



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 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

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## Directory

Anyone wanting to be in the directory is asked to send their picture in by February 15th to get them printed in the directory on time. Send your pictures with your names to [web@stjosephpsj.com](mailto: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.

## New Missals

We have transitioned to the Heritage Missal for the next year in order to allow more parishioners access to the readings and music for mass. Please take time to look them over and join in the songs. During Advent, we have music that we only hear this time of the year. Some may be new songs to you, but jump in and sing and enjoy until next year. It is beautiful to hear everyone's voices during Mass, participating in the Santus/Agnus Dei, and parts of the mass. Thank you for being here!!

## Wisdom of Saints

"We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this." - *St. Bridget of Sweden*

## St. Joseph Parish Contacts

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## Prayer List

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

*Please keep Deacon Paul in your prayers while he has back surgery on December 23rd.*

*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](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 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: \$2,792.00

Year-to-date giving: \$107,847.00

Year-to-date\* need: \$99,864.00

*\* 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 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

#### **Monday, December 22, Fourth Week of Advent**

12:00pm: Milton Hallman *by Annelie Smolenski*

#### **Tuesday, December 23, Fourth Week of Advent**

10:00am: No Mass, Rosary

#### **Wednesday, December 24, Fourth Week of Advent**

5:30pm:

#### **Thursday, December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

8:00am:

#### **Friday, December 26, Fourth Week of Advent**

8:00am: James DeBruey's *by Annelie Smolenski*

#### **Saturday, December 27, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

5:00pm: Participants of ACTS Retreat *by Annelie Smolenski*

#### **Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

9:00am: People of St Joseph

11:00am:

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

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve: 7:00

Christmas Day: 10:00

Solemnity of Mary: Jan 1st at 9:00



### *Second Collection*

#### **Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity!**

"Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93 a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. With your generosity St. Joseph collected \$1010.00. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

### *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.

### *Commemorative Ornaments*

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