



“We can HOPE because God is faithful and will keep the promises HE made to us. Our HOPE comes from God.”

Romans 15:12-13

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

November 30th, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Office

Monday—Friday
9:00am - 2:00pm

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE / MISAS

Saturday

Vigil at 5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

En Español a las 12:00, mediodía

Weekday Masses:

6:00pm Mondays & Wednesdays

8:30am Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday at 9:00am - Thursday 8:30am

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Immediately following Daily Mass

Confessions

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Saturday after Morning Mass and at 3:30pm

Or by Appointment - contact the Parish Office

Our Lady of The Shenandoah Mission

Parochial Vicar

Father Robert Ruskamp

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*Please use SJB mailing address.

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass for Sunday: Saturday at 5:00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am

Daily Mass: Mon, Wed & Friday at 8:30am

Tues & Thurs at 6:00pm

Adoration: Wednesdays 5:00pm-7:00pm

Community Holy Hour: Wednesdays 7:00pm

Novena to Our Lady

of Perpetual Help Thurs 6:30pm



Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Sign of the Cross.
Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: who made heaven and earth.
Leader: In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.
Read: Isaiah 9:1-2
Period of Silence. All join in prayers of intercession and in the Lord's prayer: Our Father.
Leader: Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and upon this wreath. Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation; may he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Confession Schedule
All confessions will continue until the line ends.
Everyday immediately following daily Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays (*not Mondays*)
Saturdays after 8:30am Daily Mass and 3:30pm

Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por

- + Luis Primero Moreno
- Alison Guardado Martinez
- +Pat Harris
- +Leo Fog



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Military & Their Families Prayer Request
Captain Galen Rohr
Please keep all our military in prayer.

Tabernacle Candle
+ Gloria Perez Vargas
By donating \$10, the Tabernacle Candle will be lit for an entire week in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.



From the Parish Office



Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your families
from all of the clergy and staff of
Saint John Bosco Catholic Church



Weekly Mass Intentions
Mass Intentions: The book opens Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:30am.
Parishioners may visit the Parish Office and request Mass Intentions for the months of January, February and March. As a reminder: Families may request 1 intention per week, and 3 per month. For the future, we ask that all mass intentions requests be made in person in the Parish Office. Thank you!

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

December 8th is a *Holy Day of Obligation*
Holy Mass will be celebrated:
There will be no vigil Mass on Sunday, December 7th.
Monday, December 8th, Holy Mass at 8:30am in English
Monday, December 8th Holy Mass at 6:00pm Bilingual



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, December 12th is not a Holy Day of obligation
Las Mañanitas at 5:15am in Hanley Hall
Daily Holy Mass at 8:30am in English
Santa Misa a la 7pm en Espanol
Dinner & Play at 8:00pm in Hanley Hall

When: Friday, December 5th
Time: 6:30pm
Space available for parade watching. After the parade, all children and families are invited into Hanley Hall for Cocoa, & cookies.



Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar
Parishioners can donate money towards the purchase of Flowers (i.e. \$15 per Poinsettia) for the Altar during the Christmas Season. You can do this in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Please make checks out to SJB and put "Altar Decorations" in the memo line. They can be dropped off in the parish office during normal business hours. Last day to get names into the parish office is **Sunday, December 7th.**





Knights of Columbus
Council #9002

UpComing Dates:

- Dec 02 Officers' Meeting
- Dec 05 Woodstock Christmas Parade
- Dec 07 Monthly COR Meeting
- Dec 14 Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 14 Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play

Grand Knight: Todd White
scoutsigns@gmail.com



Keep Christ in Christmas: The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas Cards after all Masses beginning Saturday, Saturday, November 1st in the Holy Family Center. Help keep Christ in Christmas by sending Christmas Cards.

**Rosary Novena to
Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Dec 3rd - 11th, 6:30pm
in Hanley Hall

**Novena a la
Virgen de
Guadalupe**

03-11 de dic, 6:30pm
en Hanley Hall

THE GIVING TREE

How does it work:

Please help us provide gifts for children and adults of Shenandoah County.

Step 1: Choose a Gift Tag from the Tree

Step 2: Take the *Tag* home and help fulfill a person's Christmas Need.

Step 3: Bring Present(s) with Tag attached to the Office on Sun, December 14th by 4pm.

Presents must be wrapped.

If Gift Tag requires multiple packages, please bundle.

For those in Need: Do you or someone you know need gifts for their children? There is a confidential list; please fill out the "Giving Tree Request Form" available in the vestibule. Return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The last day to **request a gift:** Fri, Dec 5th, 12noon

Pick Up Day: Saturday, December 20th 9a-2p.

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin blurbs for the December 14th Bulletin are due **Friday, December 2nd**

Please send to music@sjbwoodstock.org
All burbs are subject to editing and approval.

SJB's Annual

"Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"

Upcoming Rehearsals:

- Monday, December 1st, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, December 2nd, 5:30pm
- Saturday, December 6th 3:15pm
- Tuesday, December 9th, 5:00pm
- Saturday, December 13th, 1:00pm (Dress Rehearsal)
- Sunday, December 14th, 1:00pm (Costume Check)



Performance, December 14th at 6:00pm

Children under 6 are encouraged to play sheep and do not need to be at rehearsal until Tuesday, Dec 10th.

Children under 10 are encouraged to play angels and do not need to be at rehearsals until Tuesday, Dec 10th.

Families of participants are asked to bring a dessert dish (cookies, etc.) for the social time after the performance. Parents are asked to be at rehearsals when they can, to help keep the chaos to a minimum.

Anual de SJB

"Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"

Domingo 14 de diciembre, 6:00pm



Letty Reinitz Youth Minister
youthminister@sjbwoodstock.org



We will not be meeting in December. Please take this time to spend time with your families and prepare for the Birth of Christ!

Save the Date: January 10th. The Dance-A-Thon

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Nativity Play is always look for teens who want to help backstage, with lights, music, sound, costumes, etc! Please contact Melanie if you are interested.

Religious Education

Important Dates:

Nov 30 No Classes - Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 7 All Classes!!

Dec 14 - 28 No Classes - Christmas Break

Please see parish activities to help your family prepare for the Birth of our Lord!

Jan 04 All Classes RESUME

Feb 08 No Classes - Mount 2000!

Apr 11 First Holy Communion Retreat (Mandatory)

May 02 First Holy Communion Mass & Reception

May 11 Confirmation Mass & Reception

WEEKLY CALENDAR

A letter for Archbishop Seamus Horgan

Sunday, November 30th

No Religious Education Classes

Giving Tree Ministry Begins

Sunday Bible Study (SFR)	8:30am-9:30am
Parish Social Hour (HH)	8:30am-11:00am
Guadalupe Practica (HH)	1:00pm-2:00pm

Monday, December 1st

Martial Arts Group (SJEH)	9:30am-11:30am
Nativity Play Practice (HH)	5:30pm
<i>Confessions</i>	6:30pm
OCIA (SFR)	6:30pm-8:00pm
ESL (SJEH)	6:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 2nd

<i>Confessions</i>	9:00am
Legion of Mary (HH)	12:15pm-1:45pm
Nativity Play Practice (HH)	5:30pm
Alabanza y Adoracion (MC)	7:00pm-8:00pm
KofC Officers' Meeting (HH)	7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd

Children's Choir Rehearsal (SFR)	4:00pm-5:55pm
Praise & Worship (MC)	5:00pm-5:45pm
Trail Life (SJEH)	6:00pm-9:00pm
<i>Confessions</i>	6:30pm
Novena de Guadalupe (HH)	6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday, December 4th

<i>Confessions</i>	9:00am
Women's Bible Study (HH)	9:00am-11:30am
Divine Mercy Cenacle (SFR)	9:30am-11:00am
Legion de Maria (HH)	6:00pm-7:00pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal (SFR)	6:00pm-7:00pm
Novena de Guadalupe (HH)	6:30pm-8:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal (MC)	7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, December 5th

<i>Confessions</i>	9:00am
RICA (SFR)	6:30pm-7:30pm
Woodstock Parade & Party	5:00pm-9:00pm
Novena de Guadalupe (HH)	6:30pm-8:30pm
RE Spanish Supplement (SFR)	7:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday, November 29th

<i>Confessions</i>	9:00am
Nativity play practice (HH)	3:15pm-4:15pm
<i>Confessions</i>	3:30pm
Novena de Guadalupe (HH)	6:30pm-8:30pm

Dear Father Tran,

Dear parishioners of St John Bosco, Woodstock,

It was a joy to return to the parish community of St John Bosco in Woodstock and to celebrate Mass with you once more, during my visit to the United States in October. I very much appreciated the invitation and the opportunity to renew old friendships. even if the visit was too brief, it recalled the many happy memories I have of my monthly trips to St John Bosco, during my years in Washington, D.C. It was truly a blessing to come to know your wonderful parish community.

On the occasion of my visit on October 12th last, the parish kindly took up a collection in support of my mission in South Sudan, resulting a few days ago, in the transfer of a donation of US \$5,102. I am deeply touched by this gesture of solidarity with the Church in South Sudan and assure that the monies will be used in support of some good causes here.

Renewing my affection and good wishes to you, Father Augustine, and to the good people of St John Bosco parish, I ask your prayers for the Church in South Sudan and in Sudan, as I remain

Yours sincerely,

Seamus Horgan

Apostolic Nuncio

Funeral of a Parishioner: Patricia Harris.

Heishman Funeral Home
122 N Main St Woodstock, Va

Visiting Hours on December 2nd: 2-5p
3p: Divine Mercy, Rosary, Prayers

Mass of Christian Burial
at St John Bosco at 11:00am

Parish Annual Pilgrimage

Thursday, December 12th

Jubilee Site: The Cathedral of St Thomas More
carpooling available

(60 years Priesthood anniversary Mass for
Emeritus Bishop Paul Loverde at 12:05p)

For more information:

Donna Armstrong 540-324-7902

LAS POSADAS

Tuesday, Dec 16th to Lunes, 16 de dic -
Tuesday, Dec 23rd Lunes, 23 de dic a las
at 6:30pm 6:30pm
in Hanley Hall en Hanley Hall

SJB MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

December 1st - 7th, 2025

Monday	6:00pm	+ Justina Barios, + Fidel Zempoaltecal, + Juan Zempoaltercalt
Tuesday	8:30am	Art Parente
Wednesday	6:00pm	+ Joyce Skidmore
Thursday	8:30am	+ James Skidmore
Friday	8:30am	Dianne Labadie
Saturday	8:30am	Chronowski Children and grandchildren
Saturday	5:00pm	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30am	Raymond Schneider
Sunday	9:30am	Darlene Beaune
Domingo	Mediodia	Intenciones por los nicaragua

Lit Schedule for December 6th - 7th

2nd Sunday of Advent

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	Mediodia
Lectors	Korrigan	S. Tully	Walsh Cammack	N. Martinez Ramiro
Servers	???	Parente Parente S. White	Thurston Adam B.	Jose James Oscar
EMHCs	Korrigan	Robertson	Haydu Muir	H. Montes
Ushers	Miller Andrews	White James C.	Cammack Stalbird Anthony B.	C. Becerra M. Morales

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December 1st - 7th, 2025

No Mass Intention Requests this week.



- 02** KofC Officers' Meeting
- 03** Novena de Guadalupe Begins
- 05** Woodstock Christmas Parade, followed by
Chocolate and cookies in Hanley Hall
- 07** RE: All Classes
- 07** KofC Monthly COR Meeting
- 07** Bautismo Clase de Espanol
- 08** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12** Last Day to sign up for the CC Mobile Van
- 12** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Las Mañanitas, Masses and celebration
- 13** Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
- 14** Parish Monthly Pancake Breakfast
- 14** Bautismo Clase de Espanol
- 14** "Keep Christ in Christmas" Nativity Play
- 16** Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Van
- 16** Las Posadas Begins
- 16** KofC Regular Monthly Meeting
- 21** Christmas Choir Concert

Lit Schedule for December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

	8:30am English	6:00pm Bilingual
Lectors	J. Stransky	V. Ventimiglia M. Velasquez
Servers	Carlson Carlson ???	Joel Leo James
EMHCs	C. Haydu	M. Pinales
Ushers	B. Hassett T. Taylor	C. Caldera R. Romero



