

## 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  
6am-7am

Saturday  
6:30am-7:30am

## Rosary

Monday-Friday  
7:30am

Saturday  
4:30pm

Sunday  
6:30am

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Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm  
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12:30pm - 1pm

# St. John Francis Regis

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



### Pastor

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### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ryan J. Braam  
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Deacon Ken Scheiber

### Seminarians

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Joseph Stalonis  
Dylan Young  
Christian Davis

### Lay Missionaries

Gabriel Ichniowski - FOCUS Missionaries

Website: [saintjohnsparishhollywood.org](http://saintjohnsparishhollywood.org)

### School

#### Principal

Susan McDonough

#### Vice Principal

Jonathan DeMauro

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### Director of Religious

#### Education

Rich Olon  
rolon@sjchollywood.org

#### Sunday Classes

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

The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/](http://www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/) X @sjchollywood

### 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."***



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

**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.



**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.

**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

## Saints Alive!

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.

***“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...”**

**“A time to heal...”**

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

Benjamin Harman, Dorothy Baber Harper, Andy Hazel, Karen Henry, Leon Hill, Abby Hoffman, Crystal Howard, Johnita Jackson, Walter Johnson, Juanita Johnson, Albert Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Pamela Jones, Richie Jones, John Kilroy III, Nancy Lavoie, Ann Lacey, Robin Lawrence, Richard Law, Marie Lefebvre, Aiden Lindemann, Rose Marks, Michelle Mattingly, Maria McGuigan, Manfred, Meisenkothen, Natalie Miller, Pat Modlin, Doug Morgan, Ronnie Murphy, Jane Newberry, Debbie Norris

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CPT Eric Jimenez, USMC;  
CPL Ryan McLean, USMC;  
CPT Andrew Mengle, USA;  
Maj T. B. Missler, USMC;  
Richard Paul, Jr; SPEC  
Ashley Pakatar, USA;



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

# 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.

## O.C.I.A

(Order 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)**

- ◆ December 15 - Christmas Flowers
- ◆ January 5 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 2 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 12 - St. John's Charitable Society

### St. John's Confession Schedule

#### Saturday, December 14

Confessions will be offered from 4-4:45pm and during the 5pm Mass!

#### Sunday, December 15

Confessions will be offered at all Masses!



ST. JOHN'S  
CHARITABLE  
SOCIETY

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Saint John's Charitable Society

To learn more about SJCS, contact us at 240-298-7645 or email us at:

[sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org](mailto:sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org)

*You can help build hope in your local community!*

### **St. Aloysius Christmas Dinner**

St. Aloysius Church will be hosting a free community Christmas dinner on **Christmas Day 2024 from 1pm to 4pm in the church hall located at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650**. All are welcome! Please help spread the word and celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## 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 84576

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

[stjohnfrancisregisparish.flocknote.com](http://stjohnfrancisregisparish.flocknote.com)

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## ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



#### December 9

Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Masses: 7am and 9am ONLY!

#### December 13

Riverside Brass Concert  
St. John's Church  
7pm

#### December 17

Advent Lessons and Carols  
6pm

#### December 24

Christmas Eve Masses  
4pm, 6pm, & Midnight

#### December 23-January 1

Rectory Office Closed  
Christmas Break

#### December 25

Christmas Day  
Masses: 7am and 11:30am



Daily Readings		Mass Intentions
Gn	3:9-15, 20	<b>MONDAY, December 9</b>
Eph	1:3-6, 11-12	7:00am St. John's Parishioners
Lk	1:26-38	9:00am Tommy Johnson+
Is	40:1-11	<b>TUESDAY, December 10</b>
Mt	18:12-14	7:00am John Edward Adams+
Is	40:25-31	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 11</b>
Mt	11:28-30	7:00am John Edward Adams+
Zec	2:14-17	<b>THURSDAY, December 12</b>
Lk	1:26-38	9:00am Rev. Charles McCann+
Is	48:17-19	<b>FRIDAY, December 13</b>
Mt	11:16-19	7:00am Feast of St. Lucy
Sir	48:1-4, 9-11	<b>SATURDAY, December 14</b>
Mt	17:9a, 10-13	8:00am Juan Moyett+
		5:00pm Julian and Catherine Christman+
Zep	3:14-18a	<b>SUNDAY, December 15</b>
Phil	4:4-7	7:00am St. John's Parishioners
Lk	3:10-18	9:00am Den. Michael W. Om
		11:30am Bill Kelly+

+ Deceased (L) Living

**Important Note:**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 9, 2024:**

**Mass will be offered at 7am and 9am. There will be NO 7pm Mass!**

**All Catholics residing in the Archdiocese of Washington are NOT required to attend Mass on 12/9 per the decree of the Archbishop of Washington.**

**TUESDAY**

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

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**12/10 Our Duties to Immigrants**

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

12/17 Is There No Salvation Outside of the Church?

1/7 Racism and Catholic Teaching

1/14 The Right to Life

**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*



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm  
**Closed daily for Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:00pm**  
 Parish Office Phone Number: 301-373-2281  
 Jackie Cannon/Secretary:  
[cannonj@sjhollywood.org](mailto:cannonj@sjhollywood.org)  
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*We are here for you!*

**CATHOLIC CEMETERY** needs your help to maintain the beauty and dignity of the sacred ground by following the cemetery regulations:

- \* Fresh flowers are welcome all year.
- \* Artificial flowers allowed only from November 15 until March 15.
- \* Flowers of any type will be removed by the cemetery grounds keeper when they become unsightly or the particular season/holiday is over.
- \* Other decorations such as glass containers, candles, lights, metal staffs, benches or chairs, etc. are prohibited and subject to immediate removal.
- \* Individual planting of trees, shrubs, flowers etc. are not allowed.
- \* Please keep it simple - excess items may be removed.
- \* Consult our office for specific memorial rules and regulations in the cemetery.



### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Christmas Eve 2024 Masses at St. John's will be held at 4pm and 6pm this year. Christmas Day Masses will resume as normal beginning with Midnight Mass!**  
**Please adjust your Christmas Eve plans accordingly!**

**Join "Formed"! Free to St. John's Parishioners.**

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Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org), click "Sign up as a Parishioner," enter either our zip code (20636) or St John Francis Regis, enter your name and email address, and then start enjoying the free Catholic movies, books, podcasts and talks, bible studies, and much more content.

### **St. John's Annual Parish Christmas Party**

Please join us for our annual parish Christmas party!

**When: December 6, 2024**  
**Where: Monsignor Harris Gym**  
**Time: 6pm-9pm**

Also, **NOTE:** Santa will be visiting our parish for the pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 1! This is a great opportunity for pictures and for kids to meet St. Nick!



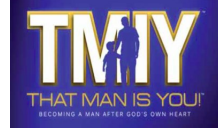
### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** **Please join us as we adorn our Church for Christmas!**

**Help is needed on the following dates:**  
**SET UP (PHASE 1) – SUN., 15 DEC 2024 (Begin at 2:00 PM)**  
**SET UP (PHASE 2) – TUE., 24 DEC 2024 (Begin at 8:00 AM after Rosary)**  
**BREAKDOWN – SUN., 12 JAN 2025 (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)



**Fiat!** In conjunction with Paradisus Dei will start Season One Masterpiece of Creation, a bible study designed for women. For more info: [tavarez5@att.net](mailto:tavarez5@att.net)



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

Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM  
Monsignor Harris Center



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

Contact: Dan Seep, 757-291-0262,  
[Derseep@hotmail.com](mailto:Derseep@hotmail.com)  
Proverbs 27:17

**Green Team Tips** Take the time to rest every day, let your mind rest. Read or watch something other than the news. Seek new interests, like music (read the lyrics); take the time to appreciate the beautiful, it will lead you to God. Read St Matthew's Gospel, especially the Sermon on the Mount near the beginning.

### Riverside Brass Concert

Please join us for a Christmas concert given by the Riverside Brass in St. John's Church!

The concert will take place on  
Friday, December 13  
7:00pm



RIVERSIDE BRASS

Come and enjoy some Advent and Christmas classics!



**2024-2025 WARM**  
St. John's  
Participation

- WARM is a winter sheltering program sustained by the faith community of St. Mary's County
- Volunteers needed:
  - When: 31 Dec 2024 to 5 Jan 2025
  - Where: Camp Maria
  - Contact Mary McGlenn at (240)298-7645
  - View volunteer slots in Signup Genius under [warm@sjchollywood.org](mailto:warm@sjchollywood.org) or use the QR code:



### Sign up for FaithDirect Today!

Looking for a convenient way to donate to St. John's?

- Ways to give: Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD116>
- Text :ENROLL" to (301) 579-7955
- Call Customer Service at (866) 507-8757
- Scan the QR Code:

### 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: [mattuzdavinis@sjchollywood.org](mailto:mattuzdavinis@sjchollywood.org)

