

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025



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, **Sacred Heart Hospital**

TUESDAY: No Mass, Rosary at 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM

THURSDAY: 8:00 AM

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

Directory

Anyone wanting to be in the directory is asked to send a family or individual picture of themselves. If you are uncomfortable taking your own picture or sending it in, we will have someone taking pictures Saturday after Mass and Sundays between 10:00 and 11:00. All pictures must be sent in by February 15th to get them printed in the directory on time. Send your pictures with your names to web@stjosephpsj.com.

A Call for Volunteers

Decorate Our Church for Christmas

As we anticipate the joy and wonder of Christmas, the Altar Society invites you to join us in a spirit of fellowship and service to make our beloved church beautiful for the season. We are seeking volunteers to help with our cleaning and decorating effort. Your time and talents, no matter how great or small, will help create a warm and welcoming environment for all who enter our doors this Christmas. If you can lend a helping hand, please consider joining us on Sunday, December 21st, immediately after the 11:00 mass.

Seasonal Social Invitation

All women of St. Joseph Parish are invited to a Seasonal Social hosted by the Women's Altar Society. Please join us on Monday, December 15 at 4:30 P.M. in the church hall for appetizers and fellowship. BYOB. Learn how the Altar Society supports our church and perhaps how you could fit in.

Wisdom of Saints

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die."
- St. Augustine

Giving Tree

A Christmas Giving Tree to benefit the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and the Gulf County Public Library will be set up in the vestibule from Nov 20th - Dec.15th. Please take a tag and return your gift under the tree. They both rely heavily on volunteers and the generosity of the community to help fund their mission and the purchase of new books and magazines as well as the various programs offered to children and adults. Thank you for your generosity!

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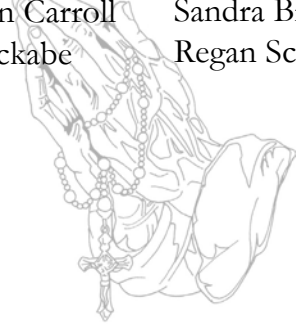
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Prayer List

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| Joey Saternis | Steve Droll |
| Chase Giddens | Angela Barbaris |
| Greg Klapp | Kenneth Settlemire |
| Rosemary OBrien | Sandy Hohn |
| Penny McLemore | Dianna Bryant |
| David King | Patricia Saternis |
| † Maureen Carroll | Sandra Brock |
| Betty Huckabe | Regan Schoelles |



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.

Food Pantry 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: \$4,286.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,227.00

Year-to-date giving: \$99,063.00

Year-to-date* need: \$94,292.00

** July 2025 - June 2026 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2025

Pledge Goal: \$25,460.96

Total Pledged: \$18,101.00

Total Received: \$16,903.82

Variance: * -\$8,557.14

Number of Families Pledged: 33

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

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 6, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm: Janine Hopper *by Annelie Smolenski*

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am: Hugo Conti *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

11:00am: People of St Joseph

Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm: Eugene, Michael & Julie Mauro *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

Tuesday, December 9, Second Week of Advent

10:00am: No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, December 10, Second Week of Advent

5:30pm: Karen Lamy *by Annelie Smolenski*

Thursday, December 11, Second Week of Advent

8:00am: Jamey & Jannie Hopper *by Annelie Smolenski*

Friday, December 12, Second Week of Advent

8:00am: Betty Blackstorm *by Annelie Smolenski*

Saturday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm: Barbara Lawder *by Jeanette Amerson*

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am: Henry Krasinski *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

11:00am: People of St Joseph

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Penance Service: Dec. 17th at 5:00

Christmas Eve: 7:00

Christmas Day: 10:00

Solemnity of Mary: Jan 1st at 9:00

Advent Books

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with an Advent Companion book. These books are free and they can be picked up at both church entrances.

Altar Society Meeting

The Women's Altar Society will meet on Monday, December 15th at 5:30. Anyone wanting to join for a potluck before the meeting please be there at 5:00. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Commemorative Ornaments

Our 100 Year Commemorative Ornaments are available after Masses and in the office. Donations are \$10.00 per ornament.

Second Collection

Support those that have given a lifetime. Next weekend we will have a second collection for The Retirement Fund for the Religious. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching, and caring for those in need - usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, on Monday December 8th. Mass will be in the church at 9:00 AM and no mass at the hospital that day.

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