

### Mass Times

Sunday  
7am, 9am, 11:30am

Saturday  
8am, 5pm Vigil

Monday-Friday  
7am & 2pm TuWeTh

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

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7:30am

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Sunday  
6:30am

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# St. John Francis Regis

December 25th, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord



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Grades K-12  
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The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

### 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. John the Evangelist,  
Pray for us!

**Dec 26: St. Stephen Martyr** (34+) was a Hellenist Jewish deacon of the earliest church in Jerusalem (his name Stephanos in Greek means crown) was stoned to death for his bold proclamation of the gospel. His tomb was rediscovered in 415 and the church has celebrated this feast on this day from these ancient times.

**Dec 27: St. John the Evangelist** (c. 100). How this one was transformed from a boanerges (Son of Thunder) to a 'beloved disciple' is one of the mysteries of the faith. The focus in all Johannine literature is agape (love).

**Dec 28: Holy Innocents.** But wait! We have remembered the children of Bethlehem on this date since the 5th century, "as rosebuds in a whirling storm." (Prudentius). What about **St. Gaspar del Bufalo** (1786-1837)? I love this dude – and I go to the

shrine to venerate his relics whenever I go to the Trevi fountain in the daytime at S.Maria in Trivio. He was nicknamed a "spiritual earthquake" and "hammer of sectarians". His preaching brought about large-scale and dramatic emotional conversions in Rome. He is also called the "greatest apostle of devotion to the precious blood of Jesus and founded an order of missionary priests for this purpose.

**Dec 29: St. Thomas à Becket** (1118-1170). The conversion of this worldly chancellor into a holy Archbishop of Canterbury is extraordinary. He was assassinated in his own cathedral and became the shining model for all clerics who challenge worldly political power. King Henry the VIII quickly destroyed his shrine in 1538 for fear that it would inspire other upstarts/ traitors!

**Dec 30: Bd. Margherita Colonna** (1280). Her relics are at St. Cecilia's in Trastevere; I hope to pray there someday. She was such a holy

Franciscan nun who worked so many miracles while she suffered 7 years with cancer.

**Dec 31: Pope St. Silvestro I** (335). I hope to be praying at his relics again this year on the very day he is commemorated worldwide. He is renowned as a pope who was so close to a corrupt government but kept his hands free from all graft and corruption. Always remember our favorite pals: JOHN FRANCIS REGIS (1640) AND CATHERINE LABOURÉ (1876) who both died on New Year's Eve --just before Midnight!

**Jan 1: St. Joseph Tomasi** ((1649-1713). Theatine Scholar of Greek philosophy, Hebrew language, and Catholic liturgical music!

*"To everything there is a season..."*

**"A time to be born..."**

**"A time to die, a time to mourn..."**

**"A time to embrace, a time to love..."**

Jason Langley and Jessica Connolly

**"A time to heal..."**

**"A time of peace and a time of war..."**

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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.





**Daily Readings**

Acts	6:8-10
Matthew	10:17-22
1 John	1:1-4
John	20:13-18
1 John	1:5-22
Matthew	2:13-18
1 John	2:3-11
Luke	2:22-35
Colossians	3:12-21
Matthew	2:13-15
1 John	2:18-21
John	1:1-18
Numbers	6:22-27
Galatians	4:4-7
Luke	2:16-21

**Mass Intentions****MONDAY, December 26**

7:00am Margaret Garrett +

**TUESDAY, December 27**

7:00am Fay Robins+

**WEDNESDAY, December 28**

7:00am Caitlin Dugan (L)

**THURSDAY, December 29**

7:00am Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, December 30**

7:00am Francis Neale Tippet +

**SATURDAY, December 31**

8:00am Charles Murphy +

5:00pm Saint John's Parishioners

**SUNDAY, January 1**

7:00am Albert Wayne Combs +

9:00am Norah Smith (L)

11:30am Fay Robins +

+ Deceased, (L) Living

\*Please contact the parish office with Mass intentions. \$10 donation per intention

**Notice:**

There are no 2pm  
Masses during the  
week due to school  
still being closed.

Merry Christmas!

**Upcoming Second Collections:****(Please make all checks payable to St. John's)**

- ◆ Dec. 25th—Christmas Collection
- ◆ Jan. 1st—Revitalization Fund
- ◆ Jan. 1st—Solemnity of Mary

"Through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."



## Sacraments

**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**

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

**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.

\*Individual spiritual guidance is offered by our Priests and Deacons.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**That Man Is You** (2 Samuel 12:7)  
**The Battle Over the Bride**  
**Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM**  
**Msgr. Harris Center**

**Fiat!**  
**Ponder**  
**Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 8:15pm,**  
**Msgr. Harris Center**

Tuesday  
 Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

**1/3 Why is that a Heresy?**

7:00pm  
 St. Jude Room - Msgr. Harris Center

Upcoming Topics:

1/10 Abortion and Adoption

1/17 Anti-Catholicism:  
 The Last Acceptable  
 Prejudice in the USA

1/24 Why do you need  
 that? (The Question of  
 Church Property)



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

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

**Help is needed on the following dates:**

**SET UP (PHASE 1) – SAT., 17 DEC 2022 (Begin after 8:00 a.m. Mass)**

**SET UP (PHASE 2) – SAT., 24 DEC 2022 (Begin after 8:00 a.m. Mass)**

**BREAKDOWN – SUN., 8 JAN 2023 (Begin after 11:30 a.m. Mass)**

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

**Green Team Tip of the Week:**

To save on energy bills in the winter:

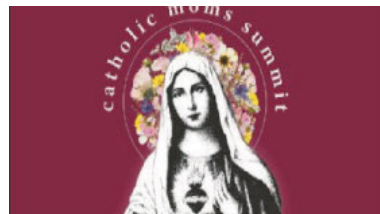
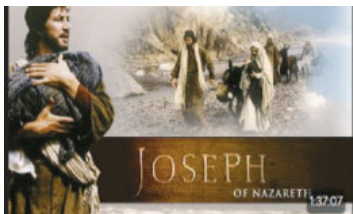
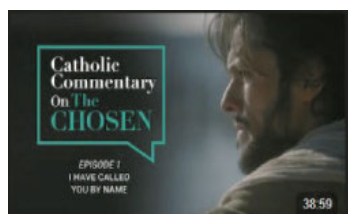
1. Let the sun in through the windows during the day, but close the curtains/blinds at night.
2. Close doors and vents in unused rooms.

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 bulletin for weekly  
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## WARM Program

St. Johns will be supporting the WARM Program (Wrapping Arms ‘Round Many) during the week of 1-8 this January. WARM is a winter emergency sheltering program that relies on volunteers in the community to provide breakfast, dinner and warm bed during the winter months. St. Johns will be working with Camp Maria this year to provide these meals and monitoring through the evening. Please see the link below to the “sign-up genius” page to volunteer or call Beth Joseph 301-904-2820 [joefamily@md.metrocast.net](mailto:joefamily@md.metrocast.net).

If you are unable to monitor or provide a full meal, the following items are being requested:

- Family size boxes of cereal
- Large jars peanut butter
- Large jars jelly
- Variety packs of snacks (chips, cookies)

Details on cooking facilities and monitoring requirements will be provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/WARM2022>

## Yard Work UPDATE!

St. John’s grass mowers and trimmers completed another season of “yard work” around the grounds. This group of 17 dedicated Parishioners volunteered 441 hours of their time to keep the campus looking good from April to November. They consumed over 240 gallons of gas and provided an equal volume of sweat to keep up with the bountiful grass crop this year. Together they:

- Mowed 238 acres
- Trimmed 14460 headstones and 650+ trees
- Edged 4+ Miles of curbing and fences

Many thanks to: Agnes, Anthony, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bruce, Gary, Jeff, Jerry, Joan, John, Michele, Mike, Ricky, Steve, Tim and Tom for their generous support. So rest up for the off-season and please come back again next year - and bring along a friend.

We are always looking for additional help in this worthwhile and rewarding task so plan to join us in the Spring. Look for a “help wanted” notice in the Bulletin around March and give us a call. All it takes is about two hours every two weeks to keep St. John’s looking good.

### BULLETIN INSERTS

Please 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.

Email announcements and inserts to: [davise@sishollywood.org](mailto:davise@sishollywood.org)



**The St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS)** continues to serve our community through the aid of your donations. Thanks especially to everyone who contributed to the collection to support SJCS on Thanksgiving! Unfortunately, the funds for the St. John's Charitable Society are still rather low.

We need your help to continue to serve the needy in our community. As many local organizations are experiencing heavier than normal volume of calls for help, we are finding that many of our callers need more help financially than we are able to provide.

We ask that you consider donating to the St. John's Charitable Society so we can continue to assist the local St. Mary's residents. At SJCS we are grateful for your continued financial support and prayers as we help those in need. Contributions can be made in the poor boxes around the entrances to the church.

## This weeks Eucharistic Miracle: Tumaco Colombia, 1906

The undersea earthquake in 1906 on the Pacific Coast caused enormous damage in many areas. Fr. Bernardino Garcia of the Conception, who at the time was in the City of Panama gave the following testimony regarding the terrible cataclysm that struck the area. "Unexpectedly an enormous wave (we style them tsunamis today) crashed into the port, reached into the market area and destroyed everything. Boats that had been drawn up on shore were picked up and hurled long distances causing heavy losses." The small island of Tumaco was spared by a miracle thanks to the faith of the people and the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament by Fr. Gerardo Larrondo.



The Faithful Town after the Tsunamis



Beach at Tumaco

Scan the QR code to visit Blessed Carlo Acutis website for details on this Eucharistic Miracle and MANY MORE!



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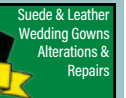
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