

St. John Francis Regis

December 10, 2023

2nd 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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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. Odilia
Pray for us!

Dec 11: St. Damasus I (384) as pope, he saw the end of public worship of pagan gods in Rome as he promoted Christianity as the accepted religion of the empire. But his enduring legacy is his love for venerating saints – he opened the catacombs and placed plaques everywhere to their honor. But wait! How about **St. Daniel the Stylite?** (409-493) He is the second most famous pillar-hermit; even barbarian kings would go and kneel before this ascetic who chose to be exposed to the elements as his penitential practice to mortify the flesh for 43 years. He died at the age of 84.

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531) appeared on the steep hill of Tepeyac, a few miles north-west of Mexico City. The Queen of heaven placed the flowers in Juan Diego's rough cloak with "her own precious little hands," I've made the

pilgrimage to Tepeyac three times.

Dec 13: St. Odilia (7th century). She was born blind and was ordered to be put to death by her father. But Odilia's mother convinced him to allow Odilia to be raised by nuns. She was baptized at 12 years old. As the priest blessed her with chrism, her blindness was cured. A legend about this miracle is that the priest then said to her, "Now you will see me in the kingdom of heaven."

Dec 14: St. John of the Cross (1542-1591). Mass at his tomb in Segovia will always be one of the highlights of my life. Anyone who experiences the contemplative life -- fired by desire for God alone -- is easily transfixed by John's religious poetry, especially the mysterious Dark Night. But wait! 'Gotta add **St Venantius Fortunatus** (535-605) cured of his partial blindness in Ravenna as he prayed before a statue of St. Martin de Tours, this classical poet went on a grand pilgrimage to Tours and never went back to Italy. His hymns are the finest examples of Christian poetry. He

became the bishop of Poitiers—but died within a year from overexertion -- working among the sons of Clovis and the debased courtly life of ancient Gaul.

December 16: St. Adelaide of Burgundy (931-999). Shout out to married women saints who have five kids and put up with husbands who put work in first place; she is buried near Strasbourg, oh, did I mention that her husband was the Emperor Otto the Great?

December 17: St Jean de Matha (1213) a French priest from Aix was inspired at his first Mass to dedicate his life to ransoming the Christian slaves from the Muslims in Morocco, Tunisia and Spain. We honor the high school named for him in Hyattsville (Go Greg DeStefano!) His primary relics were moved to Madrid.

"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..."

Kyle Campbell and Hailey Redman

"A time to heal..."

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

Jordyn Rose O'Connor, Jalen Penaflor, John & Ethel Pilkerton, Todd Raffo, Robin Poe, Frances Powers, Todd Raffo, Hannah Rainer, Maria Robey, Hal Richards, Judy Roa, Darleen Russell, Suzanne Saurel, Shirley Johnson Sellner, Charlotte Silva, Rosemary Smith, Danny Sweeney, Nancy Szewczyk, Lawrence Tippet, Gwennette Thomas, Taylor Theriot, William J. Trainor Sr, Alice Viverette, James Wallace, Ronnie Ward, Johnny Wathen, Laura Wible, David and Joan Wilson, Eleanor Wood, Jill Wood, Damian Worrell, Luzina Yorkshire,

WO2 James M. Adkins USA;
Ray Alvey, USMC;
SFC Kyle Bennett, USA;
LTJG David Berlin, USN;
CPL Matthew Burgan, USMC;
PFC James Kelly Butler, USA;
2ndLT. John F. Callaghan II, USMC
SrA Gregory M. Casanova, USAF;
Christopher Scott Childers, USA;
SPC Michael J. Choffy, USA;
LTJG Ryan Dishman, USN;
Sgt. Jack Dugan, USMC;
CDR Michael David Emerson, USCG.

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. 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



REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS - Parishioners are able to request that the priest offers the Mass for a particular intentions.

Mass Intentions are for: *a person who is deceased* a living person who is sick or suffering* on the occasion of a person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasions *in thanksgiving* for a prayer intention (as long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching) Please call the office for more information at 301-373-2281. Mass cards are also available.

a donation of \$10 per Mass intention is appreciated.

Call to make your 2024 Mass Intentions!

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!

ST. JOHN'S EVENTS

December 13

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

December 17

K of C Donut Social
9am - 11am

December 17

Hope for the Hungry Food Drive
Please leave all non-perishables in the Monsignor Harris Center Lobby.

December 20

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

December 24

Christmas Mass Time
5pm & 7pm

O' Holy Night

December 25

Christmas Day Mass Times
Midnight Mass
7am & 11:30am

Merry Christmas!

Daily Readings

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| Is | 35:1-10 |
| Lk | 5:17-26 |
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| Zec | 2:14-17 |
| Lk | 1:26-38 |
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| Is | 40:25-21 |
| Mt | 11:28-30 |
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| Is | 41:13-20 |
| Mt | 11:11-15 |
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| Is | 48:17-19 |
| Mt | 11:16-19 |
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| Sir | 48:1-4, 9-11 |
| Mt | 17:9a, 10-13 |
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| Is | 61:1-2a, 10-11 |
| 1 Thes | 5:16-24 |
| Jn | 1:6-8, 19-28 |

Mass Intentions

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| <u>MONDAY, December 11</u> 7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L) |
| <u>TUESDAY, December 12</u> 7:00am Darryl Pilkerton+ |
| <u>WEDNESDAY, December 13</u> 7:00am Saint Lucy |
| <u>THURSDAY, December 14</u> 7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L) |
| <u>FRIDAY, December 15</u> 7:00am Darryl Pilkerton+ |
| <u>SATURDAY December 16</u> 8:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L) 5:00pm Charlie Christman+ Mary Ethel Bauserman+ |
| <u>SUNDAY, December 17</u> 7:00am Therese Fahmy Ashy+ 9:00am Joe Bowser+ 11:30am St. John's Parishioners + Deceased (L) Living |

Christmas Mass Times

December 24

5pm

7pm

December 25

Midnight

7am

11:30am



Monday

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

12/18 No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition

12/11 Spanish Colonialism and the Catholic Church

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

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

1/22 Is Hell Real?

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: **reception-ist@sjhollywood.org**

Sue Smith/Office Mgr.: **smiths@sjhollywood.org**

Jackie Cannon/Secretary: **cannonj@sjhollywood.org**





St. John Parishioners can watch for free!
Scan the QR code or go to formed.org




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


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
- ◆ Checks 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!



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!

Please help us set up on Sunday Dec. 17 after 11:30 Mass to 3:30pm, and Sunday, Dec. 24 after 11:30 Mass to 3:30pm. *Thank you!*




2024 ‘WARM Program
3 – 7 Jan 2024
@ Camp Maria

Volunteers Needed!

WARM is a winter emergency sheltering program that relies on volunteers in the community to provide 2 meals and warm bed during the winter months. St John’s is partnering with Camp Maria Retreat Center to support WARM 3-7 Jan 2024. **Volunteers are sought for meals and monitoring.**

To learn more or volunteer, visit <https://sugeni.us/4Nxt>, use the QR Code, or contact:
 Mary McGlinn at (240)298-7645
 Walt Gardiner at (703)304-6264



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:**

alicia.m.murphy.3@gmail.com or 240-298-7089

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

It's time to start wrapping Christmas gifts, so reduce waste by using cloth Christmas bags that can be reused each year.

Give green Christmas gifts like reusable straws and Yeti or Hydro Flask cups that keeps drinks cold or hot for seven hours.

"Grieving with Great Hope" 5-week, small group workshop to help people grieving the loss of a loved one. See our website:

<https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/bereavement-ministry>. Contact: Jennifer Bicknell–
jbicknell@saintalloysiuschurch.org

Bereavement Workshop Dates:
Sundays, 3-5pm, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4

"Grieving with Great Hope" is presented by Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Both have been through their own valley of grief, and in this workshop, will offer personal and professional insight on what can help as you journey through yours.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be 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 sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us



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

