



# SAINT JOSEPH

Catholic Church, Port Saint Joe, Florida

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024



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, Rosary 11:00  
WEDNESDAY - 5:30  
THURSDAY - 8:00 AM  
FRIDAY - 8:00 AM followed by Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament

### *Music Corner News*

Tuesday Schola starting January 16, 2024 at 5:30.

*Schola means school, a singing school.*

Are you interested in learning more about the music we are singing in church? Want to practice the Ordinary (parts of the Mass) that you hear at Mass? Interested in singing with the organ/guitar accompaniment? Please join us on Tuesdays at 5:30.

Contact Caroline Williams for information: 850-899-0022 or [crcmc@hotmail.com](mailto:crcmc@hotmail.com).

### *Hall Reservations*

Please check with the office and make reservations before scheduling the hall for your group. We not only have groups from within our parish but several different groups from the community that reserve the hall for their events. Thank you for being considerate.

### *Meditation*

Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life. *My Catholic Life*

### *Adult Religious Study*

Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30, for adult religious study, Symbolon Part 2: Living the Faith. These are one hour classes that will run for 10 weeks. It is all right if you can't attend every class. Attend as many as you can. Class will start with a DVD presentation followed by a discussion. Come and gain a deeper understanding of our faith.

### *Mardi Gras Breakfast*

The High School Youth Group will be hosting another delicious Mardi Gras Breakfast after both Sunday Masses on February 11. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and king cake. Cost is by donation only. All donations are going toward their Youth Conference trip in Atlanta. Come and enjoy breakfast with our youth and help support their trip.

### *St. Joseph Parish Contacts*

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### *Bulletin Announcements*

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, you may send it to: [office@stjosephpsj.org](mailto: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.

### *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.

### *Prayer List*

Bailey Rish	Anthony DiCola
Joey Saternis	Emily Restad
Keith Liesemeyer	Jerone Joby
Greg Klapp	Betty Huckeby
Joanne Terhorst	Walt Dickson
George Dooling	Sal Elia
Andrew Wentzel	Terry Watson
Sandy Craven	
Brian Casey	



*To request that a name be placed on the prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

### *Wisdom of Saints*

“Go forth and set the world on fire.” — *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Offertory

Weekly Need: \$4,663.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,308.00

Year-to-date giving: \$119,748.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$135,227.00

\*July 2023 - June 2024 fiscal year

### Catholic Sharing Appeal 2023

Pledge Goal: \$16,855.41

Total Pledged: \$18,894.40

Total Received: \$19,335.90

Variance:\* \$2,480.49

Number of Families Pledged: 38

\*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

## Gospel Reflection

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: "This is the time of fulfillment." First, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the "time of fulfillment," in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the "time of fulfillment" of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God's Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word "fulfillment." What does this mean?

The word "fulfilled" can be contrasted with its opposite

"unfulfilled." To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

*My Catholic Life*

Cover Art: "Follow Me," from website: [lakeharborumc.org](http://lakeharborumc.org).

## 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, January 20, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm - Christian Louiviere *by Annelie Smolenski*

**Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am - James DeBrueys *by Annelie Smolenski*

11:00am - For the People of St. Joseph

**Monday, January 22, Third Week in Ordinary Time**

12:00pm - Kiera Cameron, Joquin Dias & Bin Nguyen

**Tuesday, January 23, Third Week in Ordinary Time**

11:00am - No Mass, Rosary

**Wednesday, January 24, Third Week in Ordinary Time**

5:30pm - Christina Frazier *by Annelie Smolenski*

**Thursday, January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

8:00am - Kathleen Eells *by Barbara Eells*

**Friday, January 26, Third Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00am - Msgr William Crowe *by Barbara Eells*

**Saturday, January 27, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm - Robert Paul Treutel Jr *by Bob & Nan Treutel*

**Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00am -

*To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.*

## Words for Thought

Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.