



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



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 (NO MASS THIS WEEK)
THURSDAY - 8:00 AM (NO MASS THIS WEEK)
FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration until 9:30

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Refreshments

Our High School Youth Group will be serving coffee and refreshments after both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. Donations are greatly appreciated to help fund their trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta. This is a great opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners along with our youth while helping them to fund their trip. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to remove Christmas decoration on Thursday, January 6 at 9:30. More hands will make things go much quicker. Please consider giving a little of your time to lighten the load.

Daily Mass Schedule Change

Please note that there **will not** be daily Masses on Tuesday, January 4, Wednesday, January 5 and Thursday, January 6 this week.

Liturgical Ministers

January 1, Epiphany of the Lord

4pm - Sandy Partridge, Joe Morales

January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

9am - Reed Carpenter, Sherrie Bowen

11am - Michael Osley, Barbara Conway

January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

4pm - Marianne Warhol, Marsha Young

January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

9am - Jack Rink, Judy Eppinette

11am - Terry Nestrud, Michael Osley

Meditation

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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Prayer List

Ron Treutel	Jeannie Janicki
Jim Newton	Juliann Rainford
Karl Bowen	Terry Staab
Jason Richter	Mary Place
Pat Hartman	Sherrill Morrison
Valarie Fabry	Melissa Hach
Judy Shafer	Tommy Pitts
Dana Earley	Carolyn Lee
McGarry	Leon Lee
Fr Paul Anthony	Joan Robertson
Halladay	Lisa Combs
Victoria Dollahan	Lesley McWilliams
Tessa Turner	Morgan Audrey
Mary Springer	Kathleen Walsh
Susan Murray	†Claire Wood

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.

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.

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: \$4,725.00

Christmas: \$2,586.00

Year-to-date* need: \$83,200.00

Year-to-date giving: \$103,254.00

**July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,364.00

Total Received: \$17,114.00

Variance*: \$573.18

Number of Families Pledged: 43

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Gospel Reflection

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

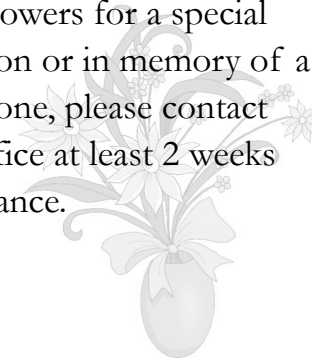
A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way. *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.



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, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9am

Saturday, January 1, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

4pm

Sunday, January 2, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

9am - William W. Miller (Billy) *by Bobby Miller & Family*

11am - For the People of St. Joseph

Monday, January 3, Monday after Epiphany

12pm -

Tuesday, January 4, Tuesday after Epiphany

No scheduled Mass

Wednesday, January 5, Wednesday after Epiphany

No scheduled Mass

Thursday, January 6, Thursday after Epiphany

No scheduled Mass

Friday, January 7, Friday after Epiphany

8am

Saturday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

4pm

Sunday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

9am - Andy Eiter *by Shae Eiter*

11am - For the People of St. Joseph

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