

Estad quietos, y sabed que yo soy Dios; Seré exaltado entre las naciones, seré exaltado en la tierra. "El Señor Todopoderoso está con nosotros; el Dios de Jacob es nuestra fortaleza". Salmos 46:10-11)

Esta semana, hacemos una pausa para recordar quién es Dios y lo que ha hecho por nosotros. Cuando nuestras vidas son apresuradas, solo tenemos la oportunidad de concentrarnos en nuestras listas de tareas pendientes. Hacer espacio en nuestros horarios para la oración, la adoración y la meditación nos ayuda a ver mejor a Dios obrando en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo.

Mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para la celebración de la llegada de Jesús como un regalo para toda la humanidad, despertemos en nuestros corazones y hogares un sentido de anticipación. Que el espíritu de Dios transforme los días previos a la Navidad en un tiempo de santa anticipación; preparando nuestros corazones, mientras **esperamos fielmente** la oportunidad de celebrar la llegada de nuestro Rey.

Únase a nosotros el próximo sábado 16/12 para nuestras "Posadas", comenzando con la Misa de vigilia regular a las 3:00 pm y luego las celebraciones en el salón parroquial. Viste algo de color rosa mientras vamos con María y José a la natividad del Mesías.

Bendiciones,

P. Emmanuel López

OFRENDA DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Por favor, ayude a embellecer nuestra iglesia en Navidad haciendo una contribución para las flores de Navidad. Puede honrar a su familia o recordar a los miembros de la familia fallecidos con su ofrenda de flores de Navidad. Por favor, utilice el sobre designado en su paquete de diciembre e imprima claramente los nombres en el frente. Puede colocar su ofrenda floral en la colecta regular en la Misa en cualquier momento durante el mes de diciembre.

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.

FONDO DE JUBILACION PARA RELIGIOSOS

Apoye una vida útil de servicio. Las religiosas y los religiosos han pasado sus vidas sirviendo a los demás en la oración, el ministerio, la educación y el cuidado de los necesitados, generalmente por poco o ningún pago. Hoy en día, sus comunidades religiosas no tienen suficientes ahorros para la jubilación. A medida que envejecen, requieren cuidados y medicamentos esenciales. Por favor, apóyelos donando al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos. Su donación marca la diferencia para casi 25.000 religiosos y religiosas mayores. Por favor, dona generosamente.

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





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.

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.

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.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Dennis Wadle, Aidan Jones, Joanne Whitehurst, 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 Reitinger, Sean Pinkerton, Jerry Anselmo, Jack Deuschle, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:
Dori Martin, mother of Rick Martin

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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

Join us for Adoration and Confessions
every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm.

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.stlfc.org 816-444-5406

Liturgical Roles

December 16 & 17

Lectors

- 3:00pm Tom Sack & Patty Sack
- 8:30am Ken Stewart & Katie Radford
- 10:30am Gwen Hull & Elizabeth Divis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Alex Pope & Dorothy Quinn
- 8:30am Jane Marzano & Regina Ozbun
- 10:30am Don Wolff & Kathy Wolff

Servers

- 3:00pm Jeremy Smith
- 8:30am Miguel Martinez
- 10:30am Rita Godoy, Jose Godoy, Madison Divis
Jared Villalobos & Juliet Villalobos

Greeters

- 3:00pm Mary Ann Warren & Marvin Chaney
- 8:30am Joan Sack & Carrie Stribling
- 10:30am Alfred DeSouza & Dennis Reilly

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 12

- 8:30am †Gloria Graddy by Linda Batcheler
- 7:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Wednesday, December 13

- For the Intentions of the Vogelsang Family

Thursday, December 14

- †Juan & Marcos Guevara

Friday, December 15

- †Juan & Marcos Guevara

Saturday, December 16

- 3:00pm †Thomas Marron by Jim & Pat Filley

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30am †Chris Sack by Joan Sack
- 10:30am †Colette Merrigan by John & Connie Wood
- 5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

- 5:30pm Feed Your Faith
- 6:30pm Bible Class/Sp
- 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council

Tuesday, December 12

- Our Lady of Guadalupe*
- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Faith Enrichment
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 6:30pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Neo Way
- 7:00pm Faith Formation
- 7:00pm Mass/Bilingual
- 7:00pm Mental Health Group

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Scripture Sharing
- 5:00pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm OCIA
- 6:30pm Christmas Program
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Friday, December 15

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Christmas Brunch
- 5:00pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sp
- 6:00pm Worship Council
- 6:00pm School Movie

Saturday, December 16

- 6:15am That Man Is You
- 2:00pm Confessions
- 3:00pm Mass
- 4:00pm Posada

Food Collection

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Food Collection

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