

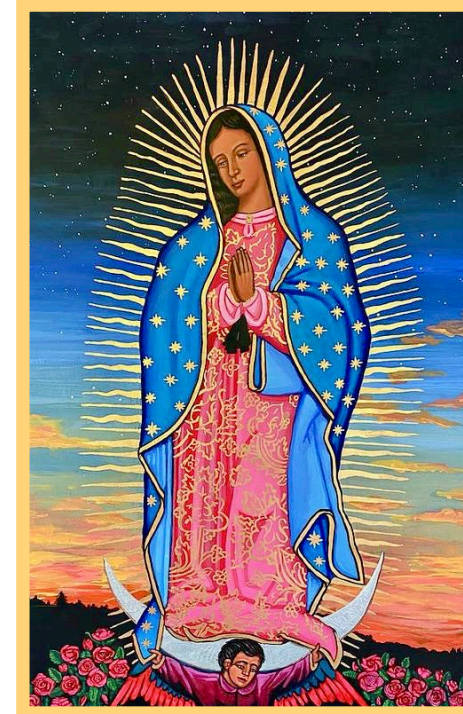


SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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

Advent Penance Service

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

Help Needed

Many hands make light work. Please volunteer a little of your time to help our Altar Society and Men's Club with the many tasks that need to be done for Christmas.

Church Cleaning: Friday, December 15 at 9:30 (after 8:00 Mass & Adoration)

Manger Set up: Saturday, December 16 at 9:00

Church Decorating Friday, December 22 at 9:30 (after 8:00 Mass & Adoration)

Decoration Removal: Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30 (after the 11:00 Rosary)

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at both entrances for the Christmas Flower Offering. If you wish to donate in memory of a loved one, please be sure to print their name clearly on the envelope so it will appear correctly in the bulletin.

Sunday & Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23 - 5:00PM

Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 - 7:00PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 - 10:00AM

Solemnity of Mary, Monday, January 1 - 9:00AM

Get Ready for Christmas with the Rosary

Whatever else we are doing during Advent to prepare ourselves for Christmas, it's a great idea to include the Rosary, the prayer that leads us to Christ through Mary. Advent presents a unique opportunity to revive our interest in the Rosary. It is the shortest liturgical season in the Catholic Church and it is entirely focused on Jesus and Mary. In many ways, Advent could be called the "Season of Mary," as we accompany her on her road to Bethlehem. The days leading up to Christmas provide a perfect opportunity to deepen the way we pray the Rosary. There's no better way to get ready for Christmas, so please join us on Tuesdays at 11:00 for about 20 minutes as we say the Rosary.

St. Joseph Parish Contacts

Pastor: Fr. Mathew K. Abraham, office@stjosephpsj.org

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Altar Society: Judy Eppinette, juditheppinette@gmail.com

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Religious Education: Lisa Finney, finneysrule1@gmail.com

Young Adult & Youth Ministry: Betsie Welle, 850-339-3170

Prayer List

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

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

"One just soul can obtain pardon for a thousand sinners."

—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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: \$3,161.00

Year-to-date giving: \$92,203.00

Year-to-date* need: \$107,249.00

**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*

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 February 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.

Second Collection

Help Aging Religious. There is a second collection today for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and doing works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

Adult Religious Study

Our Adult Religious Study will be on **Tuesday at 6:00 this week instead of Thursday.** This week's topic is, "The Holy Spirit and Why We Need the Church."

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 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

Monday, December 11, Second Week of Advent

12:00pm - Alice Valesh Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*

Tuesday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe / Patroness of the Americas

11:00am - No Mass

Wednesday, December 13, Second Week of Advent

5:30pm - Janine Hopper *by Annelie Smolenski*

Thursday, December 14, Second Week of Advent

8:00am - Marion Serio Klein *by Tim Finnerty*

Friday, December 15, Second Week of Advent

8:00am - Marcus Klein Sr. *by Tim Finnerty*

Saturday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - Vicki Klein-Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

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

11:00am - Bill Ciucki *by Dan Ciucki*

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Words for Thought

Everything happens for a reason. Stay calm.

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