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# 2026 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

## INFORMATION PACKET

Wednesday Jan 21-Saturday Jan 24

*Sponsored by the Pro-Life Office*

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Nearest Metro Station:** L'Enfant Plaza – 600 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

**National March for Life Information:** <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>

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### TRAVEL:

Everyone will be making their own travel arrangements, however, please share your itinerary (flight info) with us. This will help us plan better to get you connected with you when you arrive and assist you if the need arises.

**Please forward your travel information to Melissa Joerger at [mjoerger@archkck.org](mailto:mjoerger@archkck.org).**

### SUGGESTED LODGING:

[Holiday Inn Washington Capitol-National Mall](#) – 550 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024 | 202.479.4000

***PLEASE NOTE: This is where the majority of groups and individuals stay while in D.C. as they have been very accommodating to the Archdiocese for many years and are in a great location to the March, Catholic Church and many sight-seeing locations.***

### COMMUNICATION:

We will use GroupMe to communicate as this tends to work better with larger groups and avoids individually sharing your cell # with everyone. Use the QR code or click on the link below to join our group.



[https://groupme.com/join\\_event/112335604/ddc283c6164c47bf99b015133c3dcfc1/VOU1ogfp](https://groupme.com/join_event/112335604/ddc283c6164c47bf99b015133c3dcfc1/VOU1ogfp)

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## ITINERARY options:

Items highlighted in yellow we will plan to do as a group.

### Wednesday– January 21, 2026

- Arrive in Washington DC / Check-in at Holiday Inn hotel. **Let us know once you arrive!**
- Capitol Hill 101 @ Westin Hotel (registration required)
  - Session 1: 11:00 am – 12:00 p.m.
  - Session 2: 4:00 pm – 5:00 p.m.
- Capitol Hill 101 is a FREE seminar, giving participants the opportunity to learn how to make their voices heard by their elected representatives. Hear from the top lobbyists in the pro-life movement how to effectively navigate the legislative system, from Capitol Hill to Town Hall.

### Thursday– January 22, 2026

- **3:00 pm** - depart for National Shrine with other Archdiocesan groups
- **5:00 pm** - Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life – The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Address: 400 Michigan Ave. Northeast, DC 2023) – *This is a wonderful event - but VERY crowded, especially with visiting youth/school groups. It will be shared via livestream at [www.nationalshrine.org/mass](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass) and broadcast live on EWTN and other networks.*
- **Approx. 7:00 pm** - Optional Dinner with fellow pilgrims from Archdiocese of KC in KS; location TBD; the details of this are still being worked out. There may be an additional cost for this (not to exceed \$20/person). We will provide more details soon.
- **7:00 pm**: Holy Hour for Life

### Friday – January 24, 2026

- **8:00 am:** Kansas Mass with Archbishop Naumann – St. Dominic Catholic Church (630 E St. SW- walking distance from hotel)
- **10:00 am (or after Mass):** Optional Continental style breakfast at the hotel restaurant (Holiday Inn Capitol)
- **11:00 am:** Depart for the March for Life Rally
- March for Life Events on the National Mall (<https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life>)
  - **Pre-Rally Concert:** 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - **March for Life Rally:** 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
  - **March for Life:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

# 2026 March for Life Route Map

Travel Planner



- **7:00 pm:** ArchKCK Holy Hour at St. Dominic Catholic Church (630 E St. SW - walking distance from hotel)

## Saturday – January 24, 2026

### Open Day - Suggested options:

- **9:00 am** - Daily Mass at St. Dominic Church (630 E St. SW - walking distance from hotel)
- **5:00 pm** Mass at St. Dominic Church (630 E St. SW - walking distance from hotel)
- Optional places to visit:
  - **The Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life**
    - **Saturday, January 25, 9:30-5:00 pm**
    - **Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.**
    - The Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life is the largest student-run, pro-life conference in the country, and is held every year at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. on the Saturday following the March for Life. The Conference strives to promote intellectually rigorous discourse on the dignity of human life. We aim to encourage discussion among men and women of all faiths and backgrounds, including students, professionals, academics, and clergy.
    - Visit their website at [oconnorconference.com](http://oconnorconference.com) (\$30 registration fee per person)
  - **The National Pro-Life Summit**
    - **Saturday, Jan 25, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm**
    - **Omni Shoreham; 2500 Calvert St. NW, DC**

- On the day after the National Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C., Students for Life of America alongside Students for Life Action, Alliance Defending Freedom, and other allies will present the second annual National Pro-Life Summit! The Summit is a one-day training event for grassroots pro-life activists of *all ages*.
  - Register at [prolifesummit.com](http://prolifesummit.com) (\$60 students / \$85 Adults)
- **Museum of the Bible - 400 4th St SW, Washington, DC 20024**
  - Through interactive exhibits and cutting-edge technology, Museum of the Bible brings guests an immersive, personal experience with the impact, narrative, and history of the Bible.
  - Make sure to check their website for hours of operation.
  - Order your tickets at [museumofthebible.org](http://museumofthebible.org)
- **The Holocaust Museum**
  - <https://www.ushmm.org/>
  - 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl., SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126
  - Make sure to check their website for hours of operation.
- **Saint Pope John Paul II Shrine**
  - <https://www.jp2shrine.org/en/index.html>
  - 3900 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017
  - Open daily (no admission fee); M-F 10:00 am - 3:30 pm; Sat. 10am - 5pm; Sun. 10am - 8pm

## Sunday – January 25, 2026

- **Open Day**
- Mass available at St. Dominic @ 8am and 10:30am

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## OTHER EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

### NATIONAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

**Friday, January 23, 2026 at DAR Constitution Hall – 1776 D St., NW) 8:30 - 10:30 am; Catholic Mass at 7:30 am**

The 31st Annual National Prayer Service will again take place on the morning of the March for Life, January 23, 2026 at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC.

For more information, see [NationalPrayerService.com](http://NationalPrayerService.com).

### SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS

There are various Smithsonian Museums in the Washington D.C. area. All are open to the public everyday except Christmas Day. See [website](#) for more information.

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Thomas Jefferson Building is open to visitors Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Note:** Last entry is at 4:30 p.m. Free [timed-entry passes](#) are required. See website for more information.

## SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is open Monday – Friday (except Federal Holidays) 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Closed on Saturday and Sunday. See [website](#) for more information.

## DC MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

The Washington D.C. area is home to numerous monuments and memorials. More information on visiting hours, ticket availability and general accessibility can be found on this [website](#).

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## OTHER RESOURCES

### Transportation

- [General Transportation in Washington DC](#)
- [Metrobus](#)
- [Metrorail](#)
- [Uber in Washington D.C.](#) - use downloaded app to reserve rides
- [Lyft in Washington D.C.](#) - use downloaded app to reserve rides

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## WEATHER FORECAST:



(as of 8 January 2026)