



THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

2026 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP

INFORMATION PACKET

Friday, Jan 23, Washington DC

Organized by the Pro-Life Office

DESCRIPTION & PURPOSE:

The Pro-Life Office is offering a plan for people in the Archdiocese to experience the National March for Life and the National Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children prayer opportunities in community. This trip is designed to be a spiritual journey, undertaken to pray for and publicly witness to the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Through several prayer opportunities, we seek to encounter God while focusing on prayer, penance, and education. We hope you will join us.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Suggested Trip Dates: Wed Jan 21 through Sat, Jan 24 2026 (See the itinerary below to plan what days you would like to join)

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

TRAVEL:

The Archdiocese is not planning group travel to DC. Everyone makes his/her own travel arrangements. 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.**

SUGGESTED LODGING:

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

This is where the majority of groups and individuals stay while in D.C. They have been very accommodating to the Archdiocese for many years and are in a great location for the March, St. Dominic 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

Suggested ITINERARY options:

You plan your trip according to your needs and interests. The following is a suggested itinerary. **Items highlighted in yellow we will plan to do as a group.**

Wednesday or Thursday – January 21/22, 2026

- Arrive in Washington DC / Check-in at Holiday Inn hotel. **Let us know once you arrive!**

Thursday– January 22, 2026

- **3:00 pm - Suggested departure time** for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Address: 400 Michigan Ave. Northeast, DC 2023) The Mass is usually very full. We will communicate on GroupMe if you want to go as a group.
- **5:00 pm - Opening Mass of the [National Prayer Vigil for Life](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass)** – The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception– *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 and broadcast live on EWTN and other networks.*
- **7:00 pm:** Holy Hour for Life at the Basilica

Friday – January 23, 2026

- **8:30 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)
- **10:45 or 11:00 am: Depart from the hotel for the March for Life Rally.** Security will be a process this year due to VP Vance attending the 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). Confessions available.

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 (\$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 (\$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
- **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

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.

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](#).


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

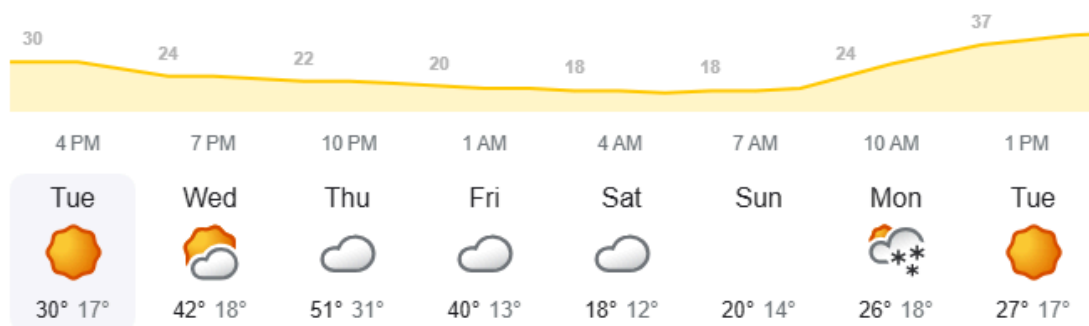
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 **30** °F | °C
Precipitation: 0%
Humidity: 23%
Wind: 10 mph

Weather
Tuesday
Sunny

Temperature | Precipitation | Wind



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(as of 20 January 2026)