



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



SUNDAY MASS

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

CONFESSIONS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass
TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM
THURSDAY - No scheduled Mass
FRIDAY - No scheduled Mass

Fr Paul

Fr Paul Stewart will be filling in for Fr Mathew while he is on vacation for the next five weeks. This was Fr Paul's first parish after being ordained. He then became a clergy member in the US Air Force where he did much traveling. Last year he retired and made a full circle back to our area to Lynn Haven. We are very grateful to have him helping our parish at this time. Please take a moment after Mass to make him feel welcomed.

Gospel Reflection

Some of the early Church Fathers see this Sunday's Gospel as a reference to our intimate friends. The context of this passage is that we ought not lead others into scandal and sin. In fact, it would be better if we had "a great millstone" put around our neck and were thrown into the sea than to cause another to sin.

Friends, especially close friends, are a blessing most of the time. But they can also be a cause for sin. If a good friend were to intentionally try to convince another friend to sin, this is a grave issue and is the heart of what Jesus is addressing. What He's saying is that if we have close friends who are intentionally and maliciously tempting us to turn from God, it's better that we let go of that "friend" and cut him/her

off. The hand, foot or eye is a symbol of those friends who work hard to draw us to sin. It's better that these friendships end than to be drawn into Hell with them. And if we are the "friend" drawing others to sin, it's better for us to cut our friendship off with those we are tempting.

One thing this passage reveals is the powerful natural bond of friendship. Friendship is a good thing. And when you have a close friend, you find great consolation in knowing your friend is deeply committed to you and will always be there for you. But every friendship must be continually evaluated in the light of faith and truth. Sometimes friendships can get in the way of our faith in God and can be a powerful influence upon us in a negative way. Of course, the opposite is also true.

My Catholic Life

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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.

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.

Prayer List

Ron Treutel	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Jim Newton	Jason Richter
Tanya Osley	Denise Ayotte
Maureen Carroll	Wayne Watkins
Yvonne Cambuli	James Henry Trim
Rita Sikora	Marie Henderson
Karl Bowen	Albert Magness
Dan Wombles	Jeanette Amerson
Lisa Baggett	†Robert Trester

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.

Adult Confirmation

Are you or do you know an adult who was baptized Catholic but has never been confirmed? Tell them the good news that Bishop Wack will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for them this fall. Check < <https://www.ptdiocese.org/adult-confirmation>> for more details or contact your parish or Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 <kuntzm@ptdiocese.org>

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory

Weekly Need: \$3,200.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$4,279.00

Year-to-date* need: \$38,400.00

Year-to-date giving: \$43,739.00

*July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,364.00

Total Received: \$14,469.22

Variance*: -\$2,071.60

Number of Families Pledged: 43

*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.

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 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm - Robert Trester

Sunday, September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am -

Monday, September 27, 26th Week in Ordinary Time

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, September 28, 26th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Wednesday, September 29, Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

5:30 pm

Thursday, September 30, 26th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Friday, October 1, 26th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Saturday, October 2, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm - Beth Gray *by Vic & Mary Springer*

Sunday, October 3, 27th Week in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am - Kathleen Eells *by Barbara Eells*

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers

September 25 & 26

4:00 Rosalie Tritsch

9:00 Jack Rink

11:00 Barbara Conway

October 2 & 3

4:00 Marianne Warhol

9:00 Sherrie Bowen

11:00 Michael Osley



Choir

Our full choir sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sundays. There is organ music only at the 9:00 Mass but we hope to be able to have enough choir members in the future to have a choir then also. If anyone is interested in joining the choir or would just like to ask questions and see what they are doing, please stop in to choir practice Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 at the church hall.

Meditation

Reflect, today, upon your friendships. If you have a close and intimate friend in your life, reflect upon how you influence that person or how he/she influences you. Make sure that Christ is the center and that faith always prevails in this natural bond.

Lord, I thank You for all friendships in my life. I thank You for giving me people who care. Help me to always be a good friend and to always examine my friendships in the light of faith. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life