



ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS CATHOLIC CHURCH/IGLESIA CATOLICA

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Fr. Emmanuel Lopez, Pastor/Señor Cura

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASSES/MISAS

Saturday: 3:00PM in English

Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:30AM in English &
5:00PM in Spanish

DAILY MASS/MISAS DIARIAS

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am

Tuesday - 7:00pm in Spanish

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Sat: 2:00pm & *Wed:* 6:00pm

& by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACION

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm

Oficina: Lunes-Jueves 8am-3pm

Viernes 8am-12pm

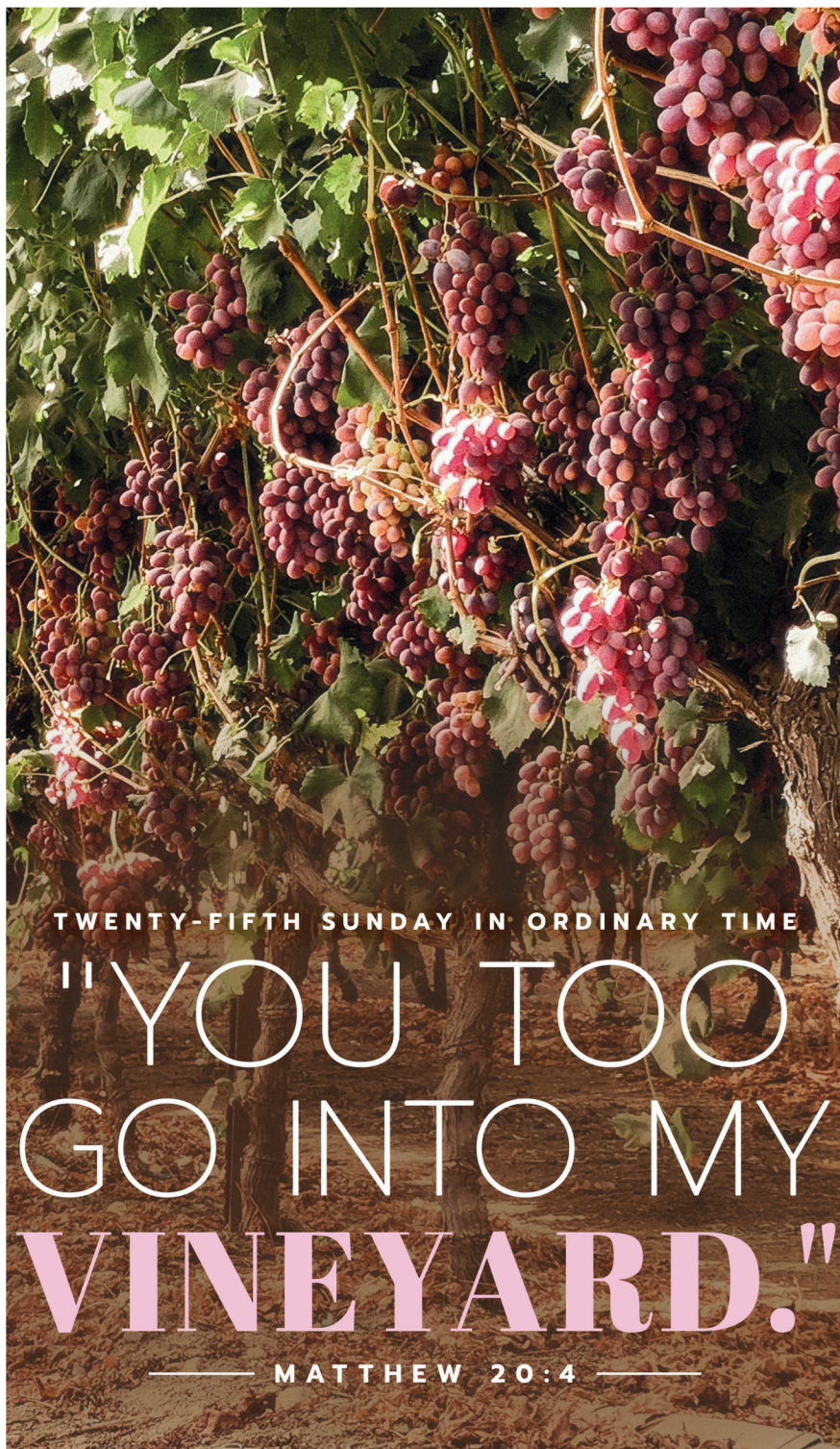
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BAPTISM

Welcome to the newest member born to new life in Christ through the Holy Waters of Baptism. **Angel Gael Duarte Cardenas**, son of Ismael and Carmen who was baptized last weekend. May he be blessed throughout his life and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

FEED YOUR FAITH

St. Joseph Cupertino, whose feast day was Friday (Sept 18), is an extraordinary saint. He flew! Come to Feed Your Faith tomorrow night, September 21, at 5:30 in the MEC and have dinner with our parish family, then pray Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with us. At 6:00 enjoy a video about “The Incredible Life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, then another video about twin saints that are listed in the Canon of the Mass, Saints Cosmas and Damian. These faith-filled brothers, whose feast day is Saturday, September 26, became doctors who treated their patients with prayer and medicine, but completely free. During the Diocletian persecutions, they were arrested, tortured and martyred.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

We will be ordering Lector workbooks soon. The cost will be \$16. If you would like to order a workbook call the Parish office at 816-761-1608.

PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Contribution Income	Amount
Weekly Offertory	\$ 14,707
Plate	\$ 4,143
Online Giving	\$ 5,667
IRA Distribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ 24,517

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

THOUGHTS FROM FR. EMMANUEL

Friends, today’s Gospel — the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard — teaches that God’s mercy is generous, not earned, and that His love is given equally to all who accept His call, regardless of when they respond. In the parable, Jesus tells of a landowner who hires workers at different times of the day, promising each a daily wage. Those who worked all day grumble when the latecomers receive the same pay. The landowner replies, “I am not being unfair; did we not agree on one denarius?” and adds that he is generous to give the last worker the same as the first. This is not about fairness in a human sense, but about the generosity of God’s grace. God does not measure our worth by our length of service, our past contributions, or our comparisons with others. He calls us, and when we accept His call, He gives us what we need to live in His vineyard — the Kingdom of God.

The first reading from Isaiah 55:6-9 invites us to “seek the Lord while He may be found”. The prophet warns against delaying repentance, forgiveness, and conversion. God’s mercy is not a reward for merit; it is a gift offered now. The “right moment” is the moment He calls us — and that moment is today.

Paul’s reading from Philippians 1:20-24 shows that Christian life is about Christ at the center. Paul’s desire is that Christ be honored in his life and death, not that he live for himself. This calls us to ask: If Christ is the center of my life, what will change in my actions, my service, and my relationships?

Please take time, if you haven’t done so, to write some words of encouragement and grace to Deacon Xavier and seminarian Miguel Martinez, so they receive our support, prayer and love in their stages of Priestly formation. Card/gifts-baskets for each are in the gathering space. Next weekend is family weekend at Conception Seminary Collage, a good opportunity to visit Miguel at his seminary. Call the guesthouse at Conception Abbey to reserve your room.

In Christ,

Fr Emmanuel Lopez

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

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



Missionary Servants of the Word

(L to R) Miguel Jose Donadoni Abraham Gabriel Cano Francisco

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts makes a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

October is Respect Life month, and the 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer vigil outside the abortion clinic in Overland Park is ongoing. St. Regis's Day to Pray during this campaign is **October 14th** from 7am-3pm. Please join us on the sidewalk outside The Center for Women's Health at 4840 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66211 to pray for vulnerable women and unborn children entering the clinic, for the clinic staff, and for the conversion of hearts regarding the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Sign up for a time slot on the sheet in the entrance foyer, or email jessicapoinindexter13@gmail.com.

ST. REGIS ROUND-UP

Please join us on Saturday, **November 7, 2026** from 6-9pm in the Parish Hall to raise money to support university students in our sister community, Ita Maura, El Salvador.

Enjoy live music, snacks, and fun for the whole family. You can also support the Ita Maura Sister Community Scholarship Fund by donating on our parish website, stregischurch.org and with your prayers. God Bless You.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show Fr. Lopez our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! St. John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a Priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us PRAY for all Priests next **Sunday, September 27, Priesthood Sunday** and every day to see their vocation as a blessing and strive to live out their calling to be CHRIST to all!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRUNCH: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF ST. REGIS

What a beautiful way to begin our 60th anniversary year at St. Regis Academy! Our Back-to-School Brunch brought together members of our St. Regis family to celebrate our past, welcome the present, and look forward to the future. As we gathered, we reflected with gratitude on the many generations of scholars, families, teachers, staff, priests, and parishioners who have helped make St. Regis what it is today.

This year marks 60 years of St. Regis Scholars, and our anniversary theme, "Forming Scholars Rooted in Faith," reminds us of the mission that has guided our school for six decades. We are blessed to continue that mission through our classical Catholic education, forming young people who seek truth, pursue goodness, and grow in their love for Christ.

The brunch also gave us an opportunity to celebrate the many people who have carried the St. Regis tradition forward and to look with excitement toward the years ahead. As we celebrate where we have been, we are reminded that we are also entrusted with shaping the next chapter of St. Regis Academy.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all those who helped make the Back-to-School Brunch a special celebration. Most importantly, thank you for being part of the St. Regis family. May this anniversary year be filled with gratitude for our history, joy in our present, and hope for our future.

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RODEO DE ST. REGIS

Por favor, únase a nosotros el sábado 7 de noviembre de 2026 de 6-9PM horas en el Salón Parroquial para recaudar fondos que apoyen a los estudiantes universitarios de nuestra comunidad hermana, Ita Maura, El Salvador. Disfruta de música en directo, aperitivos y diversión para toda la familia. También puedes apoyar el Fondo de Becas Comunitarias Hermanas Ita Maura donando en nuestra web parroquial, stregischurch.org, y con tus oraciones. Que Dios te bendiga.

REFLEXIONES DEL PADRE EMMANUEL

Amigos, el Evangelio de hoy — la Parábola de los Trabajadores en la Viña — enseña que la misericordia de Dios es generosa, no ganada, y que Su amor se da por igual a todos los que aceptan su llamado, sin importar cuándo respondan. En la parábola, Jesús habla de un terrateniente que contrata trabajadores en diferentes momentos del día, prometiendo a cada uno un salario diario. Quienes trabajaron todo el día se quejan cuando los que llegan tarde reciben el mismo pago. El terrateniente responde: "No estoy siendo injusto; ¿no acordamos un denario?" y añade que es generoso al dar al último trabajador lo mismo que al primero. Esto no va de justicia en sentido humano, sino de la generosidad de la gracia de Dios. Dios no mide nuestro valor por nuestra duración de servicio, nuestras contribuciones pasadas o nuestras comparaciones con otros. Nos llama, y cuando aceptamos Su llamada, nos da lo que necesitamos para vivir en Su viñedo: el Reino de Dios.

La primera lectura de Isaías 55:69 nos invita a "buscar al Señor mientras pueda ser encontrado". El profeta advierte contra retrasar el arrepentimiento, el perdón y la conversión. La misericordia de Dios no es una recompensa por mérito; es un regalo ofrecido ahora. El "momento adecuado" es el momento en que Él nos llama — y ese momento es hoy.

La lectura de Pablo de Filipenses 1:2024 muestra que la vida cristiana trata de Cristo en el centro. El deseo de Pablo es que Cristo sea honrado en su vida y muerte, no que viva para sí mismo. Esto nos llama a preguntarnos: Si Cristo es el centro de mi vida, ¿qué cambiará en mis acciones, mi servicio y mis relaciones?

Por favor, tómate un tiempo, si no lo has hecho, para escribir algunas palabras de ánimo y gracia al diácono Xavier y al seminarista Miguel Martínez, para que reciban nuestro apoyo, oración y amor en sus etapas de formación sacerdotal. Las cestas de tarjetas y regalos para cada uno están en el espacio de reunión. El próximo fin de semana es el fin de semana familiar en el Seminario Conception College, una buena oportunidad para visitar a Miguel en su seminario. Llama a la casa de huéspedes de la Abadía de Conception para reservar tu habitación.

En Cristo,

P. Emmanuel López

LIBROS DE TRABAJO DE LECTOR

Pronto pediremos libros de trabajo de Lector. El costo será de \$16. Si desea solicitar un libro de trabajo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 816-761-1608.

DOMINGO DEL SACERDOCIO, 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE

El Domingo del Sacerdocio es un día especial reservado para honrar el sacerdocio en Estados Unidos. Es un día para reflexionar y afirmar el papel del sacerdocio en la vida de la Iglesia como un día central, sin el cual no se podría celebrar la Misa ni celebrar los Sacramentos. Únete a nosotros en oración por nuestros sacerdotes, alabando a Dios por su valentía y generosidad. Mostremos al padre López nuestro ánimo y gratitud en pensamientos y acciones. ¡Dios bendiga a nuestros sacerdotes! San Juan Vianney, patrón de los sacerdotes, dice: "El sacerdocio es el amor del Corazón de Jesús. Cuando veas a un sacerdote, piensa en nuestro Señor Jesucristo." Oremos por todos los sacerdotes el próximo domingo 27 de septiembre, domingo del sacerdocio y cada día para que vean su vocación como una bendición y nos **esforcemos por vivir su llamado de ser CRISTO para todos.**

COLECCIÓN DE LATINO AMÉRICA

Este fin de semana abordaremos la Colección para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una cultura secular en auge, un terreno rural difícil y la escasez de ministros presentan obstáculos para practicar la fe. Tu apoyo a la colección proporciona formación en liderazgo laico, catequesis, formación sacerdotal y religiosa, y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con quienes anhelan escuchar las Buenas Nuevas de Cristo. Para saber más sobre cómo tus dones marcan la diferencia, visita www.usccb.org/latin-america.

CAMPAÑA DE LOS 40 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

Octubre es el mes de Respeto a la Vida, y la vigilia pacífica de oración 40 Días por la Vida frente a la clínica de abortos en Overland Park continúa. El Día de San Regis para Rezar durante esta campaña es el 14 de octubre de 7am-3pm. Por favor, únete a nosotros en la acera frente a The Center for Women's Health en 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66211 para orar por mujeres vulnerables y niños no nacidos que entren en la clínica, por el personal de la clínica y por la conversión de corazones respecto a la dignidad de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Regístrate para un horario en la hoja del vestíbulo de entrada, o envía un correo electrónico jessicapoindexter13@gmail.com.

PET BLESSING IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3
9AM-10AM PARKING LOT



THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You will resume for the men of St. Regis Parish, starting on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, and continuing through **Saturday, December 12, 2026** (with a week off for Thanksgiving). TMIY is a gathering of St. Regis men who wish to enhance their faith life, and grow in God's love and become better followers of His plan for us. We meet at the MEC building, beginning with breakfast at 6:45 a.m., and our program begins at 7:00 a.m., followed by a group discussion, and we adjourn by 8:00 a.m. This year's program is titled: "Apostles of the New Springtime", and begins with a look into how our faith and Church came to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, the Early Church Fathers, continuing to Pope St. John Paul II and the New Springtime, and down to us today. We will have a chance to discern and find our own mission field and encounter the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. We'll have a range of exciting and enthusiastic speakers in this year's programs to lead us on our walk to becoming better husbands, fathers, friends and men. Come and join us on our journey. For more information, call or email Dave Vorbeck at: (816) 935-3562, or dvorbeck2254@att.net.

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, 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, Milt Bryant, Ellen Newman, Evelyn Crews, Jerry Walker, Susie Tobin, Amir Smith, Richard Weidner, Joanne Pommerer, Isaiah Love, Otto Hill, Carrie Grantham Eelman, Ralph Ford 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 & Jennifer Fraser

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Tuesday prior to the following Sunday. Send announcements to cmelchior@stregischurch.org

LITURGICAL ROLES SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Lectors

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Makenzie Hinrichs
8:30am Rick Janet & David Orozco
10:30am John Wood & Connie Wood

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

3:00pm Marvin Chaney & Jim Filley
8:30am Mike Murtha & Regina Ozbun
10:30am Diane Pacheco & Dennis Reilly

Servers

3:00pm Lupita Portillo & Anthony Van Ross
8:30am Ezequiel Ramirez & Genesis Ramirez
10:30am Tyler Divis, Madison Divis, Reagan Divis
Blair Hackworth & Julian Hackworth

Greeters

3:00pm Cliff Miller & Chip DeMoss
8:30am Maxine Rodriguez & Sue Quanty Smith
10:30am Julie Schmidt & Richard Stange

Mass Coordinator

3:00pm Alex Pope
8:30am Mary Ernstmann
10:30am Dennis Reilly

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 22

8:30am †R.J. Brown by Milt Bryant
7:00pm †Deceased Members of the Chavez Family

Wednesday, September 23

†Florentino Camacho

Thursday, September 24

†Mason Belarde by the Belarde Family

Friday, September 25

†Robert Curran by John & Connie Wood

Saturday, September 26

3:00pm For the Intentions of Carmen Garcia
by Sylvia Langhammer

Sunday, September 27

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
10:30am †Victor Manuel Gonzalez
5:00pm †Jose Guadalupe Garcia

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 20

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass/Spanish
Food Collection

Monday, September 21

Soup Kitchen

5:30pm Feed Your Faith

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

8:30am Mass
9:00am Church Cleaning
6:00pm Adoration/Confessions
6:00pm Religious Education
6:00pm Bible Timeline
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers

Thursday, September 24

8:30am Mass
9:30am Scripture Sharing
5:30pm Curriculum Night
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm OCIA
7:00pm Book of Matthew

Friday, September 25

8:30am Mass
7:00pm Choir/Sp

Saturday, September 26

6:45am That Man Is You
2:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Mass

Sunday, September 27

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass/Spanish



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