



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM

FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Please join us Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the saying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and don't forget our Rosary on Tuesdays at 11:00.

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30.
This is a good opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Couples.....want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park. For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Dorothy Lewis, a longtime parishioner who had to move two years ago for health reasons, and her son Timothy Lewis. Their funerals were held here Saturday at 1:00 and they were laid to rest at Holy Hill Cemetery.

St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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Prayer List

Bailey Rish	Juliann Rainford
Joey Saternis	John Newman
Keith Liesemeyer	Bill Consylman
Jim Newton	Andrew Wentzel
Jared Arnold	Sandy Craven
Greg Klapp	Brian Casey
Joanne Terhorst	Steve Hermann
Doyle Faulkner	Peggy Heaps
George Dooling	Gary Connell
Jack James	Jean Faliski

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

"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection."
—Fulton Sheen

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: \$3,132.00
Year-to-date giving: \$89,042.00
Year-to-date* need: \$102,586.00

*July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41
Total Pledged: \$18,853.71
Total Received: \$18,413.21
Variance:* \$1,557.80
Number of Families Pledged: 38
*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

Gospel Reflection

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God's perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, "Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?" We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God's will.

Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things. *My Catholic Life*

Meditation

Lord of all grace, You come to me day and night, speaking to me, calling me and desiring to guide me. May I learn to turn my full attention to You every day so that nothing but You and Your holy will lead me always. *Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life*

Cover Art: "The Immaculate Conception," by Tiepolo, Giovanni Battista, 1767 - 1769. Oil on canvas.

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 2, First Sunday of Advent
5:00pm - Kevin Patrick McMahon *by Annelie Smolenski*
Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent
9:00am - Natalie & Eric McMahon *by Annelie Smolenski*
11:00am - For the People of St. Joseph
Monday, December 4, First Week of Advent
12:00pm - Alice Valesh Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*
Tuesday, December 5, First Week of Advent
11:00am - No Mass
Wednesday, December 6, First Week of Advent
5:30pm - Janine Hopper *by Annelie Smolenski*
Thursday, December 7, First Week of Advent
8:00am - Theo Worthen *by Annelie Smolenski*
Friday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
8:00am - Nancy & Ivan Harless *by Annelie Smolenski*
Saturday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent
5:00pm - Betsy Jones *by Annelie Smolenski*
Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent
9:00am - Pam Cagle *by Annelie Smolenski*
11:00am - For the People of St. Joseph

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Words for Thought

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.