



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021



*“Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!”*

SUNDAY MASS	WEEKDAY MASS
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM	MONDAY - 12:00 PM
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM	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)
CONFESSIONS	
SUNDAY - 10:15-10:45 AM IN THE HALL	
OR CONTACT US TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.	

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### Reflections on Today's Gospel

*"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" Mark 7:34*

These are powerful words. Why are they powerful? They are powerful because they are more than words. They are words that actually accomplish what they say. When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this story, but it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, these words of Jesus must be spoken to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us. We must let Him say those words to us. "Ephphatha!—Be opened!"

*Lord, I do not always listen to You. Please speak Your words of healing to me so that I can hear You more clearly. In hearing You, may I listen to all that You have to say. Jesus, I trust in You.- My Catholic Life*

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Bart Lowry on their marriage in our parish. May God Bless Bart and Brittany with a lifetime of shared love and happiness!



### Choir Practice

After taking a break this summer our choir will resume starting with practice on September 6th at 6:00 in the church. Anyone that is interested in being in the choir or would just like to get some information please come to this meeting.

### St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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### Prayer List

Ron Treutel	Karl Bowen
Jim Newton	Dan Wombles
Tanya Osley	Dottie Race
Maureen Carroll	Lisa Baggett
Yvonne Cambuli	Fr. Ray Kellerman
† Penny Nelson	Jason Richter
Rita Sikora	Denise Ayotte
Edwina Matlock	† Eudora Smith

*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

Do you know an adult who has never been confirmed? Share the goodness of the Lord by inviting them to accept Bishop Wack's invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. Learn more at [www.ptdiocese.org/adult-confirmation](http://www.ptdiocese.org/adult-confirmation) or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org).

### 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.

### 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: \$2,509.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$28,800.00

Year-to-date giving: \$32,767.00

*\*July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year*

#### **Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021**

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,064.00

Total Received: \$13,737.63

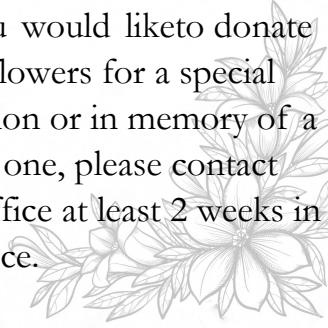
Variance\*: -\$2,803.19

Number of Families Pledged: 42

*\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

### *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.



### *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, September 4, Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm -

**Sunday, September 5 Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph

11:00 am -

**Monday, September 6, Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

12:00 pm -

**Tuesday, September 7 Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

No scheduled Mass

**Wednesday, September 8 Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm -

**Thursday, September 9 Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am -

**Friday, September 10, Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am - Rick & Terry Nestrud Anniversary

**Saturday, September 11, Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm -

**Sunday, September 12, Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am -

11:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph

*To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.*

### *Liturgical Ministers*

#### **September 4 & 5**

4:00 Marianne Warhol

9:00 Lorinda Gingell

11:00 Michael Osley

#### **September 11 & 12**

4:00 Rosalie Tritsch

9:00 Kyle Reed

11:00 Barbara Conway



### *Music Ministry*

Our music ministry will have a table set up outside after both Sunday Masses.

Choir members and organists will be available to answer any questions about the choir and music ministry.

They are also taking donations for the need of microphones and speakers.

Currently we are using a system that was kindly loaned by a parishioner.

### *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.

### *Thank You*

Thank you to everyone who donated to our maintenance and music fund. With the kind donations we were able to get the painting completed. Thank you La Luis painting for your quick response, great work and customer service. Any extra maintenance donations will be used for future church maintenance. We are still accepting donations for the music ministry and thank everyone that has already donated.