



“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Mark 1:3

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

2ND 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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240 Fritzel Way P.O. Box 235 Basye, VA 22810

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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



During Advent, in particular, we are called to prepare to encounter the Lord. Reflect on what you can do this Advent season to grow in holiness and devotion. Take the opportunity this Advent to heed the call of today's readings to repentance by visiting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God is waiting there to offer you His forgiveness.

Confession is available

**After all Daily Masses Monday—Friday,
after the 8:30am Mass and at 3:30pm on Saturdays.**

There will be **no** Adoration Tuesday December 26th, 2023 through Thursday, December 28th, 2023

There will be **no** adoration Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 through Thursday, January 4th, 2024.

The Parish Office will be Closed December 25th and 26th, January 1st and January 15th.

A **Community Advent Worship Service** will be held each Wednesday during Advent at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 127 E. High St, Woodstock. Lunch is served at 12:00pm (noon) followed by the Community Advent Worship Service at 12:30pm. **SJB is hosting on Wednesday, December 20th, please join us and if you can, contact Annerose Clifford if you are willing to help with food and serving.**



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

Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por

Terri Auckland

Elke Koch



Military & Their Families Prayer Request

Capt. Stephen Dillon

Please keep all our military in prayer.

Tabernacle Candle

The Angel Family

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



Mass Intentions:

Parishioners may visit the Office and request Mass intentions for the months of **January February and March.**

It is MOST helpful for fiscal record keeping if stipends are given at time of request. Stipends can be cash, check, or credit card. Mass Intentions are scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

As a reminder: Families may request 1 Intention per week and 3 per month.



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, TODAY!**

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

December 17th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Rehearsals:

Monday, December 11th 5:00pm

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

Sunday, December 17th 4:00pm—Costume Call

Sunday, December 17th 6:00pm—Performance



Come and celebrate the **Reason for the Season** at our "**Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play**" at **6:00pm on December 17** in Hanley Hall. There is a **Potluck Dessert** directly following. Please bring something to share!

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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear All,

The turkey boxes project went off beautifully two weekends ago. We were able to provide 32 families with a meal, plus a few extra boxes in reserve so the Outreach could handle last minute needs. Thanks to all of you and especially thanks to those who stepped up to lead the project, including Betsy Reynolds and Zac White.

Our Holy Family Center was dedicated last Sunday by our Bishop Burbidge. I would like to reiterate what I said at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our church: "THANK YOU" to all of you who made our renovation project become a reality. You are like the "poor widow" which our Lord Jesus pointed out in the Gospel that "She gave her whole livelihood." You continue to inspire me with your generosity and your commitment to your faith. Let us continue to imitate the Holy Family to grow in love and to share our Lord Jesus with others.

God Bless!

Fr. Augustine Minh Hai Tran



Christmas Masses

Sunday morning Masses on December 24th do NOT count toward your Christmas Mass obligation.

Sun, Dec 24th, Children's Vigil Mass at 5:00pm in *English*

Sun, Dec 24th, Vigil Mass at 7:00pm in *Spanish*

Sun, Dec 24th, Candlelight Vigil Mass at 10:00pm in *English*

Mon, Dec 25th, Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am in *English*

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year

There will be no Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1st, Holy Mass at 8:30am in *English*



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.

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

12/17 Topic: What is liturgy and why is it important?

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

For more information: Caroline Haydu 540-335-0053

Advent Resources!

This Advent, prepare your hearts for Christ's Nativity with 2minutes2virtue (2m2v) and Searching for More (SFM)! Stay tuned for short and inspiring video reflections led by our diocesan priests and lay faithful during each week of Advent. Stay up-to-date on new releases by subscribing to the diocesan email newsletter, the diocesan YouTube channel. You can also find 2m2v and SFM wherever you subscribe to podcast. You can also find the videos on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter as they release. Receive the weekly 2m2v challenge straight to your phone by texting "2m2v" to 84576, and join our public Facebook Group for further inspiration!

Second Collection

Please Give to the **2023 Parish Christmas**

Collection We can renew our Catholic Faith by sharing it with others in word and deed, through evangelization and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. You can help serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer with your support of today's Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. If donating with check, use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas.

PARISH LIFE



Knights of Columbus Council #9002

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

Agent code: DEVANS First year of membership Free!

Upcoming Dates:

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

Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales going on now!

Dec 19 6:30pm Social, 7pm Rosary,

7:30pm Regular Meeting

Jan 02 7:30pm Officers' Planning Meeting

Jan 16 6:30pm Social, 7pm Rosary,

7:30pm Regular Meeting

Until Dec 16th purchase a Feast Day Calendar and have a chance at winning cash every day between Christmas and Easter!

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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)

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

Dic 19 6:30pm tiempo social, 7:00 rezar el rosario seguido por la reunión regular

Enero 02 7:30 pm Reunión de planificación de oficiales

Enero 16 6:30pm tiempo social, 7:00 rezar el rosario seguido por la reunión regular

¡Hasta el 16 de diciembre compre un calendario de días festivos y tenga la oportunidad de ganar dinero en efectivo todos los días entre Navidad y Pascua!

Grand Knight: Tom Drinkwater, 540-933-6856

Drinkwat1@earthlink.net

Feast Day Prize Calendar Fundraiser

The Knights are selling Feast Day Prize Calendars for \$20 this weekend through 12/17 after all Masses in the Narthex. 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!

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.



Elizabeth Parente Youth Minister
youthminister@sjbwoodstock.org

The
Upper Room
Squad

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

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.

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 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!

Comunidad Española

¿Te gustaría aprender mas Sobre la palabra de Dios?

El grupo Nueva Esperanza te ha- "Vengan y lo verán"
ce la invitación cada viernes, en Jn 1, 39
el Salón San Juan Evangelista. Se
impartirán temas interesantes que nos, ayudaran a seguir
caminando con Jesús. 7:45p: Todos son bienvenidos

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 atreves 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 11th—17th, 2023

Monday	6:00pm	Fr's Personal Intention
Tuesday	8:30am	Jessica Hanna
Martes	7:00pm	David & Matty Rosales
Wednesday	6:00pm	The Cornnell Family
Thursday	8:30am	+ Gerry Hrastar
Friday	8:30am	Shane Phelan
Saturday	8:30am	Outreach Volunteers
Saturday	5:00pm	+ Richard Morvillo
Sunday	7:30am	Heydi Carlson
Sunday	9:30am	Annerose Clifford
Sunday	12:00pm	Our Parish Family

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December 11th—17th, 2023

Monday	8:30am	Paul Alexander Ribeiro Roche
Wednesday	8:30am	Ivonía Ribeiro Roche
Saturday	5:00pm	Valdemaer Cardoso Roche

No Mass intentions request for the other days.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10th

Last Day to request names for Poinsettia Flowers

Sunday Bible Study (SJEH)	8:30am-9:30am
RCIA: Coffee & Creed (SJEH)	10:45am-11:30am
Clase de Bautismo (SFR)	1:00pm-2:30pm
URS (SJEH)	3:00pm-5:00pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

Monday, December 11th

Martial Arts Group (SJEH)	9:30am-12:00pm
Nativity Play Rehearsal (HH)	5:00pm-6:00pm
Virgen de Guadalupe Novena (HH)	6:00pm

Tuesday, December 12th

Legión de María (SJEH)	5:30pm-7:15pm
Young Adult Group Meeting (SJEH)	6:30pm-7:30pm
Guadalupe Reception (HH)	7:00pm-9:00pm
Alabanza y Adoración (MC)	7:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 13th

Gifts are due back for the Giving Tree

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

Thursday, December 14th

Divine Mercy Cenacle (SJEH)	9:30am-11:00am
Walking With Purpose (SJEH)	9:30am-11:30am
Adult Choir Rehearsal (MC)	7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, December 15th

RE—Spanish Supplement (MC)	7:30pm-9:00pm
Nueva Esperanza (SJEH)	7:45pm-9:00pm

Saturday, December 16th

Nativity Dress Rehearsal (HH)	1:00pm-4:00pm
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LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 12TH
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

	8:30am English	7:00pm Spanish
Lectors	Theresa Manchey	David Rosales Marisol Morales
Servers	Parente	Jose
		Joel
	???	Leo
EMHCs	C. Wester	M. Pinales

LIT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	Mediodia
Lectors	Drinkwater	Shelton	J. Haydu	N. Martinez
				S. Sediles
Servers	Harman	???	Adam B.	Jose
		???	Brown	Joel
		???		Leo
Ushers	Don J.	Hassett	Engelstad	D. Moreno
	J. Haydu	T. Taylor	D. Walsh	Carreño*
	////	////	////	A. Garcia
EMHCs	L. Dishart	C. Wester	C. Haydu	M. Pinales
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Requests for weekends off for the months of February, March & April 2024 are due Friday, January 12th by 4:00pm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Blurbs for the **Dec 31st & January 1st Bulletins** are due December 15th, send to bulletin@sjbwoodstock.org

MONTHLY CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES:

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC BLURBS WITHIN BULLETIN*



17 Food Sale

17 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Nativity Play

19 Catholic Charities Mobile Van Unit

19 KofC Monthly Regular Meeting

20 Advent Service and Lunch SJB Hosts

