



“Be Watchful! Be Alert!”

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ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH OFFICE

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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 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Immediately following Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Saturday 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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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 3:00pm-7:00pm

Community Holy Hour: Wednesdays 7:00pm

Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

Thurs 6:30pm

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is a

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION,

Holy Mass will be celebrated:

Thursday, December 7th, Vigil Mass at 6:00pm *Bilingual*

Friday, December 8th, Holy Mass at 8:30am in *English*

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La fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

08 de diciembre es un *DIA DE OBLIGACIÓN* este año,
se celebrara la santa misa:

jueves, 07 de dic, Misa de Vigilia, 6:00pm en *Bilingüe*

viernes, 08 de dic, Santa Misa a las 8:30am en *Ingles*

viernes, 08 de dic, Santa Misa a las 6:00pm en *Ingles*



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, 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

Daily Holy Mass at 7:00pm in Spanish

Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 3rd-11th, 6:00pm in
Hanley Hall

Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe

03-11 de dic, 6:00pm en
Hanley Hall

Could you not spend
one hour with me?
Matthew 26:40



St John Bosco has Eucharistic Adoration

in the Main Church

Tuesdays at 9:00am -Thursdays 8:30am

Please contact Peggy & Lee Santos at 540-933-6777

We are in need of adorers for the hours of:

Tuesday 10p-11p & Thursday 5a-6a.



There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during the Holiday Season, from December 26th through January 4th: that is two weeks; the week of Christmas, & of New Years.

Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por

Our Parish Family



Military & Their Families Prayer Request

Capt. Stephen Dillon

Please keep all our military in prayer.

Tabernacle Candle

+ Mark Labadie



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



Thank you for your contributions!

If you want credit for your 2023 contributions, all donations need to be postmarked by December 31st. To facilitate an easier processing for staff, we ask that you please hand them in as soon as possible.

End-of-year statements that are over the amount of \$250 will be prepared by Parish Giving this year. Details and instructions will follow in the near future. Please be aware that no statements will be prepared for contributions totaling under \$250.



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 in to the parish office is **Sunday, December 10th, by 4:00pm.**

SJB's Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"

Rehearsals: Tuesday, December 5th 5:00pm

Saturday, December 9th 2:00pm

Monday, December 11th 5:00pm

Saturday, December 16th, 1:00pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Sunday, December 17th at 4:00pm (Costume Check)

Performance December 17th at 6:00pm

Contact Melanie Griffy for more information. Please see the bulletin board for a list of characters and a copy of the rehearsal list.



Religious Education

RE Classes will be taking a break for the entire month of December. Please make sure your families participates in Parish Activities. Preparing for our Lord's birth together is very important!

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3rd-11th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th

Nativity Pageant

December 17th

Classes will resume January 7th!

Coffee & Creed (RCIA & Adults) will still be meeting in St John Hall!

THE GIVING TREE

How does it work:

Please help us provide gifts for children and adults of the underprivileged in 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 Dec 13th. **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: Mon, Dec 6th.

Families will be notified when they can pick up their gifts from SJB.

Coffee & Creed

Free Coffee!! Free Cookies!!

AND a chance to learn about the Catholic Faith!



**MEETS ON SUNDAYS 10:45a-11:45a
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST HALL.**

Open to all—parishioners and visitors!

**Join us as we explore the
Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

Today's Topic: All about Mary, the Mother of God
12/10 Topic:

*Required for those interested in joining the church or
completing their sacraments.*

For more information: Caroline Haydu 540-335-0053

Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program

Because not everyone can go to Fatima, Our Most Gracious Mother comes to you.

The Legion of Mary offers individuals and families a beautiful way to draw closer to God through the prayers of Our Mother. Two members of the Legion of Mary will bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home and the statue will stay with you one week. Contact Lee Santos 540-335-4800.

Email leeandpeg@gmail.com



Catholic Charities Mobile Response Van

The Mobile Van will be at Catholic Outreach in Woodstock on the *Tuesday of the 3rd full week of the month—*

Tuesday, December 19th. They distribute items like cleaning products, diapers, and hygiene products. Please pass on this Information to those in need.



Join us to pray for our priests and for vocations. Our **Praise and Worship Holy Hour** has moved to Wednesdays, 5pm to 5:45pm. Come worship Our Lord, join in songs of praise and in specific prayers for priests and for vocations. Contact John or Nan Alcott at kata@shentel.net for information.

Diocesan News

Please Consider a Generous Gift to Those in Need

Through a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, you are serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable, and welcoming the newcomer. Your support helps maintain ministries that serve neighbors in need throughout the 21 counties and seven cities of our diocese. If donating with check or cash, use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas.

Mass for Parents Who Have Lost Children

If you are suffering after the loss of a child (from infancy to adulthood), please join us on Saturday, December 16, for Mass and a light reception at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. followed by a light reception in the parish hall. Fr. Jamie Workman, J.C.L., the Vicar General of the Diocese of Arlington will offer brief remarks. Although the event is free, please register at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/parentsmass>. If you have any questions, please call 703-841-2550.

Mass and Brunch for Adult Children of Divorce

Are your parents divorced? Have you found it difficult to remain focused on Jesus during the season of Christmas? Have you ever looked for emotional and practical support in navigating complicated family dynamics? If so, we hope you will join us for Mass and Brunch! Fr. David Dufresne, who is on our Life-Giving Wounds retreat team, will celebrate Mass for us on Saturday, December 16, at St. Charles Borromeo in Arlington at 11:30 a.m. Afterwards, we will walk to a nearby restaurant for food and fellowship. The event is free, but please RSVP at arlingtondiocese.org/acodmass if you plan to attend.

Day of Prayer and Healing

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

PARISH LIFE



Knights of Columbus Council #9002

Join the Knights at: www.kofc.org/joinus

Agent code: DEVANS First year of membership Free!

Congratulations to our two newest members: Miguel Pinales and Juan Espinozo!!

Upcoming Dates:

Every Wednesday 12:30-4p Senior Games in SJEH

Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales going on now!

Dec 05 7:30pm Officers' Planning Meeting

Únite a los caballeros: www.kofc.org/Agenté Code: DEVANS membresía primer año!!

Todos los miércoles de 12:30-4p juegos de cartas para ancianos (SJEH)

Dec 05 7:30p Reunión de planificación de oficiales

Nov 4 y 5 mantener a Cristo Ventas de tarjetas de Navidad

Grand Knight: Tom Drinkwater, 540-933-6856

Drinkwat1@earthlink.net

Feast Day Prize Calendar

The Knights are selling Feast Day Prize Calendars for \$20 this weekend through 12/17 after all Masses in the vestibule. There will be 98 potential daily prizes between Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Contestants select their lucky 3-digit number (no duplicates). Winning numbers are drawn from each afternoon's Pick3 Virginia Lottery. You can win more than once!

THESE FEAST DAY PRIZE CALENDARS
MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS
AND STOCKING STUFFERS!

KofC Senior Games. Wednesday afternoons, 12:30pm-4:00pm in St John Hall. Dominoes, Cards and more! For more info, Lee Dieter, 540-459-3975; lddieter@shentel.net.



DIVINE MERCY SAID: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this Image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (St. Faustina's Diary, 48)

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Please join us on Thursdays in the St. Francis Room after Daily Mass and the Rosary.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Blurbs for the **December 17th Bulletin** are due December 1st, send to bulletin@sjbwoodstock.org

On Campus Meeting during Holidays

Ministries are reminded that when the office is closed and/or Mass will not be celebrated—on-campus-activities are also cancelled, unless prior arrangements have been made, for that specific date, through the Parish Office and approved by Father Tran.

Elizabeth Parente Youth Minister
youthminister@sjbwoodstock.org

The
Upper Room
Squad

All rising 7th-12 graders invited to join URS activities.

Dec 3rd No Meeting

Dec 10th Regular Meeting 3-5p

Dec 17th Advent Party after Nativity Pageant.

Registration for **Life is VERY Good Rally** is going on now! \$35. Thursday Jan 18th—Friday, Jan 19th.

Early Bird Sign-Up for Mt 2000 ends soon! If you are interested please contact our Youth Minister! Mount 2000 is at Mt St Mary's Seminary February 2nd-4th, 2024.

Dance-A-Thon Save the Date—January 13th, 2024.



Needles & Threads will begin meeting the 2nd & 4th THURSDAYS of the month from 2-4p in St. John the Evangelist Hall starting September 14. We make prayer shawls & quilts for the sick, homebound & grieving. Attendance is not required. Projects may be done at home & brought to the Office or to the N&T Thursday meeting. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Kathy Chunta @ jazkat36@gmail.com.

SJB needs more Rosary Makers!

Anyone interested in learning to make Rosaries, please contact the office or Kathy Chunta @ jazkat36@gmail.com. Supplies will be provided.

Comunidad Española

¿Te gustaría aprender mas Sobre la palabra de Dios?

El grupo Nueva Esperanza te hace la invitación cada viernes, en el Salón San Juan Evangelista. Se impartirán temas interesantes que nos, ayudaran a seguir caminando con Jesús. 7:45p: Todos son bienvenidos

"Vengan y lo verán"
Jn 1, 39

La Legión de Maria Queremos dejar saber a la comunidad hispana que tenemos la legión de Maria en español en nuestra parroquia. Ahora nos reunimos a las 6:00pm en SFR a la martes. Por favor Venancio si tienen preguntas o si quieren saber de nuestro trabajo.

Legión de Maria Como todos no podemos ir Fátima a visitar a nuestra Madre, Ella puedes ir a visitarte a tu casa. La Legión de Maria ofrece La Virgen visita domiciliar individualmente o a a familia. . Esta es una forma maravillosa para acercarnos a Dios a través de las oraciones a Nuestra Madre. Dos miembros de la legión le llevarán la Virgen a su casa. La virgen se queda en su casa una semana. Para más información pueden contacto ya Miguel Pinales al número (301) 442-3029 mpinales39.mp@gmail.com

SJB MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 4th, - December 10th, 2023

Monday	6:00pm	+ Teresa Ortiz Moreno
Tuesday	8:30am	+ Kathryn Graff
Wednesday	6:00pm	Chronowski Children & Grandchildren
Thursday	8:30am	+ Robert Devlin
Thursday	6:00pm	Bishop Joseph Strickland
Friday	8:30am	+ Nancy Layko
Friday	6:00pm	Bishop & Priests imprisoned by Nicaraguan Government
Saturday	8:30am	Horacio Carreno Karp
Saturday	5:00pm	+ Gertrude & Leopold Morvillo
Sunday	7:30am	Our Parish Family
Sunday	9:30am	+ Adoye Jules Bouabey
Sunday	12:00pm	+ Anthony Montes Moreno

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December 4th—10th, 2023

Monday	8:30am	Paul Alexander Ribeiro Rocha
Wednesday	8:30am	Ivonía Ribeiro Rocha

No Mass intentions request for the other days.

LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	Mediodia
Lectors	R. Stewart	Vince V.	V. Shelton	Quantanilla G. Bautista
Servers	???	Cammack	Austin B.	Jose
	???	Carlson	A. Reinitz	Joel
	???		Thurston	Leo
Ushers	H. Miller	James C.	Stalbird	O. Espinal
	Don J.	Andrews	J. Zaso	Gonzales
	////	////	////	L.V. Ruiz*
EMHCs	V. Stewart	Jon C.	Jo. Haydu	S. Sediles
			Clifford	

LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 12TH
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

	8:30am English	7:00pm Espanol
Lectors	Theresa Manchey	David Rosales Marisol Morales
Servers	T. Parente	Jose
	D. Parente	Joel
	???	Leo
EMHCs	Cathy Wester	Miguel Pinales

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3rd

NO Religious Education, RCIA or URS

Sunday Bible Study (SJEH)	8:30am-9:30am
Reception for Bishop (HH)	10:30am
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

Monday, December 4th

Martial Arts Group (SJEH)	9:30am-12:00pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

Tuesday, December 5th

Nativity Play Rehearsal (HH)	5:00pm-6:00pm
Legión de María (SJEH)	5:30pm-7:15pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm
Alabanza y Adoración (MC)	7:00pm-8:00pm
KofC Officers' Meeting (SJEH)	7:30pm-9:30pm

Wednesday, December 6th

Legion of Mary (SJEH)	9:15am-10:45am
Senior Games (SJEH)	12:30pm-4:00pm
Praise & Worship Holy Hour	5:00pm-5:55pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

Thursday, December 7th

Divine Mercy Cenacle (SJEH)	9:30am-11:00am
Walking With Purpose (SJEH)	9:30am-11:30am
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal (MC)	7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, December 8th

Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm
Coro de Espanol (MC)	7:00pm-7:45pm
RE—Spanish Supplement (MC)	7:30pm-9:00pm
Nueva Esperanza (SJEH)	7:45pm-9:00pm

Saturday, December 8th

Nativity Play Rehearsal (HH)	2:00pm-3:30pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES:

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC BLURBS WITHIN BULLETIN*



- 10 Last Day to Request Poinsettia Flowers
- 10 Clases para Bautizos en Espanol
- 10 URS: Regular Meeting
- 11 Nativity Play Rehearsal
- 12 Young Adult Group Meeting
- 13 Giving Tree: Gifts are Due back to SJB
- 17 Food Sale
- 17 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Nativity Play
- 19 Catholic Charities Mobile Van Unit

