



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 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: 141

#### *Hymns*

Entrance: 762

Offertory: 669

Communion: 659

Recessional: 667



### *Thursday Schola*

*Lex orandi, lex credendi,*

How we pray is how we believe.

Join us on Thursday in the hall at 6:30pm as we delve into learning chant, learning about its history and the richness it represents in liturgy and in our personal prayer life.

No music experience necessary. You do not need to know how to read music.

.Questions? Carolyn Williams

850-899-0022

### *Altar Society Meeting*

The Altar Society will be having a meeting on Monday, April 17 after the 12:00 Mass. This will be a potluck lunch meeting. All women are invited to attend.

### *Divine Mercy Sunday*

In celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday today, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and say the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 in the church, then have light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please join us in focusing on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

### *Refreshments*

Please join us after the 9:00 Mass for coffee, refreshments and wonderful fellowship.

### *Church Family Meal*

Please join us next weekend for our church family potluck meal after the 11:00 Mass. Bring a favorite dish to share with your church family and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

### *Thank You*

Thank you Betsie & Adrian Welle for donating the funds to have our pews and floors cleaned professionally. We appreciate your generosity in keeping our church clean and looking good.

### *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*

Callie Holcomb	Fr. Jim Lambert
Mary Springer	Bill Reardon
Charles Radcliff	Gordon Pelletier
Jerry Hotchkiss	Brittany Chism
Shelly Hotchkiss	Barbara May
Dana E. McGarry	Joey Saternis
Georgian Mangione	Roland Thibodeau
Jean Hensley	Keith Liesemeyer
Greg Klapp	Jim Newton
Jason Benedick	Jared Arnold
Bailey Rish	Emilia Jan McCully
Guy Lettieri	Brittany Hoover

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

### *Memorial Mass*

A Mass will be offered April 20 at 8:00am in memory of Richard Spotts, who died March 11 in Texas. Richard was a very active member of St Joseph's and led our Bible Study for many years. His daughter, Eileen, and her husband are coming from Virginia to attend the Mass. Eileen would like to get together with those who knew Richard and share memories over breakfast at a local restaurant after Mass. Contact Charlotte Maddox 850-387-5970 for more information.

### Stewardship of Treasure

#### Offertory

Weekly Need: \$4,076.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$5,381.00

Year-to-date giving: \$172,499.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$167,116.00

*\*July 2022 - June 2023 fiscal year*

#### Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$12,283.19

Total Received: \$6,986.69

Variance:\* -\$9,868.72

Number of Families Pledged: 30

*\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

### Help Wanted

We are looking for a part time custodial/light maintenance person to work approximately 10 hours a week. Job duties are weekly cleaning of the church and hall and light maintenance, as needed, of grounds and buildings. No experience is required. If you're looking for a little extra income or are retired and need a little less free time on your hands, this might be just what you are looking for. If interested or would like more information, please call Dona in the office at 850-227-1417.

### The Divine Mercy

Saint Faustina reports in her *Diary* what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday:

*“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow” (Diary #699).*

Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church.

### Wisdom of Saints

“Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary well.” -*St. Gabriel Possenti*

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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, April 15, Divine Mercy Sunday**

5:00pm -

**Sunday, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday**

9:00am - Maria Haranek *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

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

**Monday, April 17, Second Week of Easter**

12:00pm - Christina & Mike Frazien *by Annelie Smolenski*

**Tuesday, April 18, Second Week of Easter**

No Mass, Rosary at 11:00am

**Wednesday, April 19, Second Week of Easter**

5:30pm -

**Thursday, April 20, Second Week of Easter**

8:00am- Richard Spotts *by Charlotte Maddox*

**Friday, April 21, Second Week of Easter**

8:00am

**Saturday, April 22, Third Sunday of Easter**

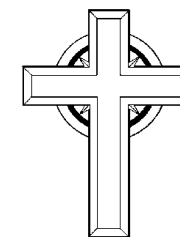
5:00pm -

**Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter**

9:00am - Helen Oravec *by Bob & Judy Shwed*

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

*To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.*



### Words for Thought

The hardest thing to do is forgive someone who never apologizes. But you don't do this for them, you do it for you.