



Saint John Francis Regis Parish

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Pastor

December 14, 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

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Third Sunday of
ADVENT



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THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends,
 Today's readings call us to rejoice with hopeful hearts. Isaiah promises that God will make the desert bloom and bring healing to the weak and weary. In the Gospel, Jesus fulfills this promise as the blind see, the lame walk, and the poor hear good news. Even John the Baptist, facing doubt in prison, is invited to recognize these signs of God's kingdom breaking in.

James reminds us to be patient like farmers waiting for the harvest, trusting that God is at work even when we cannot see the results. As we continue our Advent journey, we are encouraged to look for God's presence in everyday moments, to support those who suffer, and to carry joy into the world as we await the Lord's coming.

The message of justice, hope, and anticipation offered by this week's readings is congruous with the Advent season. It reminds us that, despite the problems of the world, including social discord, international conflict, hunger – and even environmental degradation and climate change – the Lord is there to "have our backs" in our own fights for peace, justice, and love.

Remember that we have our Parish Reconciliation service this Wednesday 6-8pm, and our Parish Putlock Posada this coming Saturday at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

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.

Parish Support November 24-30, 2025

<u>Contribution Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,354
Plate	\$ 1,902
Online Giving	\$ 2,861
IRA Distribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ 7,117

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the newest members born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism, **Luisa Lucia & Emely Melissa Muniz Najera**, daughters of Carlos and Patricia; **Marvin Moreira, Jr.**, son of Marvin and Priscilla who were baptized last weekend. May they be blessed throughout their lives and be guided by the Holy Spirit.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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 **Mondays, December 15 & 22** at 7pm; **Thursday, December 18** at 7:30pm; **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.

FEED YOUR FAITH

It doesn't get better than seeing the actual birthplace of Jesus! That is exactly what **Feed Your Faith** will do tomorrow night, December 15, in the MEC, after our dinner together at 5:30, and prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to finish **The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary** video with us at 6:15. Mark Hartfiel is in the Holy Land showing us where **The Nativity of the Lord**, and **The Presentation in the Temple**, and **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** happened. In this holy season, bring more meaning to saying your Rosary by joining us tomorrow night, December 15, for the last 3 decades of **The Joyful Mysteries**. **Feed Your Faith** will not meet for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our next meeting will be January 5, 2026.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
 Wednesday, December 24
 3:00pm
 7:00pm in Spanish
 8:00pm Christmas Dinner
 (Everyone is welcome to a Christmas Eve Potluck Dinner at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall)

Christmas Morning Mass
 Thursday, December 25
 10:30am/Bilingual

Advent Penance service
 &
 First Reconciliation for kids preparing to do their first communion



Wednesday, December 17 6-8pm
 St. Regis Church
 8941 James A. Reed Rd.
 Kansas City, MO 64138

Academy Corner

Let Their Light Shine

Did You Know?

St. Regis Academy is one of only three schools in our Diocese formed in the Catholic Liberal (Classical) tradition. Our Academy began this renewal in 2018, placing our Catholic faith at the center of everything we do. In this model, academic excellence becomes the natural fruit of pursuing wisdom and virtue, not merely acquiring knowledge for the sake of productivity or measuring our children's worth by what they can do.

Since 2020, St. Regis Academy has been blessed to accompany more than 32 scholars and their families into the Catholic faith. This beautiful witness has been made possible through the steadfast commitment of our Parish to the Church's mission of providing Catholic education, especially in communities of great need.

Thank you for supporting the mission of St. Regis Academy!

Important Dates!

December 16 - 18 - Kids Kastle Holiday Shop
 December 18 - End of Quarter 2
 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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 2026-2027
 Enrollment!

Preschool (3 years old) -8th Grade



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.

FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN PARA RELIGIOSOS

Dieron su vida al servicio—ahora necesitan vuestra ayuda. Durante décadas, mujeres y hombres religiosos han cuidado de los demás, enseñando, rezando y sirviendo a quienes lo necesitan. Muchos ahora se enfrentan a la jubilación sin ahorros suficientes. Tu apoyo garantiza que reciban la atención que merecen. Ofrémosles ahora la dignidad que tan desinteresadamente han concedido a los demás. Tu generosidad hoy no es una donación, es una forma de agradecerles por su servicio de toda la vida. Por favor, dona al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos.

¡A PEDIR POSADA!

No hay Navidad sin una posada, y este año la Parroquia San Regis será anfitriona

12/20
6PM



Traer un platillo para compartir

Sábado 20 de Diciembre
 Rosario 5:30pm
 Posada 6:00PM

¡TRAER A TU FAMILIA Y AMIGOS!

PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. EMMANUEL

Amigos

Las lecturas de hoy nos llaman a alegrarnos con corazones esperanzados. Isaías promete que Dios hará florecer el desierto y traerá sanación a los débiles y cansados. En el Evangelio, Jesús cumple esta promesa como ven los ciegos, los cojos caminan y los pobres oyen buenas noticias. Incluso Juan el Bautista, enfrentándose a dudas en prisión, es invitado a reconocer estas señales de que el reino de Dios está irrumpiendo.

Santiago nos recuerda que debemos ser pacientes como los agricultores que esperan la cosecha, confiando en que Dios está obrando incluso cuando no podemos ver los resultados. Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje del Adviento, se nos anima a buscar la presencia de Dios en los momentos cotidianos, a apoyar a quienes sufren y a llevar alegría al mundo mientras esperamos la llegada del Señor.

El mensaje de justicia, esperanza y expectación que ofrecen las lecturas de esta semana es congruente con la temporada de Adviento. Nos recuerda que, a pesar de los problemas del mundo, incluyendo la discordia social, los conflictos internacionales, el hambre —e incluso la degradación medioambiental y el cambio climático— el Señor está ahí para "cubrirnos las espaldas" en nuestras propias luchas por la paz, la justicia y el amor.

Recuerda que tenemos nuestro servicio de Reconciliación Parroquial este miércoles de 18:00 a 20:00, y nuestro Posada Parroquial Potluck este próximo sábado a las 17:30 en el Salón Parroquial.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

Calendario navideño

Misas de Nochebuena

Miércoles, 24 de diciembre

3:00pm

7:00pm en español

Cena de Navidad a las 8:00pm

(Todos son bienvenidos a una Nochebuena cena compartida a las 8:00pm en el salón parroquial)

Misa de la mañana de Navidad

Jueves, 25 de diciembre

10:30am/Bilingüe

upcoming Events Eventos Proximos



Our lady of Guadalupe
Celebration/Celebración de Nuestra
Senora de Guadalupe
5pm Rosary/Rosario
6pm Matachines
7pm Mass/Misa
8pm Apariciones/Play
9Pm Dinner/Cena

Dec

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2025



Festejos
Guadalupanos/Festivities of our
Lady of Guadalupe
3pm Rosary/Rosario
4pm Matachines
5pm Mass/Misa de las Rosas

Dec

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Posada Familiar/Family Posada

5:30pm Rosary/Rosario
6pm Posada

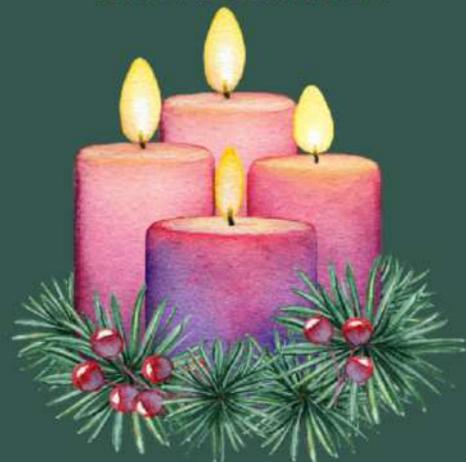
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Estamos aceptando donaciones de Dulces para la posada traer a la oficina parroquial/
Accepting candy donations for posada please bring to parish office.

Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

y
primera reconciliación [Primera Confesión] para
niños que se están preparando para hacer su
Primera Comunión



Miercoles 17 de Diciembre de 6-8pm
Parroquia San Regis
8941 James A. Reed Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64138

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.

**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.

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.

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

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 Reiting, 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

Liturgical Roles

December 20 & 21

Lectors

- 3:00pm Melissa Wiehn & Marvin Chaney
- 8:30am Joan Sack & David Orozco
- 10:30am Randy Seever & Theresa Van Pelt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 3:00pm Dorothy Quinn & Melissa Wiehn
- 8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Joan Sack
- 10:30am Ora Reyes & John Reyes, Jr.

Servers

- 3:00pm Fernanda Lopez & Lupita Portillo
- 8:30am Patrick Miller & Audrey Miller
- 10:30am Madison Divis, Reagan Divis, Jose Vazquez
Isabell Vazquez & Maribel Vazquez

Greeters

- 3:00pm Cliff Miller & Mary Ann Warren
- 8:30am Sue Quanty Smith & Jane Marzano
- 10:30am Richard Stange & Elaine Allee

Mass Coordinator

- 3:00pm Jake Smith
- 8:30am Connie Wood
- 10:30am Dennis Reilly

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16

- 8:30am †Margaret Artman by Family
- 7:00pm †San Juan Estrada Sanchez by Family

Wednesday, December 17

- †Chris Sack by Joan Sack

Thursday, December 18

- †Kenneth Van Pelt by Theresa Van Pelt

Friday, December 19

- †Betty Wendt by Rick & Terri Martin

Saturday, December 20

- 3:00pm †Mildred Zuptich by Family

Sunday, December 21

- 8:30am For the Intentions of John & Connie Wood
by Dorothy Hauck
- 10:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
- 5:00pm †Ranulfo Rios by the Rios Family

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 14

- 8:30am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 11:30am Tailgate Party
- 12:00pm Bible Class/Eng
- 3:00pm Rosary
- 4:00pm Dancers
- 5:00pm Mass/Spanish
- Food Collection
- Giving Tree Gifts Due

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

- 8:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Adoration/Confessions
- 6:00pm Religious Ed.
- 6:00pm Penance Service

Thursday, December 18

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am Scripture Sharing
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm OCIA
- 7:00pm Bible Timeline
- 7:00pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Senior Brunch
- 9:30am Church Cleaning
- 6:00pm Worship Council
- No School

Saturday, December 20

- 6:45am That Man Is You
- 2:00pm Confessions
- 3:00pm Mass
- 5:30pm Rosary
- 6:30pm Posada

Sunday, December 21

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

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