



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 at Sacred Heart Hospital

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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No Monday Mass

There will be no Mass on Monday, September 18.

Welcome Msgr. Michael Tugwell

Please welcome Msgr. Michael Tugwell this weekend as he fills in for Fr. Mathew who will be out of town.

Adult Confirmation

If today you hear his voice... Are you being called to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Bishop Wack is welcoming all of 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. Call the office at 850-227-1417 for more information and preparation.

Adult RCIA and Adult Sacramental Preparation Class

Are you looking to become a Catholic? Perhaps now is the time to hear the voice of the Lord. Our RCIA program will be starting this fall. Please call the office at 850-227-1417 for more information.

Sponsor Needed

The church is looking for a sponsor for our 2024 calendars. You can be a sponsor and have your ad at the bottom of the calendar or sponsor anonymously. Cost is \$150.00 plus \$12.50 shipping. For a total of \$162.50.

There could be additional charges if your ad has a special design. Parishioners love these calendars and they go quickly. Please contact the office at 850-227-1417 for more information.

Funeral

On Saturday morning, a Mass was held for beloved parishioner, Marsha Young. Marsha was a long-time parishioner and lector at our Saturday Mass. Please keep her and her loving family in your prayers at this difficult time.



St. Joseph Parish Contacts

Pastor: Fr. Mathew K. Abraham, office@stjosephpsj.org

Parish office: Dona Sander, (850) 227-1417, office@stjosephpsj.org

Music: Charmaine Earley, earleycmaine@aol.com

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Men's Club: Ron Kelly, rfgkrealor@gmail.com

Religious Education: Lisa Finney, finneysrule1@gmail.com

Young Adult & Youth Ministry: Betsie Welle, 850-339-3170

Prayer List

Jason Benedick	Donna Haddock
Bailey Rish	Gordon Shafer
Joey Saternis	Doyle Faulkner
Keith Liesemeyer	Charles Radcliff
Jim Newton	George Dooling
Jared Arnold	Jack James
Greg Klapp	Juliann Rainford
Joanne Terhorst	Jeremy Thompson
†Marsha Young	†Joel Thiel

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



Wisdom of Saints

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.”
—*St. Rose of Lima*

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: \$4,663.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,849.00

Year-to-date giving: \$44,924.00

Year-to-date* need: 51,293.00

**July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$17,522.33

Total Received: \$15,736.33

Variance:* -\$1,119.08

Number of Families Pledged: 38

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Gospel Reflection

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy...these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. This is one of the reasons for our parable today.

Reflect upon the absolute requirement of the Christian life to forgive. Mercy can seem unfair. From the perspective of strict justice, it is. But from the perspective of freedom and the virtues of Heaven, mercy makes perfect sense. Do not hesitate to forgive, for if you can do so from the bottom of your heart, God will lavish upon you the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven. *My Catholic Life*

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Second Collection

This weekend, will be the annual **Seton Fund Collection**, which benefits our Catholic schools and religious education programs. Your sacrificial contribution will help to pass on the light of faith to future generations. Please see the Seton flier with a response form at each entrance of the church and give generously. Thank you.

Meditation

Most merciful Lord, You have forgiven me a huge debt. The cost of my sin was Your death on the Cross. Please fill my heart with such gratitude for this gift that I, in turn, offer the same depth of mercy to others. May I never waver in this depth of mercy so that I am freed from the torments that come from unforgiveness. 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 16, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm - Marc Anthony Cesare & Willie Fay Crooms

Sunday, September 17, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00am - Augusta "Gus" Skillman *by Barbara Eells*

Monday, September 18, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

12:00pm -

Tuesday, September 19, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

11:00am - No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, September 20, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

5:30pm - John Butler & Craig Hall

Thursday, September 21, Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00am - Tony & Rose Angelo & Jon Wheeler

Friday, September 22, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Usna Sutarsya *by Charmaine Earley*

Saturday, September 23, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm - Christopher Michael Heaps *by the Heaps Family*

Sunday, September 24, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am -

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

Words for Thought

None of us were born perfect.