



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024



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

WEDNESDAY - No Mass

THURSDAY - No Mass

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

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No Weekday Mass

Fr. Mathew will be taking Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 & 11 off. There will be no daily Mass on these two days.

Baptism

Next Sunday at the 11:00 Mass, we will be celebrating the baptism of Callaghan Richard Sparks, son of Richard and Sarah Sparks. Please join us in welcoming Callaghan into a forever relationship with Christ and His church.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the saying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and don't forget our Rosary on Tuesdays at 11:00.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Ernie Miller, a long time parishioner, who has been in a nursing home. Fr. Mathew officiated his funeral service on Thursday, December 28 in Panama City.

Adult Religious Study

Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30, starting January 16, when we will be offering the second session of our adult religious study, Symbolon Part 2: Living the Faith. These are one hour classes that will run for 10 weeks. It is all right if you can't attend every class. Attend as many as you can. Class will start with a DVD presentation followed by a discussion. Come and gain a deeper understanding of our faith.

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.

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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

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



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

Wisdom of Saints

“At the end of our life we shall be judged by charity.” —*St. John of the Cross*

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: \$4452.00

Year-to-date giving: \$111,270.00

Year-to-date* need: \$125,901.00

**July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$18,894.40

Total Received: \$19,335.90

Variance: * \$2,480.49

Number of Families Pledged: 38

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Gospel Reflection

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make. *My Catholic Life*

Meditation

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

Cover Art: "The Magi," by Henry Siddons Mowbray, 1915.

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, 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 - Emma Fincher *by Annelie Smolenski*

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

Monday, January 8, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

12:00pm - Emily Restad *by Judy Eppinette*

Tuesday, January 9, First Week in Ordinary Time

11:00am - No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, January 10, First Week in Ordinary Time

5:30pm - No Mass

Thursday, January 11, First Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am - No Mass

Friday, January 12, First Week in Ordinary Time

8:00am - James D. Goodwin *by Annelie Smolenski*

Saturday, January 13, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm - Karl Bowen *by Cletus & Peggy Heaps*

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00am - Delores Luque *by Barbara Eells*

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Words for Thought

Excuses make today easy, but **tomorrow hard**. Discipline makes today hard, but tomorrow easy.