

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Sunday Mass Saturday - 4:00 pm Sunday - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS Sunday - 10:15-10:45 Am or contact us to set up an appointment. WEEKDAY MASS MONDAY - 12:00 PM TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM THURSDAY - 8:00 AM FRIDAY - 8:00 AM (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 AM)

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## Church Maintenance and Music Funds

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Church Maintenance and Music Fund. With your generous donations we have exceeded our goal. All surplus funds will be used for future maintenance and music needs.

#### **Church Maintenance Fund**

Received: \$4,525.00 Need: \$2,200.00 Surplus: \$2,325.00 **Music Fund** Received: \$1,852.00 Need: \$1,829.00 Surplus: \$23.00

### Meditation

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Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Mark 9:36–37

What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus illustrate an important point? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness. A child is one who is poor, dependent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of his/her own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So it is with us in our relationship with God.

We are not considered great by being independent, powerful, well respected, successful, etc. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It's a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us. *My Catholic Life* 

Cover Art: "Suffer the Children," from the Chapel at Frederiksborg Palace in Copenhagen by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1800's.

# St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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## Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, you may send it to office@stjosephpsj.org. Please keep it to 100 words or less and submit it by the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it to be in the bulletin.

### Prayer List

Ron TreutelDJim NewtonLTanya OsleyFMaureen CarrollJaYvonne CambuliDRita SikoraWKarl BowenJaDan WomblesJa

Dottie Race Lisa Baggett Fr. Ray Kellerman Jason Richter Denise Ayotte Wayne Watkins James Henry Trim

To request that a name be placed on the prayer list, please call or email the parish office. Names will remain on the list for three months. If they need to stay on longer or come off early let us know and we'll take care of it.

*Adult Confirmation* Bishop Wack is welcoming all the baptized Catholics who are not confirmed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. He is asking all of us to welcome and invite them to receive this Sacrament. Check with your parish for more information and preparation or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

## Food Donations

Don't forget our food basket at the entrance of the church which is open daily. It is there all year for dropping off nonperishables. If you're visiting the area, and have nonperishables that you didn't use, consider donating them before you make your trip back home. Thank you for thinking of those in need.

### Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Weekly Need: \$3,200.00 Last weekend's offertory: \$2,472.00 Year-to-date\* need: \$35,200.00 Year-to-date giving: \$39,460.00 \*July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year

### Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend for Catholic Education. The annual Seton Fund Collection benefits our Catholic schools and religious education programs. Your contribution will help to pass on the light of faith to future generations. There are Seton fliers at each entrance of the church. Please take one and give generously. Thank You.

# Liturgical Ministers

September 18 & 19 4:00 Marsha Young 9:00 Lorinda Gingell 11:00 Michael Osley September 25 & 26 4:00 Rosalie Tritsch 9:00 Jack Rink 11:00 Barbara Conway Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021 Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82 Total Pledged: \$17,064.00 Total Received: \$13,947.63 Variance:\*: -\$2,593.19 Number of Families Pledged: 42 \*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

### Choir Practice

Choir practice is every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 in the church hall. Anyone interested in singing with the choir or would just like to see what we are doing and ask questions is welcome to attend.

## Meditation

R eflect, today, upon whether you are ready and willing to reach out to those in need among you. Who are they? What is their need? Do you seek them out and offer love and support? Doing this is what will make you truly great in the eyes of God.

Lord, may I seek You in the poor, the brokenhearted, the sinner and all those in need. Please fill my heart with compassion and concern for others. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

#### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

# **Reporting** Abuse

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to the healing of sexual abuse victims. It has established Victims Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors, who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The coordinator for the Panama City/Tallahassee area is Dr. James Gagnon, MSW, LCSW. He may be reached at (850)877-0205. Or call the Florida Child Abuse hotline: (800) 962-2873.

Mass Intentions Saturday, September 18, 25th Sunday in **Ordinary** Time 4:00 pm -Sunday, September 19, 24th Week in **Ordinary** Time 9:00 am - Gene Wingert by Vic and Mary Springer 11:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph Monday, September 20, 25th Week in **Ordinary** Time 12:00 pm -Tuesday, September 21, Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist No scheduled Mass Wednesday, September 22, 25th Week in **Ordinary** Time 5:30 pm -Thursday, September 23, 25th Week in **Ordinary** Time 8:00 am -Friday, September 24, 25th Week in **Ordinary** Time 8:00 am -Saturday, September 25, 26th Sunday in **Ordinary** Time 4:00 pm -Sunday, September 26, 26th Week in **Ordinary** Time 9:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph 11:00 am -To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.