



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

8941 James A. Reed Road Kansas City, Missouri 64138 (816) 761-1608

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Vicar

December 24, 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

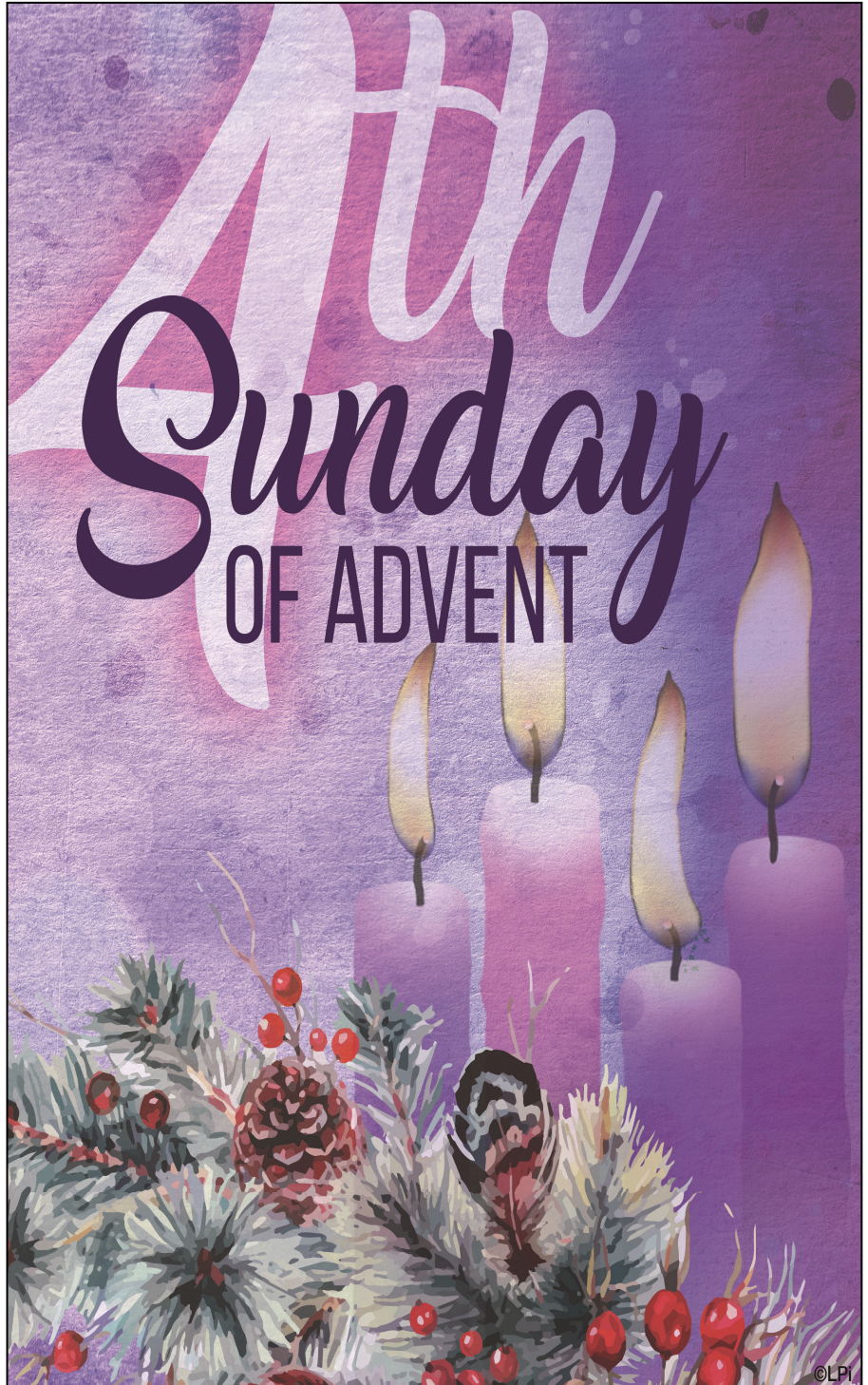
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| Parish Office | (816) 761-1608 |
| Emergencies | 761-1608 |
| School Office | 763-5837 |
| Religious Education | 761-1608 |
| FAX | 966-1350 |

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 NEW YEAR'S MASS

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 10:30am Mass on New Year's 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.

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.



FEED YOUR FAITH

Feed Your Faith will not be meeting this week. Merry Christmas.

**Parish Support
December 4-10, 2023**

| <u>Contribution Income</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Weekly Offertory | \$ 3,123 |
| Plate | \$ 1,516 |
| Online Giving | \$ 3,948 |
| Total | \$ 8,587 |

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends, we know that St. Francis of Assisi, began the Christmas tradition of nativity scenes because he wanted to help people gain a fresh sense of wonder about the miracles that the Bible records from the first Christmas.

Francis, who was living in the town of Greccio, Italy at the time, got the Pope's permission to proceed with his plans. Then he asked his close friend John Velita to loan him some animals and straw to set up a scene there to represent Jesus Christ's birth in Bethlehem. The scene, which was set up in a cave just outside Greccio, featured a wax figure of the infant Jesus, costumed people playing the roles of Mary and Joseph, and the live donkey and ox that John had loaned to Francis. Local shepherds watched over their sheep in nearby fields, just as shepherds in Bethlehem had watched over sheep on the first Christmas when the sky suddenly filled with angels who announced Christ's birth to them.

In his biography of Francis (called the Life of St. Francis of Assisi), Saint Bonaventure reported that people saved the hay from the nativity presentation afterward, and when cattle later ate the hay, it: "miraculously cured all diseases of cattle, and many other pestilences; God thus in all things glorifying his servant, and witnessing to the great efficacy of his holy prayers by manifest prodigies and miracles."

Eventually, Christians worldwide celebrated Christmas by visiting living nativity scenes and praying at nativity scenes made of statues in their town squares, churches and homes until now Christmas of 2023.

Let us become a living nativity scene for Jesus by going back to the first Christmas to love and adore Jesus the Son of God the same way Mary and Joseph did. Let us praise God the same way the angels did and let us recognize Jesus as the savior of the world the same way the shepherds and St. Francis of Assisi did.

Feliz Navidad,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez



PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE
 The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, December 25th**. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE
 The Liturgical Minister Schedule for **January/February** has been emailed out to Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters. A hard copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions about the schedule, please call Colleen in the Parish Office. If you have a conflict with a particular weekend you are scheduled for a ministry, we ask that you please find a substitute. Thank you for serving our parish through these ministries.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE COMPLETING FAFSA OR SCHOLARSHIPS?

ACCOMPANY US
FAFSA and Scholarship Workshop
 January 7 at 6:00 p.m.
 St. John Francis Regis Parish
 8941 James A Reed Rd,
 Kansas City, MO 64138


NECESSARY MATERIALS:

- Social Security Number (only if you have one)
- Laptop, tablet or cell phone
- Parent and Student Tax Form 1040

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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

Everyone is welcome to a Christmas Eve Potluck Dinner at 8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

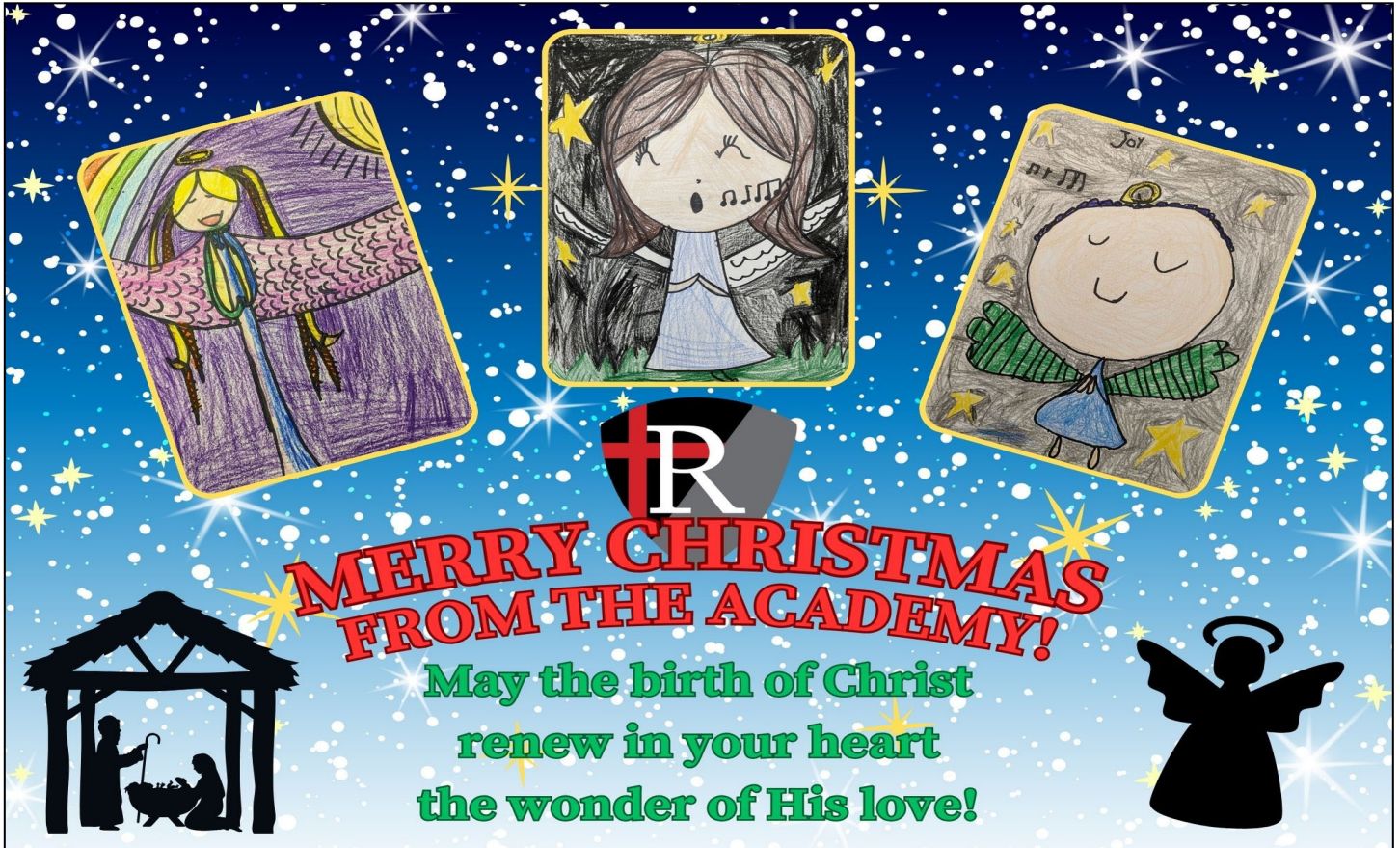
2024 CALENDARS
 Please be sure to pick up the 2024 St. Regis Calendar available in the baskets at each entrance of church. The calendar has a religious art theme. Our calendar is made possible through the generosity of Dave Vorbeck, principal attorney of Vorbeck Associates. Be sure to thank Dave for his generosity.

Save the Date!
St. Regis Academy Luau
April 27, 2024
 5 pm @ St. Michael the Archangel High School

Silent and Live Auctions!
 Great Food!
 Specialty Drinks!
 Supporting an Amazing Academy!
 Tickets go on sale in January!



To become a sponsor, donate auction items, volunteer, buy tickets and more, visit our website at www.regisacademy.org/luau



¿NECESITA ASISTENCIA PARA COMPLETAR FAFSA O BECAS PARA LA UNIVERSIDAD?

ACOMPÁÑANOS

Taller de FAFSA y Becas
7 de enero a la 6:00 p.m.
St. John Francis Regis Parish
8941 James A Reed Rd,
Kansas City, MO 64138

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 **HISPANIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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MATERIALES NECESARIOS:

- Número de Seguro Social (solo si tiene)
- Computadora portátil, tablet o teléfono celular
- Formulario 1040 de Impuestos de padres y estudiantes

RESERVACIÓN



Asesora Bilingüe



Ayanna Castaneda, BES
ASESORA UNIVERSITARIA

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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

Todos son bienvenidos a una fiesta de Nochebuena a las 8pm en el salón parroquial. Por favor traiga un platillo.

PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos, sabemos que San Francisco de Asís, comenzó la tradición navideña de los belenes porque quería ayudar a las personas a obtener un nuevo sentido de asombro sobre los milagros que la Biblia registra desde la primera Navidad.

Francisco, que vivía en la ciudad de Greccio, Italia, en ese momento, obtuvo el permiso del Papa para seguir adelante con sus planes. Luego le pidió a su amigo íntimo John Velita que le prestara algunos animales y paja para montar allí una escena que representara el nacimiento de Jesucristo en Belén. La escena, que se montó en una cueva a las afueras de Greccio, presentaba una figura de cera del niño Jesús, personas disfrazadas que interpretaban los papeles de María y José, y el burro y el buey vivos que Juan le había prestado a Francisco. Los pastores locales cuidaban de sus ovejas en los campos cercanos, así como los pastores de Belén habían velado por las ovejas en la primera Navidad cuando el cielo se llenó de repente de ángeles que les anunciaron el nacimiento de Cristo.

En su biografía de Francisco (llamada la Vida de San Francisco de Asís), San Buenaventura informó que la gente salvó el heno de la presentación de la natividad después, y cuando el ganado comió más tarde el heno, éste: "curó milagrosamente todas las enfermedades del ganado y muchas otras pestes; Dios glorifica así en todas las cosas a su siervo, y da testimonio de la gran eficacia de sus santas oraciones por medio de prodigios y milagros manifiestos."

Con el tiempo, los cristianos de todo el mundo celebraron la Navidad visitando belenes vivientes y rezando en belenes hechos de estatuas en sus plazas, iglesias y hogares hasta ahora en la Navidad de 2023.

Convirtámonos en un pesebre viviente para Jesús volviendo a la primera Navidad para amar y adorar a Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, de la misma manera que lo hicieron María y José. Alabemos a Dios como lo hicieron los ángeles y reconozcamos a Jesús como el salvador del mundo de la misma manera que lo hicieron los pastores y San Francisco de Asís.

Feliz Navidad,

P. Emmanuel López



HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL

La Oficina Parroquial estará **cerrada el lunes 25 de diciembre**. Que tengan una Navidad segura y bendecida.

CALENDARIOS 2024

Asegúrese de recoger el Calendario St. Regis 2024 disponible en las canastas en cada entrada de la iglesia. El calendario tiene un tema de arte religioso. Nuestro calendario es posible gracias a la generosidad de Dave Vorbeck, abogado principal de Vorbeck Associates. Asegúrese de agradecer a Dave por su generosidad.

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.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP

Go off the grid. Leave your smart phone at home for a day and disconnect from constant emails, alerts and other interruptions. Spend time doing something fun with someone face-to-face.

SPIRITUAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7pm in Room 204



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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Regis is looking for a detail oriented person to volunteer to head the St. Regis Day committee. If you are interested please call the parish office, 816-761-1608.

SE NECESITA VOLUNTARIO

St. Regis está buscando una persona orientada a los detalles para ofrecerse como voluntaria para encabezar el comité del Día de St. Regis. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial al 816-761-1608.

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 Whitehorse, 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., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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

Liturgical Roles

December 30 & 31

Lectors

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Jim Filley
- 8:30am Knights of Columbus
- 10:30am Frankline Musongwe & John Reyes, Jr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Jim Filley & Marvin Chaney
- 8:30am Knights of Columbus
- 10:30am Elaine Allee & Marcia Collins

Servers

- 3:00pm Riley Winder
- 8:30am Knights of Columbus
- 10:30am Tyler Divis, Cesar Zarate, Rowyn Crawford
Isabella Vazquez & Maribel Vazquez

Greeters

- 3:00pm Manuel Botello & Mary Ann Warren
- 8:30am Knights of Columbus
- 10:30am Dennis Reilly & Julie Schmidt

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25

- 10:30am †Mike Reilly by Family

Tuesday, December 26

- †Coletta Merrigan by Joan Sack

Wednesday, December 27

- †Tom Smith by Joan Sack

Thursday, December 28

- For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Friday, December 29

- †Gregory Sharkey by Lupita & Family

Saturday, December 30

- 3:00pm †Tom Smith by George & Teri Weiter

Sunday, December 31

- 8:30am For the Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary
- 10:30am †David Carrillo by Pat Carrillo
- 5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent

- 10:30am Mass/Bilingual

Christmas Eve

- 3:00pm Mass
- 5:00pm Mass
- 7:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 8:30pm Potluck Dinner

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 10:30am Mass

Tuesday, December 26

- 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 Mental Health Group

Wednesday, December 27

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

Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

- 8:30am Mass
- 5:00pm Bible Class/Sp
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sp

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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