



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 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 at Sacred Heart Hospital

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

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### *No Monday Mass*

There will be no Mass on Monday, October 2 while Fr. Mathew is out of town.

### *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

Please join us Sunday at 3:00 as we say the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Chaplet since Fr. Mathew is away.

### *Men's Club Meeting*

There will be a Men's Club meeting on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00pm. All men are welcome to attend

### *Florida Culture of Life Conference*

Bishop William Wack would like to invite you to the annual Florida Culture of Life Conference, taking place **October 13-14th, 2023 at St. Sylvester Catholic Church**. The conference keeps with the Church's teaching that all human life has dignity and is to be protected. It will cover the Church's response to societal injustices such as the death penalty, abortion, human trafficking, and climate change. The location of the conference rotates between the seven dioceses of Florida and is jointly sponsored by the State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee and the Florida Catholic Conference this year, it will take place at St. Sylvester Catholic Church in Navarre Florida. The conference serves to unite and strengthen and help form Catholics who wish to be better advocates of the life and dignity of all.

### *Welcome Msgr. Tugwell*

Please welcome Msgr. Michael Tugwell this weekend as he fills in for Fr. Mathew.

### *50th Anniversary of Ordination*

Congratulations to Fr. Paul Stewart on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 6 at 5:00 CST/ 6:00 EST at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 3308 E. 15th Street, Panama City.

### *St. Joseph Parish Contacts*

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### *Prayer List*

Jason Benedick	Gordon Shafer
Bailey Rish	Doyle Faulkner
Joey Saternis	Charles Radcliff
Keith Liesemeyer	George Dooling
Jim Newton	Jack James
Jared Arnold	Juliann Rainford
Greg Klapp	Jeremy Thompson
Joanne Terhorst	†Tommy Pitts

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



### *Bulletin Announcements*

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, you may send it to: **[office@stjosephpsj.org](mailto: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.

### *Wisdom of Saints*

“Work hard every day at increasing your purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will.” —*St. Francis de Sales*

### *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: \$4,663.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$2,165.00

Year-to-date giving: \$51,785.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$60,619.00

*\*July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

#### Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$17,522.33

Total Received: \$15,736.33

Variance:\* -\$1,119.08

Number of Families Pledged: 38

*\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

### Gospel Reflection

Which of the two sons in today's gospel are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

**R**eflect, today, upon the many ways that you have initially said "no" to the will of God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes we do so in less serious ways. The humble

truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God's call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be in a position to say "yes" to the will of God with all your heart.

*My Catholic Life*

### Meditation

*Most merciful Lord, You continuously call us to repentance. We have all sinned against You and do so every day. Please give me the gifts of humility and honesty so that I will be aware of the ways in which I refuse to say yes to Your perfect will and so that I can repent of those sins and daily turn back to You. Jesus, I trust in You. 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, September 30, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm - Marsha Young *by Cletus & Peggy Heaps*  
**Sunday, October 1, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am - For the People of St. Joseph  
11:00am - Ashley Young & Donald Rhodes  
**Monday, October 2, Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

12:00pm -  
**Tuesday, October 3, Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

11:00am - No Mass, Rosary  
**Wednesday, October 4, Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

5:30pm - Anita Gandy *by Beth Noel*  
**Thursday, October 5, Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00am - Richard DeChene & Robert Monroe  
**Friday, October 6, Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00am -  
**Saturday, October 7, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm -  
**Sunday, October 8, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am -  
11:00am - For the People of St. Joseph

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### Words for Thought

"First learn the meaning of what you say and then speak." *Epictetus*