

# St. John Francis Regis

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent



## Mass Times

Sunday  
7am, 9am, 11:30am

Saturday  
8am, 5pm Vigil

Monday-Friday  
7am

Holy Days of Obligation  
7am, 9am, 7pm

## Confessions

Saturday 4pm-6pm,  
and during Sunday Masses

\*Also by appointment

## Adoration

Monday-Friday  
6-7am

Saturday  
6:30-7:30am

## Rosary

Monday-Friday  
7:30am

Saturday  
4:30pm

Sunday  
6:30am

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Deacon Ken Scheiber

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Deacon John Winslow  
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Daniel Papp

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Gabriel Ichniowski - FOCUS Missionaries

**Website:** [saintjohnsparishollywood.org](http://saintjohnsparishollywood.org)

## School

### Principal

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### Vice Principal

Jonathan DeMauro

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## Religious Education

### Director of Religious Education

Rich Olon  
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### Sunday Classes

Grades K-12  
10:15am-11:15am

The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John Francis Regis Parish is to foster a family of faith,  
built on **yesterday's** foundation, so that **today's** spirituality, service, and education  
will continue to grow into **tomorrow's** Catholic community.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."*

# Saints Alive!



**St. Juan Diego  
Pray for us!**

**December 4: St. John Damascene** (657-749) left his home in Damascus and became a monk of such brilliance - he took 5 centuries of Christian literature in Mar Saba and synthesized it into a remarkable work of theological depth.

**Bd Adolf Kolping** (1813-1865) would have been known by my great-grandfather in the factories of the Ruhrgebiet in Germany, as thousands on impoverished Catholics fled the failing farms for the promise and hope of industrial life; Adolf ministered to them all.

**December 5: St. Nick Stenson** (1638-1686) went from Danish Lutheran doctor of anatomy to Catholic bishop of Munster. His relic shrine is at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Florence/ What a conversion story!

**December 6: St. Nicholas** (270-343). I invite you to visit the Christian ruins of Myra in Turkey or the shrine relic in Bari in Italy to get a sense of the real St. Nick. **Bd Peter Pascual** (1227-1300) was a bishop imprisoned in Granada for having preached to the Muslims. He was the 6th of his family to be recognized by the Church as canonized martyrs.

**December 7: St. Ambrose** (340-397) the man, the legend! Imagine bringing St Augustine to the baptismal font - and you get the radiant grace of this bishop. I have fervently prayed at his relic's shrine four times already.

**Dec 9: St. Juan Diego** (1474 – 1548). I ache at the Indian burial ground where no one thought to mark his grave; Juan Diego was humble to the last. Is it any wonder that our Lady chose him to be the singular vessel of her message to the Americas? I've prayed at his grave site three times.

## *“To everything there is a season...”*

**“A time to be born...”**

**“A time to die, a time to mourn...”**

Robert Stanley Johnson  
Thomas Felix  
Orville Dale Matthews

**“A time to embrace, a time to love...”**

Kyle Campbell and Hailey Redman

**“A time to heal...”**

Jason & Jennifer Gatton, Mary Gelabert, Judy Goddard, Ben Gray, John B. Gray, Danny Greenwell, Jack Greenwell, Austin Greer, Fumiko N. Gregg, Sebastian Gutierrez, Patricia Guy, Jr., Logan Gwynn, Benjamin Harman, Dorothy Baber Harper, Andy Hazel, Karen Henry, Leon Hill, Abby Hoffman, Crystal Howard, Walter Johnson, Juanita Johnson, Albert Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Pamela Jones, Richie Jones, John Kilroy III, John “Bubby” Knott Jr., Nancy Lavoie, Ann Lacey, Robin Lawrence, Richard Law, Marie Lefebvre, Aiden Lindemann, Rose Marks, Michelle Mattingly, Maria McGuigan, Dorothy Miller, Natalie Miller, Pat Modlin, Doug Morgan, Ronnie Murphy, Jane Newberry, Debbie Norris

**“A time of peace, and a time of war...”**

CPT Timothy E. Sartori, USA;  
Lt Evan A. Scott, USN;  
Sgt Sean B. Scott, USA;  
LCDR Christopher S. Servello, USN;  
LT Jeffery T. Servello, USN;  
2ndLT Matthew Francis Smith, USA;  
AEC Stephen Sterns, USN;  
CDR Christopher Stearns, USN;  
SSgt JanCarlo Torres, USAF;  
Staff Sgt Jason W. Walker, USA;  
AIC Jack Whinnery, USAF;

**We are praying for  
our military families  
at home, and abroad.**



Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.



# Parish Sacramental Life

## BAPTISMS

The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with one of the priests and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

## MARRIAGES

Couples seeking to be married in the Church are required to contact the parish office and make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

Please contact the rectory for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory when a parishioner would like to receive the sacraments and is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital.

## R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments are invited to contact the rectory at any time.

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**(Please make all checks payable to St. John's)**

- ◆ Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception
- ◆ Dec. 10th - Retirement Fund Religious
- ◆ Dec. 17 - Christmas Flowers
- ◆ Dec. 25th - Christmas
- ◆ Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary
- ◆ Jan. 7th - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ Feb. 4th - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ Feb. 14th - St. John's Charitable Society



**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** - Individual spiritual guidance is offered by our Priests and Deacons.

Please contact the parish office for more information or to make an appointment.

301-373-2281

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU - CONFESSIONS & ADORATION** are being offered on December 6, December, 13, and December 20 from 7pm to 8pm.



*Come spend some time with Christ in Adoration and Prepare your Soul for Christmas!*



**THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously to the special Thanksgiving Day Collection for the works of the St. John's Charitable Society!

Missed Collection?

Contributions can always be made in 3 ways:

- ◆ Church Poor Boxes
- ◆ Checs payable to St. John's Charitable Soc.
- ◆ Faith Direct credit card donations (one-time or recurring) at Give Now - Faith Direct using church code MD116 or scan the QR code.



*Your gift is essential to the vulnerable in St. Mary's County Community!*



## ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



December 6

The Light is on for You  
Confession & Adoration  
7pm to 8pm

December 6

St. John's School Texas  
Roadhouse Fundraiser  
4pm - 10pm

December 8

The Immaculate Conception of The  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass Times:  
December 7: 7pm  
December 8: 7am, 9am, & 7pm

December 9

K of C Potluck &  
Parish Christmas Party!  
Monsignor Harris Center  
Following the 5pm Mass



*The Immaculate  
Conception of The  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
December 8th*

**Daily Readings**

Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35, 10:1, 5a, 6-8

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Mk 9:35, 10:1-5a, 6-8

**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, December 4**  
7:00am William and Marilyn Hearst+

**TUESDAY, December 5**  
7:00am Ryan Cannon (L)

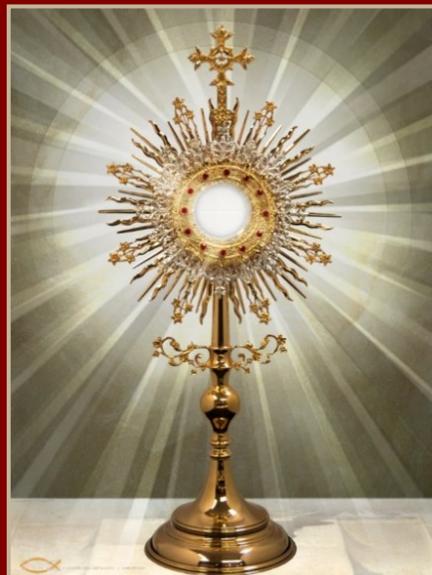
**WEDNESDAY, December 6**  
7:00am Raymond E.Morgan+

**THURSDAY, December 7**  
7:00am Priest of ADW  
Joe and Margaret Ramsey+  
7:00pm St. John's Parishioners

**FRIDAY, December 8**  
7:00am Lawrence Forte (L)  
9:00am Scott Matthew Tyree+  
7:00pm Patricia Lumsden+

**SATURDAY December 9**  
8:00am Father John Tolkien+  
5:00pm Albert Kitchen +

**SUNDAY, December 10**  
7:00am St. John's Parishioners  
9:00am Darryl Pilkerton+  
11:30am Eric Kelly+



*Join us for Women's Adoration on December 5th from 6pm to 6:40pm..*

*Followed by FIAT! Women's Bible Study starting at 7pm to 8:30pm.*

**Monday**

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

**12/4 Defending the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

7 pm - St. Jude Room - Msgr. Harris Center

12/11 Spanish Colonialism and the Catholic Church

12/18 No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition

1/8 Is there No Salvation Outside of the Church?

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** - If you would like your home blessed, please call our parish office at 301-373-2281 to make an appointment with Father Ray or Father Braam.



*God Bless this Home and All Who Enter*

**NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Parish Office Phone Number: **301-373-2281**  
Parish Office Email: [receptionist@sjhollywood.org](mailto:receptionist@sjhollywood.org)  
Sue Smith/Office Mgr.: [smiths@sjhollywood.org](mailto:smiths@sjhollywood.org)  
Jackie Cannon/Secretary: [cannonj@sjhollywood.org](mailto:cannonj@sjhollywood.org)

*We are here for you!*



**St. John's 2023 Angel Giving Tree** – This is a great way to share your blessings with others in the community by providing gifts and much needed items through this wonderful program! Use the QR code to

link directly to our Sign Up Genius page to participate.

For questions, email: [sjcsGivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:sjcsGivingtree@gmail.com)



Thanks in advance for your generosity!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

**~ JOIN US AS WE ADORN THE CHURCH ~**

Help is needed on the following dates:

SET UP- SUN., 17 DEC (Begin after 11:30 AM Mass)

SET UP - SUN., 24 DEC (Begin after 11:30 AM - **Finish by 3:30 PM**)

BREAKDOWN - SUN., 7 JAN (Begin after 11:30 AM Mass)

For more info, contact Keri Davis, Art & Environment Ministry Lead  
240.299.5330 / [Keri22Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Keri22Davis@gmail.com)

**Help is needed for Christmas set up and breakdown.** Essential details are below.

This year is different due to the liturgical calendar. Set up days are on Sundays after the 11:30 AM Mass. Typically, we set up on Saturdays, and there is more time; however, this year, the phases take place on Sundays—less time to complete! Please join us if you can lend a hand. The more the merrier!

If I don't see you, may the joy of the season and the anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ warm your heart!

**St. John's / Sisters of Charity (SCN) Spring 2024 Mission Opportunity 17 – 24 March 2024**

Thank you for your generosity to the annual St. John's/SCN Mission Program collection in September! All monies collected build homes for the needy or perform repair work, both within and outside the U.S. The next mission opportunity is 17 – 24 March 2024 to Nazareth, Kentucky, to complete home repair/improvement activities. Seven adult volunteers, 18-years of age or older are needed. Cost for each individual is \$200, and includes meals and lodging. It does not include personal purchases, travel insurance, gratuities, gas or toll fees. Travel is by personal vehicle to/from Nazareth, and the cost of gas & tolls will be the responsibility of the volunteers. Once volunteers are identified, carpooling options will be coordinated. You must be able to walk some distance and handle your own luggage. COVID vaccination/testing is not currently required.

**Completed applications and the \$200 payment are due 20 January 2024. Please contact Alicia Murphy for more information at:**

ST. JOHN'S K OF C PRESENTS  
**Potluck & Christmas PARTY!**  
DEC 9, AFTER 5PM MASS  
MONSIGNOR HARRIS CENTER

Please bring a dish or dessert to share!  
Knights of Columbus will provide drinks, coffee & paper products.  
There will be kid friendly activities and a visit from SANTA!

Join us for lots of family fun!

**THIS COMING SATURDAY!!**

Kindly email Mariam Tavarez to let her know what you will be bringing to the potluck/Charismas party!

You can email Mariam at: [tavarez5@att.net](mailto:tavarez5@att.net)

**Fiat!**

Please join us for “Stories of Grace” every Tuesday Night at 7pm - 8:30pm At St. John’s Monsignor Harris Center

**That Man Is You (2 Samuel 12:7)**

**The Battle Over the Bride**  
Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM  
Msgr. Harris Center



**St. John's Men's Ministry Group (SJMGM) Fortes in Fide** exists to serve the spiritual needs of men, single and married. Saturdays @ 6:45am St. Jude’s Rm

**Green Team**

Save money with an EV! (Estimated driving cost for a gas car \$3/gallon:

- 30mpg = \$0.10/mile
- 56mpg = \$0.05/mile

Estimated driving cost for an EV:

- Average EV = \$0.04/mile
- Efficient EV = \$0.02/mile



**St. John’s School Fundraiser**  
Wednesday, December 6  
4pm - 8pm



Support St. John’s Catholic School while enjoying a meal at Texas Road House! Present this ad at the Lexington Park location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchase to St. John’s Catholic School!

301-737-6052  
45255 Abell House Lane  
California, MD

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

has something in it for every married couple. Spend a weekend discovering all the reasons your are thankful for your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 1-3, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD and Oct 11-13, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD. Early signup is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-500-0871.



**Keep in touch with us via email and text!**

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone.

TO SIGN UP, TEXT: **SJFLOCK** to 8457

**Bulletin Requests**

Contact the parish office with any bulletin inserts or announcements **10 days prior to that bulletin date.**

Please include any images to add in your email. **\*Please note, we have a limited amount of space.** We do not have room for full page flyers or documents.

Email announcements and inserts to: [smiths@sjchollywood.org](mailto:smiths@sjchollywood.org)

