

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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, **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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Christmas Mass Schedule

Penance Service: December 11 at 5:30

Christmas Eve: 7:00

Christmas Morning: 10:00

Solemnity of Mary: January 1 at 9:00 am

Second Collection

Support those that have given a lifetime. This 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 care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30. What a wonderful opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Giving Tree

A Christmas Giving Tree to benefit the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society will be set up in the vestibule of the church starting November 21. Please take a tag and return your gift under the tree. The SJBHS relies heavily on volunteers and the generosity of the community to help fund their mission. Thank you for your generosity!

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples

Couples, want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 14-16 in Tallahassee, or April 4-6 in Titusville, or July 25-27 in St. Johns. For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org. Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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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 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	Tim Croft
Joey Saternis	Sandra Mauro
Terry Staab	Betty Lewis
Danielle Newton	Linda Hill
Vince Fabry	Edgar Huffaker
Chase Giddens	Mitch Mountcastle
Debra Watson	Greg Klapp
Sherrie Bowen	Mary Norris
Debra Snyder	Michelle Irvin
Sonny Eells	Ron Miller
Basia Sharsky	Kelli & Jake Ray
Chris Earley	Al Cathey
Judy Eppinette	Kathy Jenkins
Callah Graves	Howard Page

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

Words for Thought

A certain darkness is needed to see the stars.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory

Weekly Need: \$4,251.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,393.00

Year-to-date giving: \$92,791.00

Year-to-date* need: \$93,522.00

** July 2024 - June 2025 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2024

Pledge Goal: \$19,875.00

Total Pledged: \$21,398.69

Total Received: \$19,878.44

Variance:* \$3.44

Number of Families Pledged: 38

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

Help Needed

Many hands make light work. Please volunteer a little of your time to help our Altar Society with the many tasks that need to be done for Christmas.

» **Church Cleaning:** Friday Dec. 20 at 9:30 (after 8:00 Mass & Adoration)

» **Church Decorating:** Sunday Dec. 22 at 12:00 (after the 11:00 mass)

» **Decoration Removal:** Tuesday Jan. 7 at 10:30 (after the 10:00 rosary)

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 clearly on the envelope so we can put it in the bulletin.

Wisdom of Saints

Where there's no obedience there's no virtue, where there's no virtue there's no good, where there's no good there's no love, where there's no love, there's no God, and where there's no God there is no Paradise.

—Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Scam Alert

There has been another round of scam text and emails reported by parishioners. If you receive one saying it is from Father Mathew needing help, gift cards or anything like this, please do not respond. Father Mathew will never send out a text or email asking for help in this way. If help is ever needed he will reach out in person, at Mass or through a personal contact from the church office.

Cover Art: Saint John the Baptist Preaching *by Luca Giordano*

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 7, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm: Kendra Miletello *by Annelie Smolenski*

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:00am: People of St Joseph

Monday, December 9, Second Week of Advent

12:00pm: James DeBrueys *by Annelie Smolenski*

Tuesday, December 10, Second Week of Advent

10:00am: No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, December 11, Second Week of Advent

5:30pm: Advent Penance Service No Mass

Thursday, December 12, Second Week of Advent

8:00am: Andy Juneau *by Annelie Smolenski*

Friday, December 13, Second Week of Advent

8:00am: Kristian Louiviere *by Annelie Smolenski*

Saturday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm:

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am: People of St Joseph

11:00am:

To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.