



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22, 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 - NO CONFESSION

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - No Mass

TUESDAY - No Mass, Rosary 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY - No Mass

FRIDAY - No Mass

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Fr. Mathew Vacation & Weekday Mass Schedule

Fr. Mathew will be on vacation from October 16 until November 18. During this time, there will be a weekday Mass only on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Paul and Fr. Ken will be filling in on the weekends. Please welcome Fr. Paul and Fr. Ken and keep Fr. Mathew in your prayers.

The Association of St Jude Flea Market

The Association of St. Jude would like to invite everyone to the Annual Flea Market taking place at the Parish Hall at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, Saturday, October 28 from 7am-12 Noon. We are a non-profit, non-denominational group committed to serving the poor, needy, and elderly of Bay County, FL. If you would like to donate items for the sale, they may be dropped off Thursday, October 26 after 2pm or Friday, October 27 all day. If you would like to volunteer, the times are the same, but also include Saturday from 6am-2pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses around the world, where priest, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous in this week's second collection to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

Meditation

My truthful Lord, Your wisdom is perfect and Your words are truth. Please give me the gifts of wisdom and all truth, especially when conflicts arise. In those moments, please keep me from reacting in an angry and defensive way so that I can always be an instrument of the unity You desire. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

Oktoberfest

Our High School Youth Group invites you to their Oktoberfest! Saturday, October 28, after the 5:00 Mass. This event will be a fundraiser for their Steubenville trip to Atlanta in the Summer of 2024. Come, eat some brats, hot dogs and other goodies, play yard and board games, spend time in the community, have some fun as you support our Youth! Cost will be donations.

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Prayer List

Jason Benedick	George Dooling
Bailey Rish	Jack James
Joey Saternis	Juliann Rainford
Keith Liesemeyer	Jeremy Thompson
Jim Newton	Jim Conway
Jared Arnold	Jean Hensley
Greg Klapp	John Newman
Joanne Terhorst	Bill Consylman
Gordon Shafer	Margie Consylman
Doyle Faulkner	Andrew Wentzel
Charles Radcliff	Sandy Craven

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. 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

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."—*St. Pius X*

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: \$5,402.00
Year-to-date giving: \$66,491.00
Year-to-date* need: \$74,608.00

*July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41
Total Pledged: \$17,822.33
Total Received: \$16,819.02
Variance:* -\$36.39
Number of Families Pledged: 38
*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

Gospel Reflection

It has been said that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today’s Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod’s soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of

course, Jesus’ answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him “were amazed, and leaving him they went away.” Reflect, today, upon how you work to resolve conflict when it arises. Are you more like the Pharisees and Herodians whose only goal was to trick, trap and win? Do you see the other as an enemy in those moments? Or do you strive to be like Jesus who didn’t shy away from the conversation, answering honestly and directly? Of course, the truth was easy for Jesus since He was without any fault. In our lives, the truth may require that we admit our sin and apologize when confronted. However, if the truth, the full truth and nothing but the truth is our goal, then our conversations will imitate Jesus and, most often, a peaceful resolution will ensue. *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, October 21, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm - Larry Rich, Louise Tunnero Robert Spelic
Sunday, October 22, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am - For the People of St. Joseph
11:00am - *Betsie & Adrian Welle 7th Wedding Anniversary*
Monday, October 23, Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
12:00pm - No Mass
Tuesday, October 24, Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
11:00am - No Mass, Rosary
Wednesday, October 25, Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
5:30pm - Maura Frazer *by Annelie Smolenski*
Thursday, October 26, Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am - No Mass
Friday, October 27, Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
8:00am - No Mass
Saturday, October 28, Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
5:00pm - Fr. Ken *for his Birthday*
Sunday, October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am - Jim Smolenski *by Annelie Smolenski*
11:00am - For the People of St. Joseph
To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Words for Thought

To forgive someone who isn't even sorry. That is Strength.