



# Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Parochial Administrator

December 8, 2024

## *Come Home to Communion*

### Weekend Masses

*Saturday:* 3:00PM

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

### Daily Mass

*Tuesday - Friday:* 8:30AM

*Tuesday - 7:00PM* In Spanish

### 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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Emergencies 761-1608

School Office 763-5837

Religious Education 761-1608

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### **Parish Staff**

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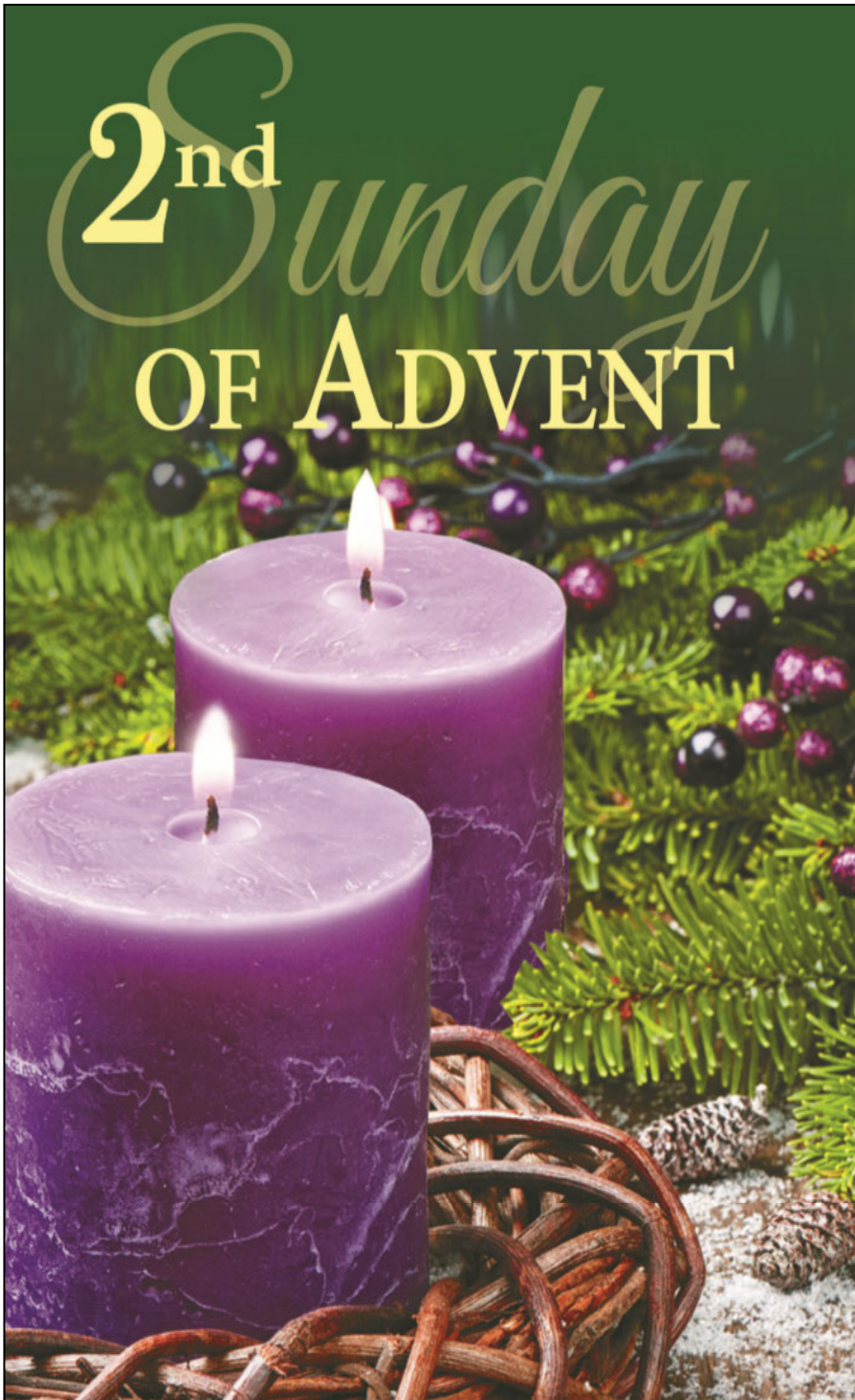
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***Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Monday, December 9.***

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

**Masses at St. Regis will be at:  
8:30am in English  
7:00pm in Spanish**

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

**SIGN UP FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Servers, Mass Coordinator and Sacristan are invited to sign up for the 8:30am Mass on the Immaculate Conception, **Monday, December 9.** Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Sacristans, Mass Coordinators 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.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Church cleaning in December will be on **Wednesday, December 18th** after the morning Mass.

**Parish Support  
November 18-24, 2024**

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 10,340
Plate	\$ 1,469
Online Giving	\$ 2,146
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,955</b>

**THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL**

Friends,

John the Baptist came to the scene of the Gospel with this preaching of repentance from God: *"Hear my voice. It is time to turn your lives around."* A great invitation for repentance or "metanoia" which means more than just repentance but turning around on our knees and being sorry for our sins. It means a change in our whole life, because the Messiah is about to appear.

Precisely, Advent is a time in which we reshuffle our lives to look at what is important and what is not important, to look at what is perhaps more of a distraction than more of a life, to turn, once again, to becoming the kind of people that Jesus has taught us to become, that God has desired us to become: people who are self-sacrificing, those who reach out to their brothers and sisters in love making sure we all are ready to welcome the Messiah. Let's take the invitation of John the Baptist as a great opportunity for us to see the Savior of the World with pure hearts.

Remember tomorrow Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> is a holy day of obligation in celebration of the Immaculate Conception, check our schedule to see what Mass works better for you.

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez



GIFT FROM ST. REGIS TO YOU!

**FRIENDS OF REGIS  
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

Friday December 20, 2024 | 9:00am Parish hall  
PLEASE BRING A \$5.00 Gift for our gift exchange

RSVP: Esmeralda 816-761-1608 or  
sign up in the gathering space.



### FEED YOUR FAITH

Tomorrow, December 9<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. **Feed Your Faith** would like to honor our Mother by showing a lovely movie about her: *Full of Grace*. It is about the life of Mary after Pentecost. The Apostles were all gone, spreading the Good News to the world. This film takes place when they all come back to see their Spiritual Mother one last time before her death. Join us tomorrow night, November 9, in the MEC building for dinner at 5:30, prayers to *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*, then watch *Full of Grace*.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund and prepare our future priests of the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph. It provides continuous support to the growth and well-being of our diocesan priests. Our seminarians will become the priests who will preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments in your parish. Your prayers and financial support to the 2024-2025 (ACA) help ensure that we have the well-formed priests we need to praise God and to save souls. Thank you for your gift.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

### THAT MAN IS YOU

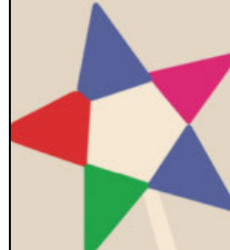
Our That Man Is You program for all men of the St. Regis parish is changing the time of our meetings on Saturdays in the MEC Building at St. Regis, beginning on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**. We will now be starting with Breakfast at 6:45 a.m. The rest of our program will begin at 7:00 a.m., and we'll conclude by 8:00 a.m. Plan to join us for end of our Fall semester, and when we resume for the Spring semester in January.



YOUR FAMILY AND YOU ARE INVITED:

## Posada Potluck

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 BEGINNING  
WITH ADORATION 6PM . POSADA  
7PM PARISH HALL

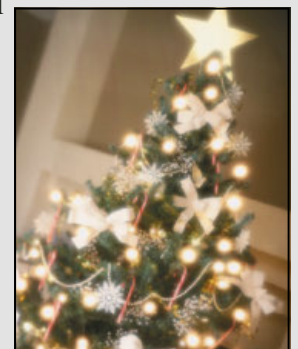


Please bring a dish to share!

**FELIZ  
NAVIDAD**

### GIVING TREE

Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the weekend of **November 23/24**. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 tubs by the Giving Tree for donated items. All toiletry items are due by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. There will also be a container 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



**Playground Build**




**WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!**

**Exhibitio Orationum**




**Eagle Trot & Color Pop!**





**Special Friends Day**







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 Charles Jessup, flute

**Sunday December 8th, 2:00 pm**

There is no charge to attend.  
 A free-will offering will benefit St. Therese Parish on their "Journey to 100 years" of ministries.  
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 5814 Euclid Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri  
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### FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, **December 14 & 15** is our monthly food collection. Your canned goods and other non-perishable food donations help keep the food pantry stocked. We are most in need of canned corn and cereal. Your donated food items are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.



### CAMPANA CATOLICA ANNUAL

La Campaña Católica Anual ayuda a financiar y preparar a nuestros futuros sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Kansas City~St. Joseph. Proporciona un apoyo continuo al crecimiento y bienestar de nuestros sacerdotes diocesanos. Nuestros seminaristas se convertirán en los sacerdotes que predicarán el Evangelio y administrarán los Sacramentos en su parroquia. Sus oraciones y apoyo financiero para el 2024-2025 (ACA) ayudan a garantizar que tengamos los sacerdotes bien formados que necesitamos para alabar a Dios y salvar almas. Gracias por tu regalo.



## PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos

Juan el Bautista llegó a la escena del Evangelio con esta predicación de arrepentimiento de Dios: "*Escuchad mi voz. Es hora de cambiar sus vidas*". Una gran invitación al arrepentimiento o "metanoia", que significa algo más que arrepentimiento, sino darnos la vuelta de rodillas y lamentar nuestros pecados. Significa un cambio en toda nuestra vida, porque el Mesías está a punto de aparecer.

Precisamente, el Adviento es un tiempo en el que reorganizamos nuestras vidas para mirar lo que es importante y lo que no es importante, para mirar lo que es quizás más una distracción que más una vida, para convertirnos, una vez más, en convertirnos en el tipo de personas que Jesús nos ha enseñado a ser, que Dios ha querido que seamos: personas que se sacrifican a sí mismas, aquellas que se acercan a sus hermanos y hermanas en amor asegurándose de que todos estemos listos para recibir al Mesías. Tomemos la invitación de Juan el Bautista como una gran oportunidad para que veamos al Salvador del Mundo con corazones puros.

Recuerde que mañana lunes 9 de diciembre es un día santo de precepto en celebración de la Inmaculada Concepción, consulte nuestro horario para ver qué Misa funciona mejor para usted.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

## ARBOL DE DONACIONES

Las etiquetas de regalo para el árbol de donaciones estarán disponibles el fin de semana del **23 y 24 de noviembre**. ¡Únase a la tradición de St. Regis de dar! 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. Devuelve los regalos antes del **domingo 15 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 tarrinas de regalo junto al Giving Tree para los artículos donados. Todos los artículos de tocador deben entregarse antes **del domingo 15 de diciembre**. También habrá un contenedor 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.

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## Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción Lunes 9 de diciembre.

Se anima a todos a asistir a Misa en este día santo de precepto.

Las misas en St. Regis serán en:

8:30am en inglés

7:00pm en español

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

## FONDO DE JUBILACION PARA RELIGIOSOS

Apoya a los que han dado toda una vida. Las religiosas y los religiosos han dedicado sus vidas al servicio, a la oración, a la enseñanza y al cuidado de los necesitados, por lo general con poca o ninguna paga. Hoy en día, sus comunidades religiosas no tienen suficientes ahorros para la jubilación. Su donación provee para la atención esencial, los medicamentos y las necesidades diarias de miles de mujeres y hombres religiosos mayores. Por favor, da generosamente.

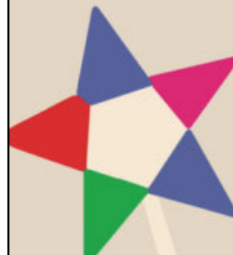


TU FAMILIA Y TU ESTAN INVITADOS :

Posada Navidena

EL SABADO 21 DE DICIEMBRE  
EMPEZANDO CON EL CIELO ABIERTO  
A LAS 6PM  
7PM POSADA

Traer comida para compartir!!



FELIZ  
NAVIDAD

**RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS**

El próximo fin de semana, **14 y 15 de diciembre**, es nuestra colecta mensual de alimentos. Sus donaciones de productos enlatados y otros alimentos no perecederos ayudan a mantener abastecida la despensa de alimentos. Lo que más necesitamos es maíz y cereales enlatados. Sus alimentos donados son muy apreciados. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a este ministerio.



**MENTAL HEALTH TIP**

**Go ahead and yawn.** Studies suggest that yawning helps cool the brain and improves alertness and mental efficiency.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS**

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

**DID YOU KNOW...**

that by supporting young students in our sister community, Ita Maura, in El Salvador, you can help improve the quality of life in their community?

Please support the Ita Maura Sister Community Scholarship Fund by using your monthly Ita Maura envelope, donating on our parish website, [stregischurch.com](http://stregischurch.com), and with your prayers.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Ladies Auxiliary of St, Regis is hosting a pilgrimage to Conception Abbey and the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri on **March 1, 2025**. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Debbie Umstead at 816-806-5541 for information and to reserve your spot on the bus.

**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](mailto:cmelchior@regischurch.org)

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** 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, JR Lillig, John Minton, Ben Rosenblum, Georgiana Smith, Mary Jill Reid, Rosie Murphy, Vickie Young, Lou & Terrie Ramsey, Bobby Washington, Andres Foncha, Robert Harvey, Rick Martin, Julie Boisen, Kathy Gross, Marek Family, Hodge Family, Sylvia Mooney, Jerry Crowley, Jane Marzano, Kenny Thornton, Michael Sheehan, Tammy Fayard, Jennifer Buddemeyer & family, Dianne Greene, Phoebe Reitingner, Jack Deuschle, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu, Christopher Rivera, Julie Schneider, Teresa King, Thomas Severt, Jiri Easley, Dennis Reilly, Steve Beaven, Virginia Reyes, Manuel Botello, Milt Bryant, Ellen Newman, Evelyn Crews, Cassie Lewis and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:**

Barbara Carver, sister of Teresa Mahnke

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

## Liturgical Roles

December 14 & 15

### Lectors

- 3:00pm Becky Smith & Jake Smith
- 8:30am Pat Hanson & Rick Janet
- 10:30am Elizabeth Divis & Gwen Hull

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Melissa Wiehn & Dorothy Quinn
- 8:30am Dave Vorbeck & Dianne Schmidt
- 10:30am Ora Reyes & John Reyes, Sr.

### Servers

- 3:00pm Ian Minton, Lupita Portillo & Anthony Van Ross
- 8:30am Miguel Martinez, Audrey Miller & Patrick Miller
- 10:30am Isabell Vazquez, Jose Vazquez, Maribel Vazquez  
Jared Villalobos & Yami Villalobos

### Greeters

- 3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Chip DeMoss
- 8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Joan Sack
- 10:30am Ken Glasbrenner & Martin Gomez

### Mass Coordinator

- 3:00pm Jake Smith
- 8:30am Mary Ernstmann
- 10:30am Dennis Reilly

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 9

- 8:30am For the Intentions of the Berney Family
- 7:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

### Tuesday, December 10

- 8:30am †John Walker by Milt Bryant
- 7:00pm For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, December 11

†Lois Adams by Deacon Sam Adams

### Thursday, December 12

- 8:30am †Patricia Jahn by Milt Bryant
- 7:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

### Friday, December 13

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

### Saturday, December 14

- 3:00pm †Clarita Bryant by Milt Bryant

### Sunday, December 15

- 8:30am †Adolf & Margaret Brungardt
- 10:30am †Denny King by Teresa King
- 5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 8—Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 1:00pm Music & Dancers
- 2:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 3:00pm Procession & Meal

### Monday, December 9—Immaculate Conception

- 8:30am Mass
- 5:30pm Feed Your Faith
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sp
- 7:00pm Social Service Ministry Council
- 7:00pm Mass/Spanish

### Tuesday, December 10

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Faith Enrichment
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 7:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 7:00pm Mass/Spanish
- 7:00pm Mental Health

### Wednesday, December 11

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Adoration & Confessions
- 6:00pm Religious Ed.
- 7:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Scripture Sharing
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm RCIA
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Mass/Spanish

### Friday, December 13

- 8:30am Mass

### Saturday, December 14

- 6:15am That Man is You
- 1:00pm Retreat/Sp
- 2:00pm Confessions
- 3:00pm Mass
- Food Collection

### Sunday, December 15

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 11:00am Retreat/Sp
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish
- Food Collection



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