

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Welcome to St. John's Church*

### **Mass Schedule**

#### Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)  
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm  
12:30pm (Spanish)

#### Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am  
Monday - Friday: Noon  
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

### **Sacraments**

#### Confession:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am  
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm  
Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

#### Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am  
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

#### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



DECEMBER 24, 2023 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
December 25 - 31, 2023

**MONDAY DEC 25**

*Nativity of the Lord*

Midnight Parish Family  
7:00am Mike Schmiedicke & Fam  
8:30am +Tom Carlson  
10:30am Priests of St. John's  
12:30pm Deacon Goldsmith  
5:00pm Joe Silek

**TUESDAY DEC 26**

*St Stephen, First Martyr*

8:30am +Susan Bill  
12:00pm +Charles & Phyllis Hibl

**WEDNESDAY DEC 27**

*St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*

8:30am John Paul McGraw  
12:00pm +Rick Koch  
7:00pm Familia de Maria Alfaro

**THURSDAY DEC 28**

*The Holy Innocents*

8:30am Desiderio Family  
12:00pm Faith Mavretich

**FRIDAY DEC 29**

*5th Day within Octave of Nativity*

8:30am +Brendan McGuire  
12:00pm +Beverly Elmquist

**SATURDAY DEC 30**

*Sixth Day within Octave of Nativity*

8:30am +Elsbeth Wouters

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

*The Holy Family*

5:00pm +Henry & Goldie Sonak

**SUNDAY DEC 31**

*The Holy Family*

7:00am Miller & Bodoh Families  
8:30am +Jerry Trost  
10:30am Parish Family  
12:30pm Familia Egbert Meza  
5:00pm Marlene Lundberg

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Monday - Friday:  
8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday:  
8:30am & 3:30pm

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Please see page 10 for the Christmas Mass schedule.**

The parish office is closed Dec 25 & 26.

**Special Request**

Please do not plan to give any gifts of Christmas sweets/food to our priests over the holidays. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are appreciated!



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Keep in Touch**

Sign up to receive St John's email updates by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe. [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org)

**Second Collection**

The Second Collection on Dec 30/31 will be for Social Outreach

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR DEC 30/31**

5:00pm	Greg, Luke, Mark & Isaac Hsu
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Adam Reeves
8:30am	Max & Dominic Kelly, John & Andrew Mavretich, Declan & Christopher Uhlenkott
10:30am	Matthew Clark, Mark & Seamus Kelly, Liam & Marty Clark, James Chapman, Don Sternfels
12:30pm	Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles, Geovanni Miramontes
5:00pm	Finn Sweeney, Brendan Purciel

Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!



## ST JOHN'S STAFF

### **Rev. Daniel Gee**

*Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com*

### **Rev. Tom Shepanzyk**

*Parochial Vicar*

*firtom@sjtb.org*

### **Rev. Michael Duesterhaus**

*Parochial Vicar, frmrd@sjtb.org*

### **Deacon Rafael Goldsmith**

*Permanent Deacon,*

*rgoldsmith@sjtb.org*

### **Deacon Mark Jerge**

*Permanent Deacon*

### **Deacon Gerald Solitario**

*Permanent Deacon*

*Gerry.solitario@arlingtondiocese.org*

### **Patty Sonak**

*Administrative Assistant*

### **Karen Pondo**

*Parish Secretary*

### **Tina Furtado/Michelle Bodoh**

*Parish Secretaries*

### **Phil Rexrode**

*Facilities Manager*

### **Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban**

*Director of Music & Organist*

### **David Wallace**

*DRE/Business Manager*

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm

540-635-3780 (phone)

540-635-2683 (fax)

stjohns@sjtb.org (email)

### **Parish Membership**

Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

### **Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners**

Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.

### **Shortest Week of Advent and Mass Obligations**

This year, the Fourth Week of Advent lasts only one day. As a result, the Catholic faithful have an obligation to attend Mass twice between the afternoon of Dec. 23 and Dec. 25, to participate in Masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent, and for Christmas.

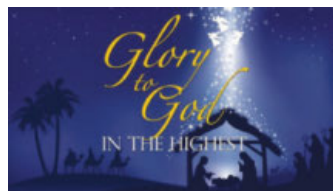
The obligation to attend Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of Christmas are two separate obligations which cannot be fulfilled by attending one Mass. Those who wait until 4pm or later on Sunday, Dec. 24, to fulfill their obligation for the fourth Sunday of Advent would need to attend Mass on Christmas Day to fulfill their obligation for the Solemnity of Christmas. Please see page 10 of this bulletin or our website for the full Christmas Mass schedule.

### **Monday January 1, 2024**

Next week, when the feast of Mary Mother of God falls on a Monday, you are encouraged to attend Mass but it is not a holy day of obligation this year.

### **Christmas Eve Choral Prelude**

The Choral Prelude to Midnight Mass begins at 11:15pm in St. John's Church.



### **Holiday Adoration Schedule Changes**

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed as usual before the 7am Mass on Saturday Dec 23 but will not be exposed again until after the 7am Mass on Wednesday Dec 27.

On the following weekend the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from 7am Saturday Dec 30 until after the 7am Mass on Tuesday Jan 2.

### **Thank You for Your Christmas Generosity**

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to help 60 local families with their holiday meals, and provide numerous gifts donated through our Giving Tree program. Once again our parish community has been very generous in helping those in need. God bless you!

We, the priests of St. John, would like to thank all of you for your generosity and prayers during the last year. You have been a great support to us throughout the year and we thank the Lord not only for the gift of Himself, but also the gift of you all.

May you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Gee, Fr. Tom, Fr. Duesterhaus

## VOCATIONS

*Whoever surrenders unconditionally to the Lord will be chosen by him as an instrument for building his kingdom.*

– St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

“Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility], who, although He existed in the form and unchanging essence of God [as One with Him, possessing the fullness of all the divine attributes—the entire nature of deity], did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped or asserted [as if He did not already possess it, or was afraid of losing it]; but emptied Himself [without renouncing or diminishing His deity, but only temporarily giving up the outward expression of divine equality and His rightful dignity] by assuming the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men [He became completely human but was without sin, being fully God and fully man]. After He was found in [terms of His] outward appearance as a man [for a divinely-appointed time], He humbled Himself [still further] by becoming obedient [to the Father] to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also [because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself], God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess and openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord (sovereign God), to the glory of God the Father.” Philipians 2:5-11

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“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.”

Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

### Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys

Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on January 27, 2024, to visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Deadline to submit registration form is January 18. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

## Position open at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, Arlington Diocese’s Retreat Center, in White Post, VA has a full-time food service position open. Duties include preparing meals for the groups and individuals on retreat. Must be able to work evenings and weekends. Experience in the food service industry and food service handler/manager certification are preferred. Please contact the Center’s Director, Deacon Mark Maines, at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org) for more details and a complete job description.

## Continuing the Mission

Did you know a simple bequest in your will or



trust will enable our parish to bring hope to future generations of faithful parishioners? For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org).

## HARTS Thermal Shelter

The Thermal Shelter of Front Royal is now operating under a new name – Hope and Rest Temporary Shelter (HARTS) and is a community-based organization partnering with local churches to provide a winter homeless shelter to 35 adult men and women with a warm, safe place to sleep during the winter months. If you would like to volunteer or donate items or money, please contact Michelle Smeltzer at 540-892-6108. \*Of particular need are volunteers to take the shelter’s bedding to a laundromat on a Saturday. Sign up on the Hope and Rest Temporary Shelter Facebook page.

## ‘5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY’ For Church and Country

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Before the 5pm Sunday Mass**

The St. John’s Knights of Columbus Council 7771 welcomes the parish to join in the first “Fifth Sunday Rosary” for the purification of the Church and the protection of our Country. On the eve of the New Year, we the Faithful call for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Church and our Country.

The Rosary will be **held on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, before the 5PM Mass (approx. 4:35pm) in the Church.** The **Knights of Columbus** invites all to join us in praying the Glorious Mysteries.

Save the date for the first “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary” in 2024, Sunday, March 31. Please mark your calendars as we come together to pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

For more information contact **Steve Young**, Deputy Grand Knight, [asyoung001@gmail.com](mailto:asyoung001@gmail.com), or 202-297-0583.

## Activities & Events

### Christmas Eve Choral Prelude

The Choral Prelude to Midnight Mass begins at 11:15pm in St. John's Church.

### Christmas Carols at Christ the King Chapel

All are invited to join the Classical Cottage Chorale and The Royal Singers in celebrating Christmas with an evening of Lessons & Carols on Thursday, Dec 28 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Christ the King, 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal. The event is free and all are welcome!

### Coffee & Donut Committee



Do you like bringing joy to others on a Sunday morning after Mass? St John's is forming a committee to organize and run the coffee & donuts Sunday experience. The committee would help in setting up and working with volunteer organizations. Families love the opportunity to socialize after Mass but we need a committee to keep this event running. We would love to have you join us! Can you help out one weekend a month? Please contact the parish office to sign up or to ask for more details.

### Free Throw Competition

For Boys & Girls ages 9-14  
Saturday Jan 6 1-4pm  
Chelsea Academy gym  
1190 Progress Drive Front Royal  
No cost. For more information contact Jonathan Lash at [lashfamily6@gmail.com](mailto:lashfamily6@gmail.com)  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



### Marriage Spirituality

Are you and your spouse interested in growing in faith with the support of other couples living out the Sacrament of Matrimony?

Teams of Our Lady is an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams of our Lady provides a proven method of deepening prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other. Their families will reap the benefits as well.

We are Bryan and Elaine Layman and are serving as the information couple for the region. We will be hosting an information session at St. John the Baptist on Saturday evening January 20 at 6:15 pm in the Padre Pio Hall. (In case of inclement weather, check the parish website. Jan 27 at the same time will be the backup date.)

Please let us know if you are planning to attend; it's not required but helpful. If you are interested but are unable to attend the information session, please send your names, email addresses, and a phone number to us at [elainelayman12@gmail.com](mailto:elainelayman12@gmail.com) and we will reach out to you directly to share information.

To learn more about Teams of Our Lady, including FAQs and testimonials, please visit the website at [Teamsofourlady.org](http://Teamsofourlady.org)



## Ongoing Activities

### SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am. For more information contact DeWayne Coats at 540-660-5776 or [dewaynecoats20@gmail.com](mailto:dewaynecoats20@gmail.com).

### The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email [thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com)

### Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's?  
Follow event info on FB  
[@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist),  
[IG@st\\_johns\\_young\\_adults\\_va](https://www.instagram.com/st_johns_young_adults_va)  
or to join the e-news-letter email  
[youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com)

### That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

### RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

### The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

### Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

### Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

### Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

### Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

### Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

### Little Flowers

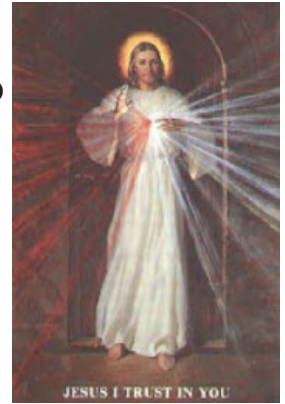
Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6  
4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

### Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass



**DIVINE  
 MERCY AS  
 THE CHILD  
 JESUS  
 SAID:**



“Look at the sky. Do you see this moon and these stars? These stars are the souls of faithful Christians, and the moon is the souls of religious. Do you see how great the difference is between the light of the moon and the light of the stars? Such is the difference in heaven between the soul of a religious and the soul of a faithful Christian. True greatness is in loving God and in humility.”

(St. Faustina Diary, 424)

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**FORMED**

Access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church’s foremost presenters.

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

**Parish Code: QBKRGW**  
 Christmas Specials!

**Council Newsletter - Did You Read It?**

The Council's newsletter "Knights in Action" was sent by e-mail to all members on December 1st. Please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555) if you didn't receive it or need to update your e-mail address.

**Annual Dues:**

Darryl Adams, Financial Secretary for John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771, has sent out 2024 dues announcements via email. Please ensure that your email address with the Knights is accurate. Timely payment of your annual dues is appreciated (and saves the council from lengthy efforts to obtain payment).

**Firewood Project:**

The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. If you would like to help or if you know of a parishioner in need, please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555).

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sunday, December 31:** “Fifth Sunday Rosary” for the Purification of the Church and Protection of our Country, 4:30 p.m., preceding the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**Saturday, January 6, 2024:** Free-Throw Contest, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Chelsea Academy Gym. Watch the bulletin for details.

**Friday, January 19:** National March for Life, Washington, DC

**Sunday, February 11:** Super Bowl Sub Sales following all the weekend Masses.

**Contact us:** Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or [gknightjs@gmail.com](mailto:gknightjs@gmail.com). Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or [cory.cook@kofc.org](mailto:cory.cook@kofc.org).

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<a href="mailto:outreach@sjtb.org">outreach@sjtb.org</a>
<b>Church Flowers &amp; Decor</b>	<a href="mailto:julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com">julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com</a>	<b>Parents’ Support Group Children w/Special Needs</b>	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
<b>Divine Mercy for the Dying</b>	<a href="mailto:mbodoh@sjtb.org">mbodoh@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 <a href="mailto:setonmom@gmail.com">setonmom@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dominicans Third Order</b>	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 <a href="mailto:rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com">rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com</a>	<b>Prison Ministry</b>	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<a href="mailto:adoration@sjtb.org">adoration@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Religious Education</b>	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
<b>Fasting Brothers</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>	<b>RCIA</b>	Parish Office, 635-3780
<b>Flame of Love</b>	Boots Sargis <a href="mailto:bootssargis@yahoo.com">bootssargis@yahoo.com</a> .	<b>Seven Sisters</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	<b>Saint Johns Athletics</b>	<a href="http://www.saintjohnsathletics.com">www.saintjohnsathletics.com</a>
<b>Legion of Mary/Adults</b>	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	<b>That Man is You!</b>	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
<b>Legion of Mary (Juniors)</b>	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	<b>Vocations Liaison</b>	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 <a href="mailto:sjtbvocations@gmail.com">sjtbvocations@gmail.com</a>
<b>Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)</b>	<a href="mailto:littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com">littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com</a>	<b>Youth Drama Club</b>	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdrama.org">www.stjohnsdrama.org</a>
<b>Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support</b>	<a href="mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com">thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com</a>	<b>Front Royal Pregnancy Center</b>	(540) 635-6181 <a href="http://frontroyalpregnancy.org">frontroyalpregnancy.org</a>
<b>Music &amp; Choirs</b>	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

*For full list of ministries, go to [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org) or call the parish office for specific inquiries.*

## PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Gary Garcia	Kris Pondo
John Alsberry	Paul Gerrick	Carmela Rao
Allison Andrews	Michael Greco	Judy Ratigan
Brenda Bailey	Eileen Hawkins	Manuel Reyes Avila
Rozie Baker	Nancy Heywood	Shoana Riccio
Dianne Boen	Aidan Hipp	John William Rice
Rose Britain	Billy Hooten	Mary Alice Rice
Elijah Carino	Norman Hunt	Maggie Roberts
Mary Ann Carlson	John Janaro	Gabbi Rodgers
Tony Casarotti	Sean June	Elaine Ryan
Joseph Centrella	Erik Jurek	Judy Samborsky
Jorge Daniel Chang	Susan Kirby	Dan Schneible
Dominique DeClue	Peggy Leonardi	Mary Shaffer
Linda Donahue	Maureen Lewis	Sophie Shannon
Clara Anne Duda	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Sophie Sheppard
Al Dudeck	Carol B. May	Tammy Souza
Ignatius Ehlinger	Laura McMahon	Anee Stanford
Kathy Elar	Edward Meinsen	Deby Stears
Maggie Elliot	Marie Miller	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Judith Thompson
Mike Ferris	Magdalena O'Neill	Karen Waldron
Tahlia Fernandez	Barbara Ann Orozco	Kathy Winkle
John Fusto	Nellie Adkins	John Yarborough
Laura Fusto	Wendy Stout	Geneve Yarborough
	Donald Kerns	

### Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023

#### For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

**ROBERT BOND**

**ZSUZSA UNGARI & SARA MULCAHY**

### Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Jasmine Frank	Chris Reinhard
Brady Anderson	Dustin Goard	Michael Reuwer
Colin t. Barrett	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	Lxex Robles
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	David Schmitt
Joseph Buono	David Kelleher	Forest Selby
Paul Buono	David Larsen	Paul Shannon
Ben Cabreva	Glen Lash	Andrew Shorter
Christian Carino	Timothy Marra	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Devon Smith
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Timothy Smith
Sean Conroy	Emma Morgan	Sean Smith
Robert Cooke	Clement M. O'Reilly	Keegan J. Thomas
Kevin Corella	Daniel Nejia	Brian Tilley
Rory Crooks	David Parnes	Jamie Troutman
Vince E. Cruz	Justice M. Parrott	Manuel A. Vicente
Trey Dusseault	Jason Pettingill	Kieran Vieira
Matthew Farrall	John C. Price	Samatha Wilkinson
Parker Feiring	Jason Pugh	Michael Wood
Zachary Francis		Mark Zepeda

*You are cordially invited to join the*

**Classical Cottage Chorale and The Royal Singers**

*in celebrating Christmas with an evening of*

*Lessons  
& Carols*

*Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 7:30pm*

**Christ the King Chapel + 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630**



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." – Saint Padre Pio

ST. JOHN'S

**Adoration  
Chapel**

# ADORATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from 7am Sat Dec 23 until after the 7am Mass on Wed Dec 27, and 7am Sat Dec 30 until after the 7am Mass on Tuesday Jan 2.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

A Great New Year Resolution:  
Sign Up to Spend an Hour with Our Lord!  
Contact [adoration@sjtb.org](mailto:adoration@sjtb.org)





## **'5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY'**

**For Church and Country**

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

**Before the 5pm Mass**

The St. John's Knights of Columbus Council 7771 welcomes the parish to join in the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary for the purification of the Church and the

protection of our Country. The Rosary will be **held on Sunday, December 31st, immediately before the 5PM Mass (approx. 4:35pm)**

On the eve of the New Year, let us invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother for the purification of Holy Mother Church and the protection of our country.

*For more information, contact Steve Young, Deputy Grand Knight, at [asyoung001@gmail.com](mailto:asyoung001@gmail.com), or 202-297-0583. [www.kofc7771.org](http://www.kofc7771.org)*

**'Fifth Sunday Rosaries' in 2024:** Sunday, March 24; Sunday, June 30; Sunday, September 29; Sunday, December 29.

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## *Christmas Schedule*

Mass Times at  
**St. John's Church**

**Sunday December 24**

5:00pm

7:00pm

**Monday December 25**

12:00am Midnight

7:00am 8:30am 10:30am

12:30pm Spanish

5:00pm (no music)

Mass Times at  
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**Monday December 25**

12:00am Midnight Sung

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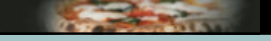


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