



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 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 - 12:00 PM
TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM
THURSDAY - 8:00 AM
FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration until 9:30

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 4 & 10pm

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 9 & 11am

There is no 4pm Mass on Christmas Day

Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 9 & 11am

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, January 1, 9am

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1, 4pm

Sunday, January 2, 9 & 11am



Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at both entrances for your Christmas Flower Offering. If you wish to donate in memory of a loved one, please be sure to print clearly on the envelope so we can put it in the bulletin.

Church Books

Church books are not to be removed from the church. If you took one home with you, please return it to the church.

Decorating for Christmas

Volunteers are needed to decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23 at 9:30. All are invited to help, especially men with the heavy lifting.

Liturgical Ministers

December 18 & 19

4pm - Rosalie Tritsch, Joe Morales

9am - Jack Rink, Judy Eppinette
11am - Wayne Sieler, Terry Nestrud

December 24

4pm - Rosalie Tritsch, Jack Rink
10pm - Tom Curry, TBA

December 25, Christmas Day

9am - Judy Eppinette, Sherrie Bowen

11am - Barbara Eells, Michael Osley

December 26, Holy Family

9am - Jack Rink, Tom Curry
11am - Terry Nestrud, Wayne Seiler



St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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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	Susan Murray
Jim Newton	Jeannie Janicki
Karl Bowen	Juliann Rainford
Jason Richter	Terry Staab
Pat Hartman	Mary Place
Valarie Fabry	Sherrill Morrison
Judy Shafer	Melissa Hach
Dana Earley	John Hanlon
McGarry	Tommy Pitts
Fr Paul Anthony	Carolyn Lee
Halladay	Leon Lee
Victoria Dollahan	Joan Robertson
Tessa Turner	Lisa Combs
Mary Springer	John Little Hawk
	Lesley McWilliams

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory

Weekly Need: \$3,200.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,616.00

Year-to-date* need: \$76,800.00

Year-to-date giving: \$94,574.00

*July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,364.00

Total Received: \$16,592.40

Variance*: \$51.58

Number of Families Pledged: 43

*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

Glory to God in the highest!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of these shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It's easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing "good news of great joy!" They must have been stunned. But that's only the beginning. The angel announced that the Savior of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises: "*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*" "Glory to God in the highest!" These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the newborn King. What's amazing is that God did not first call the "important" of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds.

One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favorites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to come to Him in adoration and love. *My Catholic Life*

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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. Please note there are no church flowers during Advent November 28 through December 23.

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, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

4pm -

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am - Barbara Lawder *by Amerson & Clayton families*

11am - For the People of St. Joseph

Monday, December 20, Fourth Week of Advent

12pm -

Tuesday, December 21, Fourth Week of Advent

No scheduled Mass

Wednesday, December 22, Fourth Week of Advent

5:30pm -

Thursday, December 23, Fourth Week of Advent

8am -

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4pm-

10pm -

Saturday, December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9am -

11am -

*No 4pm Mass today

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9am -

11am - For the People of St. Joseph

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.