



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 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

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM

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

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Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a morning Mass at 9:00.

Calendars

Our church calendars have arrived! They are located at both entrances. Please take your copy. Thanks to our anonymous donor for making these available to our parishioners.

Rosary

Our group Rosary will resume on Tuesday, January 2 at 11:00.

Thank You

Special thanks to everyone who turned out to decorate our church for Christmas. We would also like to give special thanks to the Altar Society and Men's Group for coordinating the church cleaning, manger set up and decorating. Everything looks wonderful!

Christmas Decoration Removal

Volunteers are needed to remove Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30 following the 11:00 Rosary. More hands will help the job move quickly and is a good opportunity to work and spend time with other parishioners. Please consider giving a little of your time to lighten the load.

Family Life

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives. *My Catholic Life*

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Prayer List

Bailey Rish	Sandy Craven
Joey Saternis	Brian Casey
Keith Liesemeyer	Steve Hermann
Jim Newton	Peggy Heaps
Jared Arnold	Gary Connell
Greg Klapp	Jean Faliski
Joanne Terhorst	Anthony DiCola
Doyle Faulkner	Bryce Chancy
George Dooling	Emily Restad
Jack James	Jerone Joby
Juliann Rainford	Betty Huckleby
John Newman	Rebeana Tucker
Andrew Wentzel	

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

"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You."

—St. Brendan

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:

Year-to-date giving: \$

Year-to-date* need:\$121,238.00

**July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$18,894.40

Total Received: \$18,884.40

Variance:* \$2,028.99

Number of Families Pledged: 38

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Gospel Reflection

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Meditation

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You. *My Catholic Life*

Cover Art: "The Holy Family," by Hans Zatzka ca 19th century.

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, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

5:00pm - David Warhol *by Marianne Warhol*

Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

11:00am - Cynthia Osley

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12:00pm - Souls in Purgatory *by Tim Finnerty*

Tuesday, January 2, Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

11:00am - No Mass

Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

5:30pm - Melissa Toney *by Barbara Eells*

Thursday, January 4, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am - Souls in Purgatory *by Tim Finnerty*

Friday, January 5, Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am - Kathy Senn *by Barbara Eells*

Saturday, January 6, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm - Charles Radcliff *by Cletus & Peggy Heaps*

Sunday, January 7, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am -

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

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Words for Thought

Worry does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.