



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2023



SUNDAY MASS  
SATURDAY - 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS  
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM-4:45 PM  
SUNDAY - 10:15 AM-10:45 AM  
FRIDAY - 8:30-9:30 AM (FIRST FRIDAYS)

WEEKDAY MASS  
MONDAY - 12:00 PM  
TUESDAY - No Mass, Rosary 11:00 AM  
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM  
THURSDAY - 8:00 AM  
FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Mass Readings & Hymns

Readings: 92

### Hymns

Entrance: 472

Offertory: 474

Communion: 479

Recessional: 820

Choir: Crown the Year (Robert Powell)

Hymn of the Month

820 Servant Story

## Calendars

Our church calendars have arrived! They are located at both entrances to pick up. Thank you again to our anonymous donor for making these available to our parishioners.

## Christmas Decorations

Volunteers are needed to remove Christmas decorations on Monday, January 9 at 9:00. More hands will make things go much quicker. Please consider giving a little of your time to lighten the load.



## Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7, Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 & 11:00am

## Refreshments by Youth Group

Next weekend, our youth group will be serving coffee and refreshments at the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses to help raise money for their youth conference trip to Atlanta.



## Gospel Reflection

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the “Mother of God” for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son’s flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature. *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

Jim Newton	Lisa Combs
Jason Richter	Jamie Clayton
Callie Holcomb	Bunny Miller
Mary Springer	Charlotte Moore
Charles Radcliff	Jean Hensley
Jerry Hotchkiss	Greg Klapp
Bertha Hotchkiss	Jason Benedick
Shelly Hotchkiss	Anna Ruby Gautreux
Adolph Ouellette	Douglas May
Dana E. McGarry	†Walter Albert
Beth Gray	Bailey Rish
Georgian Mangione	Guy Lettieri
Brenda Richards	Albert Magness
Cody Biom	Bob Smilth

*To request that a name be placed on the prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

“Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son.” *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Offertory

Weekly Need: \$4,076.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$4,881.00

Year-to-date giving: \$101,474.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$105,976.00

*\*July 2022 - June 2023 fiscal year*

### Catholic Sharing Appeal 2022

Pledge Goal: \$20,308.59

Total Pledged: \$22,640.00

Total Received: \$19,361.93

Variance\*: -\$946.66

Number of Families Pledged: 38

*\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

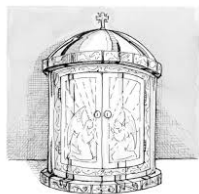
## Meditation

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture reading for today reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

*Dearest Mother Mary, you were graced with a grace beyond any other. You were preserved from all sin and remained perfectly obedient to the will of God throughout your life. As a result, you became the perfect instrument of the Savior of the World by becoming His mother, the Mother of God. Pray for me that I may ponder this great mystery of our faith this day and ever more deeply rejoice in the incomprehensible beauty of your motherly soul. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life*

## Tabernacle Donations

Our hall tabernacle has been sent out to be refurbished. It was in very bad condition and although only used during Holy Week, it holds the most important thing in our church, the precious Body of Christ. The cost is \$2,970.00 to refinish it. We have already received a generous donation from our men's club for \$2,000.00. This leaves a balance of \$970.00. Although you would think a new one could be purchased for this price, that is not the case. New tabernacles start at \$7,000 and go all the way up to \$50,000. If you are able to help with the cost, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information please call the office at 850-227-1417.



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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, December 31, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

5:00pm -

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

9:00am - Kristian Louiviere *by Annelie Smolenski*

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

**Monday, January 2, Christmas Weekday before Epiphany**

12:00pm - Denny Lavelle Denmark & Stan Kupiszewski

**Tuesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday before Epiphany**

No Mass, Rosary at 11:00am

**Wednesday, January 4, Christmas Weekday before Epiphany**

5:30pm - John & Barbara Louiviere *by Annelie Smolenski*

**Thursday, January 5, Christmas Weekday before Epiphany**

8:00am - Tim Kelly & Rita Healy

**Friday, January 6, Christmas Weekday before Epiphany**

8:00am - Patria S. Atienza & Miriam Bush

**Saturday, January 7, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00pm - Walter Jacobs & Bonnie Berta

**Sunday, January 8, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00am - James D. Goodwin *by Annelie Smolenski*

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

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