

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 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 after all weekend Masses. 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

“You should be content to do as He wishes, for He is satisfied with far less than you owe Him.” - *Bl. Sebastian Valfre*

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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Prayer List

Joey Saternis	Sandy Hohn
Chase Giddens	Dianna Bryant
Greg Klapp	Patricia Saternis
Rosemary OBrien	Sandra Brock
Penny McLemore	Regan Schoelles
David King	Dcn. Paul Schueth
† Maureen Carroll	Sarah Di Fiore
Betty Huckabe	† Jay Stevens
Steve Droll	Brenda Ward
Angela Barbaris	Cecil Lyons
Kenneth Settlemire	Sandra Raffield
	Mary Norris

Please keep Deacon Paul in your prayers while he has back surgery on December 18.

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.

Words for Thought

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory

Weekly Need: \$4,286.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$5,992.00

Year-to-date giving: \$105,055.00

Year-to-date* need: \$95,578.00

** 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 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

Monday, December 15, Third Week of Advent

12:00pm: Participants of ACTS Retreat *by Anellie Smolenski*

Tuesday, December 16, Third Week of Advent

10:00am: No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, December 17, Third Week of Advent

5:30pm:

Thursday, December 18, Third Week of Advent

8:00am: Brian Hartenstine *by Anellie Smolenski*

Friday, December 19, Third Week of Advent

8:00am: Sally Smolenski *by Anellie Smolenski*

Saturday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm: Vic Derks *by Bob & Mary Amann*

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am: Jozefa Bodzak *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

No Mass

There will be no masses Monday, Dec.

15th, Fr. Mathew will be in Pensacola.

Please pray for his safe travels.

Commemorative Ornaments

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

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.

Second Collection

They gave their lives in service -- now they need your help.

For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation -- it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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