

My dear Parish family,

Hope you all are doing well by the grace of God. The bulletin was stopped during the time of Covid 19, and is beginning again. It will help our Parish family members to know what is going on in our Parish.

Since this is the first bulletin since my coming to this wonderful Parish of St. Joseph, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm welcome. I know that, unfortunately, I arrived here in this season of the Pandemic. I haven't seen many of you in person or at church, yet I have a feeling that I am welcomed here. Thank you all for your prayers, love and acceptance.

As you know, I am eagerly waiting to see you all in person and at church. Hope this difficult season will soon be over and we will get together again.

As we get to know each other, I hope you have lots to share with me, and I promise I can be a good listener and respond appropriately with conviction to the needs of our Parish family. Though I have my previous experience in parish ministry at another parish in another Diocese, I know each parish has its own way of functioning, thus, I have to learn and listen to you more. I know I am not immune to making mistakes, but with the grace of God and your support we will do our best.

My desire is to serve this Parish on the foundations that have already been laid here, and I am counting on your prayers and your patience through this.

Dear friends, we are entering into a new liturgical year and also a new season, the Season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus and allowing Jesus to be born in our hearts and lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts and lives by repentance and reflecting on the word of God. Let the word of God become flesh in us through our good deeds and words.

Before I conclude, I would like you to know that I am here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for anything I can do for you. Together let us serve and support one another in love. May the Lord, through St. Joseph, bless us. May our Blessed Mother watch over us as we embark on this new chapter in our parish.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Season of Advent!  
Love and prayers,

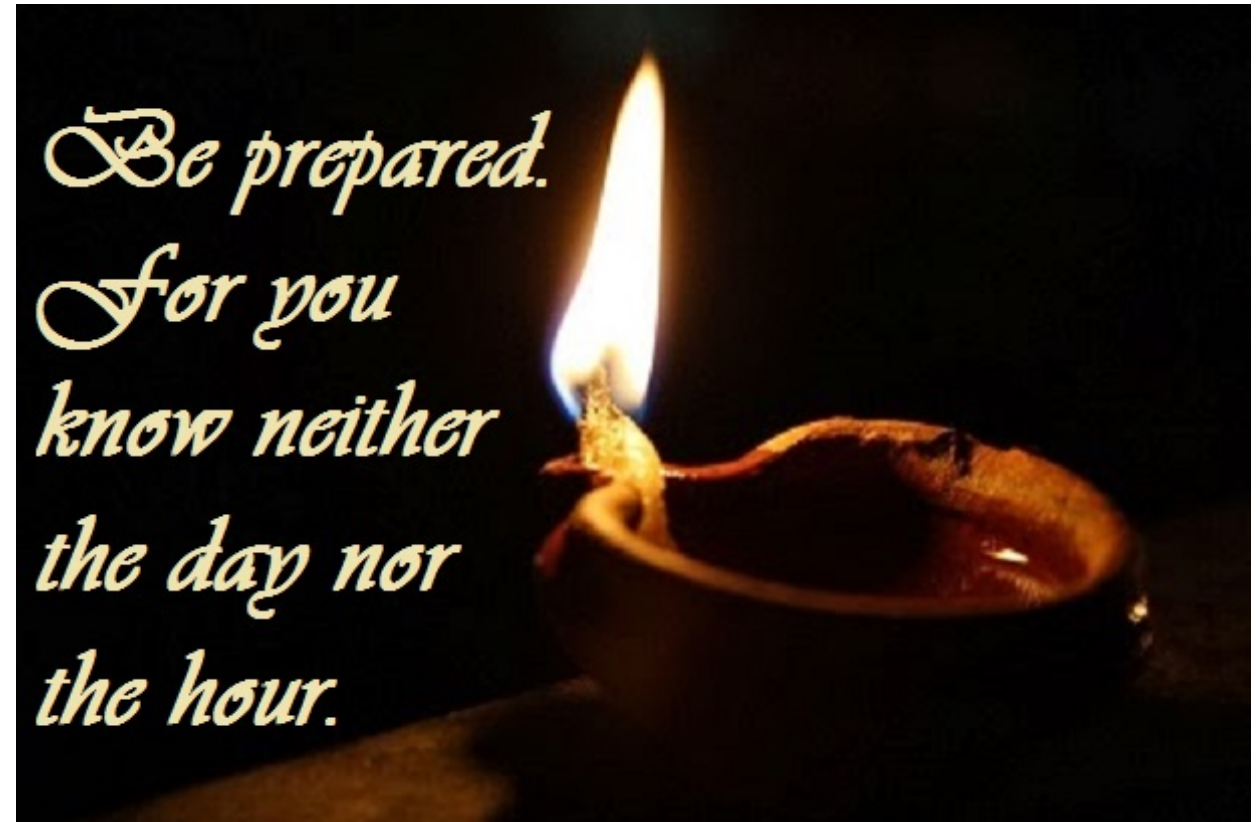
Fr. Mathew K. Abraham

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Port Saint Joe

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020



SUNDAY MASS TIMES	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
SATURDAY - 4:00PM	MONDAY - 12:00PM (at Sacred Heart Hospital)
SUNDAY - 9:00AM and 11:00AM	TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass
	WEDNESDAY - 5:30PM
	THURSDAY - 8:00AM
	FRIDAY - 8:00AM (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30am)
CONFESIONS	
SUNDAY - 10:15-10:45AM IN THE HALL	
OR CONTACT US TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.	

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## *Advent Penance Service*

We will have our Advent Penance service on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30pm. This is a good time to make ready our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ which we will celebrate at Christmas Mass.

### *Health Precautions at Mass*

As we strive to protect our parishioners, especially those most vulnerable, masks are required at all times except during communion and please use hand sanitizer upon entering.

Thank you for this small act of Grace to those around you.

### *Thank You*

Thank you to the parishioners who worked at our grounds clean up and helped to get our church ready for the Advent Season. Your hard work and dedication to the church is greatly appreciated.

We are now looking for three volunteers with pressure washers. If you have a pressure washer and would volunteer your time and ability, please call the office.

### *Altar Society Bake Sale*

The Altar Society is having a bake sale Saturday, December 5 at the Port St. Joe Farmer's Market. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday, December 4 from 1 - 3pm.

Stop by the Farmer's Market and buy goodies to support your church. Baked goods will also be on sale after church services Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

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## *Prayer List*

Winston Wells	Beulah Landers
Corey Fabry	Gloria Cuddy
Mary Springer	Julie Rainford
Marilyn Grogan	Darnell Pierce
Fran Gingell	Ron Treutel
Hokkamen	Carmen Oliver
David Van Treese	Pat Oliverio
Carol Van Treese	Julie Bishop
Jean Stone	†Cheryl Miller
Christine Arnold	†Jeanne Ferguson
Debbie Nesemeier	Beth Gray
Heather Gordon	Jay Keigley

*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.*

## *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.

## *Stewardship of Treasure*

### **Offertory**

Weekly need: \$2800.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$1982.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$58,800.00

Year-to-date giving: \$50,489.00

*\*July 2020 - June 2021 fiscal year*

### **Catholic Sharing Appeal 2020**

Pledge Goal: \$19,237.57

Total Pledged: \$17,735.00

Total Received: \$16,422.93

Variance:\* -\$2,814.64

Number of Families Pledged: 54

*\*Variance is Total Received minus Pledge Goal*

## *Coats for Kids*

There will be a collection for coats, jackets and sweatshirts for children in need at Gulf County Schools. A box will be in the entrance of the church until Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your help in keeping the children of this area warm this winter

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28**

**4:00pm** - Lector - Barbara Eells,

**November 29**

**9:00am** - Lectors - Sherrie Bowen, Mel Shamp

**11:00am** - Lectors- Eileen Lieupo, Judy Eppinette

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 5**

**4:00pm** - Lectors -Terry Nestrud,

Marianne Warhol

**December 6**

**9:00am** - Lectors -Ron Kelly, Sherrie Bowen

**11:00am** - Lectors - Barbara Eells, Marsha Young

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.” *St. Augustine of Hippo*

## *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$736.13 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

## *Bulletin Announcements*

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, you may send it to [office@stjosephsj.org](mailto:office@stjosephsj.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.

## *Parish Communication*

Stay informed about what is going on at the parish.

**Go to - [stjosephsj.flocknote.com](http://stjosephsj.flocknote.com) to sign up.**

## *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, November 28**

4:00pm

**Sunday, November 29**

9:00am - **Hugo Conti & Gizi Small**

*Requested by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

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

**Monday, November 30, Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**

12:00pm - **Butch Switzer**

*Requested by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

**Tuesday, December 1**

No scheduled Mass

**Wednesday, December 2**

5:30pm - Beth Gray

*Requested by Mary Springer*

**Thursday, December 3, Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:00am - Beth Gray

*Requested by Mary Springer*

**Friday, December 4**

8:00am - Beth Gray

*Requested by Mary Springer*

**Saturday, December 5**

4:00pm

**Sunday, December 6**

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

11:00am - Beth Gray

*Requested by Mary Springer*

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