



SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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

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

Rosary

There will be no Rosary on Tuesday, December 26. It will resume on Tuesday, January 2 at 11:00.

Gospel Reflection

Imitation of our Blessed Mother is accomplished by first coming to know her, understand her and love who she is. Gazing upon her interior beauty and holiness presents us with the vision of the perfection to which we are all called. As we prayerfully gaze upon her heart and come to understand her virtues more clearly, we will be inspired to open our own hearts so as to imitate her by the grace of God. This prayerful exercise is one of the best and quickest ways to obtain the heights of holiness to which God has called us. Reflect, today, upon this holy daughter of the Most High. She is not one we can “figure out.” Instead, she is one whom we can come to know through prayer and through God’s inspiration. Ponder her prayerfully.

Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners who came to clean the church on Friday and to the great number of men who turned out in the rain to build the nativity on Saturday. This was the largest turnout to help with the nativity we have ever had. None of this can happen without the generous giving of your time. Many thanks and blessings.

Be open to her inspiration. And allow the Holy Spirit to also overshadow you so that you will more closely be able to imitate her in her holy virtues.

Meditation

My dearest Mother, you lived a life of perfect virtue and holiness. You continuously pondered the mysteries of God in your heart and always surrendered to the will of God with perfection. Please inspire me so that I may not only learn from you but also be able to share in the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit given to you. Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life

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Prayer List

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

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

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."—*St. Rose of Lima*

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: \$3,307.00

Year-to-date giving: \$100,628.00

Year-to-date* need: \$116,575.00

**July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$18,894.40

Total Received: \$18,884.40

Variance:* \$2,028.99

Number of Families Pledged: 38

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory of

*Karl, Heather & Martina Bowen and
Veronica & Joel Sampson
By Sherrie Bowen*

*Joan Gilmartin & Ethel Santti
By The Gilmartin Family*

*Andy Eiter
By Shae Eiter*

*Warhol Family
By Marianne Warhol*

*Ciucki Family
By Dan & Sue Ciucki*

*Dr & Mrs. James D. Goodwin and
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Smolenski
By Annelie & Jim Smolenski*

*Charles Joseph Payner
By Nancy Wood*

*Monagnan & Amann Families
By Mary & Bob Amann*

*Albert Magness Jr, John Magness,
Barbara Lowder*

*& Albert & Mary Magness
By Kathy Hanna & Terry Magness*

*Sikora, Kulik & Godek Families
By Peter & Rita Sikora*

*Cindy Van Treese
By Dan & Barb Van Treese*

*Robert Paul Trentel Jr, Paul & Mary Halladay,
Allen & Virginia Truetel
By Bob & Nan Trentel*

*Ekdahl, Dalton, Quinn, Frank, Palazzolo
Families*

By Fr. Ken Ekdahl

Christmas Flower Donations

Rita Craven

Mary & Joseph Flowers

*Mary & Joseph flowers donated by Terry Magness
& Kathy Henna*

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 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*

Monday, December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00pm - Souls in Purgatory *by Tim Finnerty*

Tuesday, December 26, Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

11:00am - No Mass

Wednesday, December 27, Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

5:30pm - Sandy Finnerty *by Tim Finnerty*

Thursday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Friday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am - Sue Klein *by Tim Finnerty*

Saturday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00pm - David Warhol *by Marianne Warhol*

Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

11:00am - Cynthia Osley

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Words for Thought

In Irish, the word for unborn “Beo gan Bhreith” directly translates as “Alive but not born yet.”

Cover Art: “The Adoration of the Shepherds,” by *Gerrit van Honthorst*, 1622.