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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Pastor

December 21, 2025

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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School Office 763-5837

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Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



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SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

SIGN UP FOR NEW YEAR'S MASS

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Mass Coordinator, Sacristan and Servers are invited to sign up for the 5pm Mass on New Year's Eve and 10:30am Mass on New Year's Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism, **Angela Esther and Jesus Guillermo Araujo**, children of Jesus and Gabriela who were baptized last weekend. May they be blessed throughout their lives and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

2026 CALENDARS

Please be sure to pick up the 2026 St. Regis Calendar available 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.

Parish Support December 1-7, 2025

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,837
Plate	\$ 1,523
Online Giving	\$ 3,267
IRA Distribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ 12,627

Any parishioner who has questions regarding the parish finances can email: estice@regischurch.org

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,

Advent season is coming to an end and now we are invited to focus on the Mystery of the Nativity of Jesus who personally is coming to save us. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks about a sign that would be given to the king and the whole world, the sign of a virgin with a child whose name shall be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us."

Both in the first reading and in the gospel, we hear the name Emmanuel, "God with us" This is a great opportunity to create a space and time during this Christmas season to meditate on God's love and salvation for us and to appreciate his divine presence among us. We also are invited to welcome the holy family of Nazareth into our hearts and homes so that we may not be afraid to face difficulties but rather trust in the Lord Jesus, God with us!

May all have a merry and blessed Christmas!

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

SIP & PAINT

SAVE THE DATE! The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring an event for all women on **Saturday, January 24** after 3:00pm Mass in Parish Hall. The Auxiliary will provide wine and snacks, all painting supplies, and a promise of fun and fellowship. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors (women only). More info to come.

FEED YOUR FAITH

Feed Your Faith will not meet over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our next meeting will be January 5, 2026.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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



PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be **closed Wednesday, December 24th - Friday, December 26th**. Have a safe and Blessed Christmas.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Help us fill St. Regis with joyful music on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day! You and your family are invited to join the choir to sing beloved Christmas hymns. Rehearsals are **Monday, December 22** at 7pm and **Sunday, December 21** at 9:30am. All ages and voices are welcome. No Prior music knowledge required. Will be singing at Christmas Eve Mass at 3pm and Christmas Day Mass at 10:30am. For more information contact Jennifer Hampton, 816-767-8366 or Diane Banks at dbanks@stregischurch.org.

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 Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24

3:00pm

7:00pm in Spanish

Christmas Morning Mass

Wednesday, December 25

10:30am Bilingual

Everyone is welcome to a Christmas Eve Potluck Dinner at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.





Merry Christmas!



Ashley Grade 3

Christmas Blessings from St. Regis Academy

May the peace and joy of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season.

We are grateful for the faithful support of our parish community, whose prayers and generosity make our mission possible.

Know of our continued prayers for you and your families as we rejoice in the gift of our Savior.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Christmas!

Important Dates!

December 18 - January 5 - No School; Christmas Break

Monday, January 5, 2026 - Staff Returns

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Scholars Return!

Friday, January 9, 2026 - 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony

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Horario de Navidad

Misas de Nochebuena

Martes 24 de diciembre

3:00pm Ingles

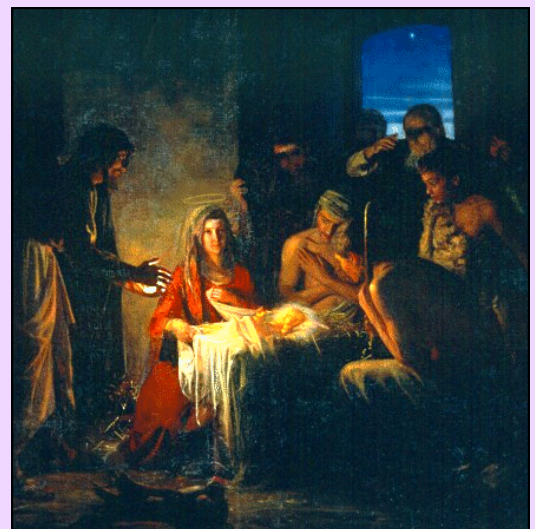
7:00pm en español

Misa de Navidad

Miércoles 25 de diciembre

10:30am Bilingüe

Todos son bienvenidos a una cena compartida de Nochebuena a las 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.



PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos

La temporada de Adviento está llegando a su fin y ahora estamos invitados a centrarnos en el Misterio de la Natividad de Jesús, quien personalmente viene a salvarnos. En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías habla de una señal que se daría al rey y al mundo entero, la señal de una virgen con un niño cuyo nombre será Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros".

Tanto en la primera lectura como en el evangelio, escuchamos el nombre Manuel, "Dios con nosotros". Esta es una gran oportunidad para crear un espacio y un tiempo durante esta temporada navideña para meditar sobre el amor y la salvación de Dios hacia nosotros y apreciar su presencia divina entre nosotros. También estamos invitados a dar la bienvenida a la santa familia de Nazaret en nuestros corazones y hogares para que no tengamos miedo de enfrentar las dificultades, sino que confiemos en el Señor Jesús, Dios, con nosotros.

¡Que todos tengan una feliz y bendecida Navidad!

P. Emmanuel López

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA CON CONFESIONES

Únase a nosotros para la Adoración y las Confesiones
todos los miércoles de 6 a 7p.m.

INTENCIONES DE MISA

Las intenciones de misa son una forma de recordar a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos o una necesidad especial de alguien en nuestra vida. Cada Misa tiene una intención designada. Si desea programar una intención de Misa, llame o pase por la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario habitual. Se sugiere una donación de \$ 10 por cada Misa. Las intenciones de misa se pueden decir para las misas de lunes a viernes o los fines de semana. Si desea una fecha específica, es mejor reservar con anticipación.



HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada **del miércoles 24 de diciembre al viernes 26** de diciembre. Que tengáis una Navidad segura y bendecida.

CALENDARIOS 2026

Por favor, asegúrate de recoger el calendario St. Regis 2026 disponible 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. No olvides dar las gracias a Dave por su generosidad.

OFRENDA DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Por favor, ayudad a embellecer nuestra iglesia en Navidad haciendo una donación para las flores navideñas. Puedes honrar a tu familia o recordar a familiares fallecidos con tu ofrenda de flores de Navidad. Por favor, utiliza el sobre designado en tu paquete de diciembre y imprime claramente cualquier nombre en la parte delantera. Puedes colocar tu ofrenda floral en la colección habitual en la misa en cualquier momento del mes de diciembre.



CRUZ CATOLICA DE EVANGELIZACION

Por favor, den la bienvenida al sacerdote que visitará nuestra parroquia el próximo fin de semana. Viene con nosotros desde Cross Catholic Outreach y compartirá algunas historias conmovedoras sobre el increíble trabajo que las misiones católicas están logrando en todo el mundo. Dado que Cross Catholic Outreach empodera las misiones católicas existentes, sus programas son extremadamente rentables, y la gran mayoría de los recursos que recauda se destinan a servicios que ayudan a los más pobres de los pobres en todo el mundo. Para saber más sobre Cross Catholic Outreach, por favor visita CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

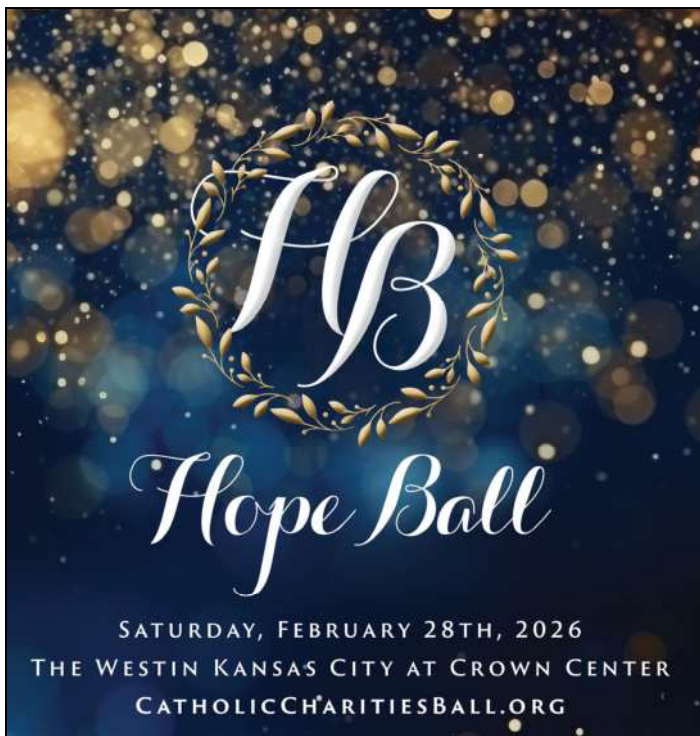
The Liturgical Minister Schedule for **January/February** has been emailed out to Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters. A hard copy of the schedule is available on the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions about the schedule, please call Colleen in the Parish Office. 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.

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:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Please Remember In Your Prayers: Aidan Jones, Dolores Dick, McCartney Weist, Teresa Foster, Joseph Gregory, Margaret Kelly, Gregory Richard, Teefey Family, Hanger Family, Daniel & Jeneth Hunter, John Stadler, Genevieve Thieme, 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, Mary Hunter, Martha Aquino, John Reyes, Sr., Lupita Sharkey, Yair Arvizu, Christopher Rivera, Julie Schneider, Teresa King, Thomas Severt, Dennis Reilly, Steve Beaven, Virginia Reyes, Manuel Botello, Milt Bryant, Ellen Newman, Evelyn Crews, Jerry Walker, Susie Tobin, Amir Smith, Richard Weidner, Lynette Robertson, Joanne Pommerer, Isaiah Love 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

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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

Liturgical Roles

December 27 & 28

Lectors

3:00pm Jim Filley & Makenzie Hinrichs
8:30am Pat Hanson & Dave Vorbeck
10:30am Connie Wood & John Wood

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Jim Filley & Alex Pope
8:30am Pat Hanson & Jane Marzano
10:30am Virginia Reyes & John Reyes, Sr.

Servers

3:00pm Anthony Van Ross & Enderlyn Cartagena
8:30am Sam Loulos & Aaron Palacios
10:30am Tyler Divis, Jack Hallam, Josey Hallam
Lucy Ensminger & Harlin Fitzsimmons

Greeters

3:00pm Chip DeMoss & Marvin Chaney
8:30am Margarito Cruz & Ela Wilczynska
10:30am Alfred DeSouza & Ken Glasbrenner

Mass Coordinator

3:00pm Alex Pope
8:30am Mary Ernstmann
10:30am Beth Divis

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 23

8:30am †Mike Reilly by Dennis & Marcey Reilly
7:00pm †Ignacio Sanchez Galan

Wednesday, December 24

3:00pm †Michelle Hayden by Larry & Arnetta Hayden
7:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Thursday, December 25

10:30am †Ofelia Garcia Ramirez by Family

Friday, December 26

†Ofelia Garcia Ramirez by Family

Saturday, December 27

3:00pm For the Intentions of Mary Ann Warren
by Dorothy Hauck

Sunday, December 28

8:30am †Vince & Betsey Marzano by Family
10:30am †Maria Lidia Lopez by Family
5:00pm People of St. John Francis Regis Parish

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 21

8:30am Mass
9:30am Christmas Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Mass
12:00pm Bible Class/Eng
5:00pm Mass/Spanish

Monday, December 22

5:30pm Feed Your Faith
7:00pm CERS/Eng
7:00pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:00pm Mass/English
7:00pm Mass/Spanish
8:00pm Christmas Potluck Dinner
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30am Mass/Bilingual
9:30am Scripture Sharing
Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 26

8:30am Mass
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

2:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 28

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
12:00pm Bible Class/Eng
5:00pm Mass/Spanish

The Academy is closed December 22, 2025-January 5, 2026

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