



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 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

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Refreshments

Starting this weekend, our High School Youth Group will be serving coffee and refreshments in the hall after both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. They will be doing this on the first Sunday of each month and are accepting donations to help fund their trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta. This is a great opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and our youth while helping them fund their youth conference.

Gospel Reflection

Three words from the Gospel today, “From the beginning,” are key words for our day and age. It is important for people of faith to recognize not only the supernatural gifts God has given us but also the natural gifts. The supernatural gifts are all those gifts given us by the Cross of Christ. His life, death and Resurrection poured forth upon us grace from Heaven and made holiness, salvation and Heaven possible. But there is a whole other order of “gift” that God gave us that we often take for granted. That’s the gift of nature.

Creation itself, the order of the Universe, our humanity and the natural design of God are all gifts. Science can do much to discover the secrets and mysteries of the natural world, but ultimately a full understanding of even the natural world is mysterious, deep and awe-inspiring.

One aspect of the natural world God gave us is our sexuality. “God

made them male and female...” This natural design is part of the glorious wisdom of the Creator and must be understood, loved and respected fully. Being “male and female” is something that is quite obvious and naturally understood. Within each person are certain attributes, desires, tendencies, etc., that go hand in hand with being either male or female.

In many ways, the uniqueness and complementarity of the sexes have been challenged and even disregarded at times, especially in our day and age. But deep down we all understand that being male or female is part of who we are. It makes up our very identity as a person and brings with it many blessings. Femininity and masculinity, at times, also can become distorted and confused. But in essence, these attributes of our personhood cannot be discarded or denied. In fact, embracing who we are in our nature is nothing more than being honest and enables us to continue down the road of true natural integrity. *My Catholic Life*

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Prayer List

Ron Treutel	Wayne Watkins
Jim Newton	James Henry Trim
Tanya Osley	Marie Henderson
Maureen Carroll	Albert Magness
Yvonne Cambuli	Jeanette Amerson
Rita Sikora	†Robert Trester
Karl Bowen	†Salvador Salerno
Dan Wombles	†Gail Keigley
Lisa Baggett	Kathleen Walsh
Fr. Ray Kellerman	Mary Springer
Jason Richter	Jack Rink
Denise Ayotte	Carol Wood

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: \$3,200.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$2,108.00

Year-to-date* need: \$41,600.00

Year-to-date giving: \$49,847.00

*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.

Liturgical Ministers

October 2 & 3

4:00 Marianne Warhol

9:00 Sherrie Bowen

11:00 Michael Osley

October 9 & 10

4:00 Sandy Partridge

9:00 Lorinda Gingell

11:00 Barbara Conway



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 the many ways that being “male and female” are natural blessings from God. Reflect, also, upon the ways that these natural gifts are challenged and undermined in our world today. Embrace who you are, embrace who God made you to be, and let that natural gift from God flourish in your life.

Lord, I thank You for Your countless gifts. Thank You for the gift of grace won by Your Cross, and thank You also for the gift of nature and for the way You made me. Help me to embrace my full identity in accord with Your design and, in that embrace, help me to continue to discover my very dignity. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

Mass Intentions

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*

Monday, October 4, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, October 5, 27th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Wednesday, October 6, 27th Week in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm

Thursday, October 7, 27th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Friday, October 8, 27th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Saturday, October 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm -

Sunday, October 10, 28th Week in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am - Byron Eells Jr. *by Barbara Eells*

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.