



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023



## SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY - 4:30 PM-4:45 PM

SUNDAY - 10:15 AM-10:45 AM

FRIDAY - 8:30-9:30 AM (FIRST FRIDAYS)

## WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - 12:00 PM

TUESDAY - No Mass, Rosary 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM

FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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### *Loft Repairs*

Thank you for your patience while our loft repairs were being completed. It now looks like the original loft before changes were made to accommodate the pipe organ. There are a few touch-ups left but they will no longer interfere with our Mass schedule. All Mass times will now resume to their original schedule.

### *Men's Club Meeting*

There will be a Men's Club meeting on Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All men are welcome to attend. If you have been considering joining the Men's Club, now is a great time to come and see what we are all about.

### *Gospel Reflection*

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.*” Matthew 13:12–13

This portion of the Gospel quoted above comes immediately after Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to the crowds from a boat. In that parable, seed fell on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and in rich soil. Only the seed on the rich soil grew and produced good fruit. Therefore, Jesus' teaching quoted above, as well as His parable spoken before it, teach that there were many who heard the Word of God and witnessed Jesus' miracles but failed to allow His teachings and miracles to produce faith in their hearts.

This Gospel passage is especially important for those who have been Catholics for many years but have become stagnant in their faith. When someone goes to Mass every week, listens to the Gospel and shares in the Eucharist but fails to continually grow in holiness and understanding of the Mysteries of Heaven, then they will slowly lose even the little faith they have. They will become lukewarm Catholics who go through the motions but fail to produce the good fruit that comes from authentic faith. *My Catholic Life*

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### *Prayer List*

Jerry Hotchkiss	Emilia Jan McCully
Shelly Hotchkiss	Greg Klapp
Georgian Mangione	Ella Pekin
Jason Benedick	Steve Solonka
Bailey Rish	Lyn Wilkenson
Bill Reardon	John Lee
Gordon Pelletier	Charlotte Maddox
Joey Saternis	Karl Bowen
Keith Liesemeyer	†Tom Nown
Jim Newton	Tom Walsh
Jared Arnold	Jake Richards

*To request that a name be placed on the prayer list,  
please contact the parish office.*

### *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.

### *Wisdom of Saints*

“Force yourself, if necessary, always to forgive those who offend you, from the very first moment. For the greatest injury or offense you can suffer from them is nothing compared to what God has forgiven you.”  
—*St. Josemaria Escriva*

### *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:

Last weekend’s offertory: \$4,867.00

Year-to-date giving: \$9,617.00

Year-to-date\* need:

*\*July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$16,075.26

Total Received: \$12,949.76

Variance:\* -\$3,905.65

Number of Families Pledged: 36

*\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Meditation

Reflect, today, upon these important questions and strive to answer them honestly. If you do not see yourself growing in faith every year and becoming truly rich in the grace of God, then know that something needs to change. Stagnation and lukewarmness in the faith are not good. They lead to the slow loss of everything. As you reflect upon your own faith journey, recommit yourself to a zealous embrace of the Gospel so that your soul will be truly rich soil that continually produces an abundance of good fruit.

*Lord, You desire that all people hear Your Word and see Your action in their lives. Please continue to pour forth Your grace into my life so that I will continually grow rich in Your mercy. I pray that my eyes and ears will be open to You more fully every day. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life*

Cover Art: “The Sower,” by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888.

Fall Morning of Reflection for Women

Fall Morning of Reflection for Women is being sponsored by the Women's Study Groups at Holy Spirit Church, 10650 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola on August 26, 2023. Mass at 8:30 followed by coffee and pastries in the Family Life Center. Guest Speaker: Fr. Thomas Collins at 9:45 on "The Eucharistic Revival." Cost is \$8.00 payable to:

Cheryl Massey  
2530 Peartree Dr.  
Cantonment, FL 32533

Call for more information  
(850)380-4335

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, July 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm -

Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00am -

Monday, July 17, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

12:00pm - Kathy & Ruedi Senn by Barbara Eells

Tuesday, July 18, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

11:00am - No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, July 19, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:30pm - Fr. Paul Stewart by Barbara Eells

Thursday, July 20, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am -

Friday, July 21, Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am -

Saturday, July 22, Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

5:00pm - David & Rosalie Tritsch, 56th Wedding Anniversary, by Bob & Nan Treutel

Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am -

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

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

Words for Thought

When you pray for rain, you have to deal with the mud, too.