



“REJOICE in the LORD always.  
I will say it again: REJOICE!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
The Lord is near.”

Philippians 4:1-5

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

315 N. Main Street Woodstock, Virginia 22664

December 14th, 2025

3rd 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 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



**From the Parish Office**

**Parish Annual Pilgrimage**

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilee Site: The Cathedral  
of St Thomas More  
*carpooling available*



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

*For more information:* Donna Armstrong 540-624-7902

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. It's origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. The Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in play until the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing. Parishioners can find a blessing for their Christmas trees at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) under *Sacramental Blessings - Objects*.



**Advent Confession Schedule**

*All confessions will continue until the line ends.*

Everyday immediately following Mass on Tuesdays,  
Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays (*not Mondays*)  
Saturdays after 8:30am Daily Mass and 3:30pm

**Christmas Masses**

*Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

5:00pm Holy Mass in English  
7:00pm Holy Mass in Spanish  
9:30pm Choral Carol Singing  
10:00pm Holy Mass in English

*Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

9:30am Holy Mass in English

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

*Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

6:00pm Holy Mass in Spanish

*Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

7:30am Holy Mass in English  
9:30am Holy Mass in English

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The Parish Office will be closed Wed, December 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Thurs, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thurs, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be No Eucharistic Adoration the week of  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and the week of Dec 29<sup>th</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT MASS**  
December 24th  
9:30pm—Prelude  
10:00pm—Holy Mass



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

**Second Collection**

Today's second collection is | Hoy una segunda colecta  
for Catholic Charities. | es para Caridades catolicas.  
Please be generous. | Por favor, sean generosos.

**Prayer Requests for/Oremos Por**

Ken Beaune  
Noe Buruca  
+ Richard Mrosko



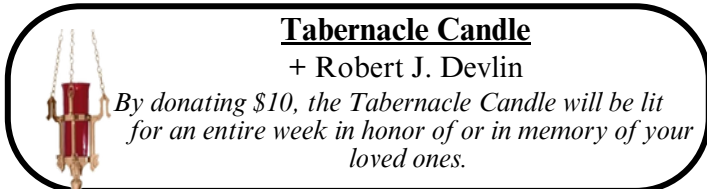
**Military & Their Families Prayer Request**

Captain Galen Rohr  
Please keep all our military in prayer.

**Tabernacle Candle**

+ Robert J. Devlin

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





Knights of Columbus  
Council #9002

**UpComing Dates:**

- Dec 14 Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 14 Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play
- Dec 16 Regular Members Meeting

Grand Knight: Todd White  
scoutsigns@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Council #9002 is proud to present:



**Who:**  
Boys & Girls ages 9-14

**When:**  
Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2026  
10:00-11:30am

**Where:**  
Charterhouse Gym,  
Edinburg, Va

**Contact:**  
Kirk Andrews  
540-335-2433



**Ecumenical Advent Prayer Service**

Every Wednesday at 12noon at Emanuel Lutheran Church.  
*a light lunch is served immediately after the service.*

St John Bosco is leading and providing lunch on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Please contact Bonnie Burgwald, 703-901-2907, if you would like to help make and/or service lunch.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> by 4pm.

**Presents must be wrapped.**

*\*If Gift Tag requires multiple packages, please bundle.\**

**For those in Need:**

**Pick Up Day: Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 9a-2p.**

**SJB's Annual**

**"Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"**

Upcoming Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm (Costume Check)

Performance, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00pm



Families of participants are asked to bring a dessert dish (cookies, etc.) for the social time after the performance.

**Anual de SJB**

**"Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play"**

Domingo 14 de diciembre, 6:00pm

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



**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

**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

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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

#### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Bible Study (SFR)	8:30am-9:30am
Parish Pancake Breakfast (HH)	8:30am-11:30am
Bautismo Clase (SFR)	1:00pm-2:30pm
Nativity Play: Costume Call (HH)	4:00pm
“Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Play” Performance (HH)	6:00pm

#### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Martial Arts Group (SJEH)	9:30am-11:30am
OCIA (SFR)	6:30pm-8:00pm
ESL (SJEH)	6:30pm-8:00pm

#### Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Confessions	9:00am
Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach	10:30am-12:00pm
Legion of Mary (HH)	12:15pm-1:45pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:30pm
KofC Regular Meeting (SJEH)	8:00pm-9:00pm

#### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Ecumenical Advent Worship Service at Emmanuel Lutheran, Woodstock	12noon
Children’s Choir Rehearsal (SFR)	4:00pm-5:55pm
Praise & Worship (MC)	5:00pm-5:45pm
Trail Life (SJEH)	6:00pm-9:00pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:30pm
Confessions	6:30pm

#### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Confessions	9:00am
Youth Choir Rehearsal (SFR)	6:00pm-7:00pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal (MC)	7:00pm-9:00pm

#### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Confessions	9:00am
Las Posadas (HH)	6:30pm
Coro de Espanol (MC)	7:00pm

#### Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Confessions	9:00am & 3:30pm
Las Posadas (HH)	6:30pm

### Parish Potluck

## Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

*immediately following the  
12noon Mass*  
**at 1:00pm in Hanley Hall**

Please come, bring your  
family and a dish to share!

*This reoccurring event  
happens every other month.*  
If you cannot join us this  
month, we’ll see you on  
February 15<sup>th</sup>!

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*Opportunity for Corporal Work of Mercy*

**Mass of Christian Burial at St John Bosco**  
Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00am

### La Comida

## compartida Dom, 21 de dic

*inmediatamente después  
de la misa del mediodía*  
**a la 1pm, en Hanley Hall**

Por favor, vengan,  
¡traigan a su familia y un  
plato para compartir!

Este evento se repite cada dos  
meses.

Si no puedes acompañarnos  
este mes, te esperamos el 15  
de febrero!



**Needles & Threads** will meet on 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays of the month from 2:00pm-  
4:00pm in the St Francis Room.  
All are welcome! For more information,  
please contact Kathy Chunta  
[jazkat36@gmail.com](mailto:jazkat36@gmail.com).

## SJB Vocations Ministry



This is an effort to promote vocations from  
within our parish community.

Please sign up!

Families are asked to sign-up for two weeks at a  
time. During that time, you will represent our  
parish praying for vocations.

*The Vocational Crucifix and the Bible will be presented  
to each family as their reminder of their commitment  
to pray for vocations.*

Please contact our coordinators, James and Monica  
Rossi at 540-630-5515 or [jamesdrossi4@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdrossi4@gmail.com) to  
sign up for for more information.

### LAS POSADAS

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

#### Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin blurbs for the January 4<sup>th</sup> Bulletin  
are due **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

We return to the normal schedule for the Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Bulletin  
Please send to [music@sjbwoodstock.org](mailto:music@sjbwoodstock.org)  
*All burbs are subject to editing and approval.*

**SJB MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF**

December 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Monday	6:00pm	Shane Phelan
Tuesday	8:30am	+ Des Forde
Wednesday	6:00pm	Lee & Eileen Simmons
Thursday	8:30am	+ Ronnie Jurgensmeyer
Friday	8:30am	+ John Tracy
Saturday	8:30am	+ Sharon Hassett
Saturday	5:00pm	+ Joe Collins
Sunday	7:30am	+ Ronnie Jurgensmeyer
Sunday	9:30am	Our Parish Family
Domingo	Mediodia	+ Elias Cardoso Garcia, + Alfonso Cardoso, y + Elias Cardoso Ferreira

**OLS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF**

December 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Sun 12/21 8:30am + Meghan Sterett

**Lit Schedule for December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

4th Sunday of Advent

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	Mediodia
<b>Lectors</b>	Tom D.	S. Tully	Emmons Hatke	Morales Bautista
<b>Servers</b>	Harman ???	Andrews Andrews ???	Brown Brown ???	J. A. Carrera L. Garcia James
<b>EMHCs</b>	P. Pegues	A. Palmer	A. Beaune P. Clark	M. Carreno
<b>Ushers</b>	Miller Stalbird	Don J. Andrews	Walsh Cammack A. Beaune	L. George Ruiz



- 21 Christmas Choir Concert
- 21 Parish Potluck Dinner
- 27 Cena de la Sagrada Familia
- 29 Funeral for Nancy Lewis



- 04 COR monthly Meeting
- 04 RE: All Classes Resume
- 04 Bautismo Clase de Espanol
- 06 KofC Officers' Meeting
- 08 Needles & Threads
- 10 URS: Dance-A-Thon
- 11 Parish Monthly Pancake Breakfast
- 11 Bautismo Clase de Espanol
- 11 URS: Regular Meeting
- 20 Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach
- 20 KofC Regular Meeting
- 22 Needles & Threads
- 25 URS: Regular Meeting
- 31 St John Bosco Feast day: Chili Cook Off



**The PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
is Today!**



Please come to the Holy Family Center  
**TODAY!** (donations accepted)  
after the 7:30a and 9:30a Masses for Pancakes!

We are always looking for more volunteers - please contact  
Zac White If you are interested! [zac.white2@gmail.com](mailto:zac.white2@gmail.com)

