

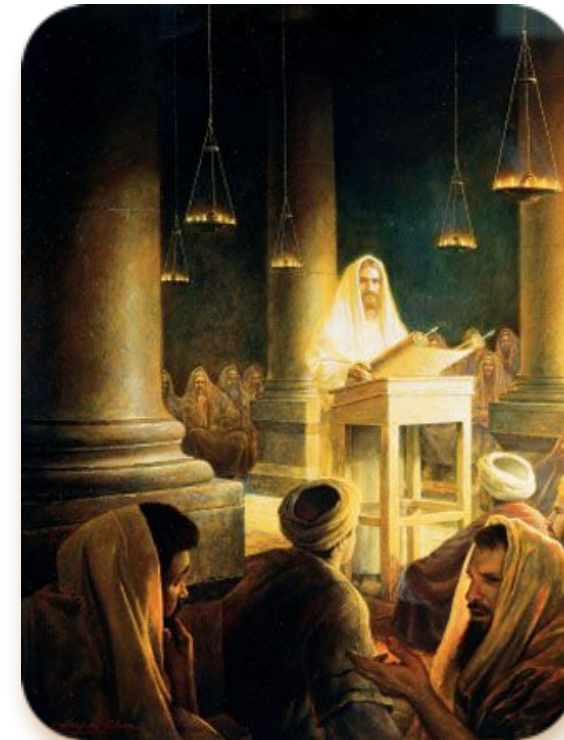


# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 4, 2021



#### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY - 10:15-10:45 AM IN THE HALL  
OR CONTACT US TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - 12:00 PM  
TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass  
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM  
THURSDAY - 8:00 AM  
FRIDAY - 8:00 AM (followed by Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 AM)



### *Reflections on Today's Readings*

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a “thorn” that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, “to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.”

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, “I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord’s words, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life’s challenges with confidence in Christ. — *Stewardship Reflections* by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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### *Prayer List*

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Julie Rainford	Justin Chitwood
Darnell Pierce	Phillip Brocato
Ron Treutel	Karl Bowen
Carmen Oliver	Marie Henderson
Pat Oliverio	Dan Wombles
Julie Bishop	Dottie Race
Beth Gray	Lisa Baggett
Melissa Cole	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Kathleen Dowd	Jason Richter
Jim Newton	Donnie Bender
Sterling Cole	Terry Nestrud
Amanda Dennis	Tanya Osley
Jadon Michael Kalp	Chuck Worley
Denise Mastro	
Tara Conklin	

*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.*

### *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: \$2,800.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,853.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$145,600.00

Year-to-date giving: \$163,996.26

\*July 2020 - June 2021 fiscal year

### **Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021**

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,064.00

Total Received: \$11,674.45

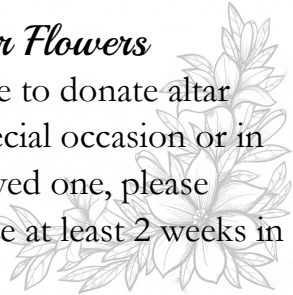
Variance\*: -\$4,866.37

Number of Families Pledged: 42

\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

### *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.



### *Last Week's Second Collection*

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a Parish we collected \$915.82. Our contributions will join with those around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministries to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.

### *Gospel Reflection*

**R**eflect, today, upon how well you do see God present in those closest to you. If you find you struggle with that, see it as a temptation you are called to overcome. Discovering the presence of God alive in those around you will help you to grow in love of them and love of God.

*Lord, help me to see You in the lives of those closest to me. Help me to rejoice in Your presence and to grow in love of others and in love of You as I see You at work in their lives.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.* My Catholic Life

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*"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about." St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

### *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 3, Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle**

4:00 pm - William J. Ross IV (Little Billy)

by David & Sara Ross

### **Sunday, July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Independence Day)**

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

11:00 am -

### **Monday, July 5, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

12:00 pm -

### **Tuesday, July 6, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

No scheduled Mass

### **Wednesday, July 7, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm -

### **Thursday, July 8, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am -

### **Friday, July 9, Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am -

### **Saturday, July 10, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 pm - Mary Morton Weber by David & Sara Ross

### **Sunday, July 11, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am -

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