



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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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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

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 AM (after 8:00 Mass & Adoration)

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

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

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Prayer List

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

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 bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."—St. Basil the Great

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: \$5,118.00

Year-to-date giving: \$97,321.00

Year-to-date* need: \$111,912.00

**July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$18,853.71

Total Received: \$18,813.21

Variance:* \$1,957.80

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.

Our Women and Men Religious Offer Gratitude

A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your contribution of \$549.00 will help senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests that have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and doing works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Your gift helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Adult Religious Study

Topic this week in our Adult Religious Study is "Mary and the Saints" and "What Happens After Death." Please join us on Thursday at 6:00 in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

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 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*

Monday, December 18, Third Week of Advent

12:00pm -David Wendt *by Annelie Smolenski*

Tuesday, December 19, Third Week of Advent

11:00am - No Mass

Wednesday, December 20, Third Week of Advent

5:30pm - Genevieve Hutchinson *by Annelie Smolenski*

Thursday, December 21, Third Week of Advent

8:00am - Kristine Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*

Friday, December 22, Third Week of Advent

8:00am - Ted Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*

Saturday, December 23, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - Denise Daniel *by Annelie Smolenski*

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

11:00am - Joan Super *by Betsie & Adrian Welle*

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Words for Thought

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness. ~ Charles Spurgeon