

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 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

Adult RCIA and Adult Sacramental Preparation Class

Are you looking to become a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic over 18 who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Perhaps now is the time to hear the voice of the Lord and open your heart to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. We will be starting our RCIA program. If you are interested please contact the office @ 850-227-1417.

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 21, 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.

St Joseph 100 Year Commemorative Ornaments

Our 100 Year Commemorative Ornaments have arrived! Donations are \$10.00 per ornament to help defer the cost. They are available starting today, after Masses and in the office Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 - 3:00.

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 to 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	† Maureen Carroll
Chase Giddens	Betty Huckabe
Greg Klapp	Steve Droll
Rosemary OBrien	Angela Barbaris
Penny McLemore	Kenneth Settlemire
David King	Sandy Hohn
† Harold Raffield	Dianna Bryant
	Patricia Saternis



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.

Words for Thought

True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future.

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: \$3,563.00

Year-to-date giving: \$95,836.00

Year-to-date* need: \$90,006.00

** July 2025 - June 2026 fiscal year*

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2025

Pledge Goal: \$25,460.96

Total Pledged: \$18,101.00

Total Received: \$16,543.82

Variance:* -\$8,917.14

Number of Families Pledged: 33

**Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received*

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

Holy Day of Obligation

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

Advent Books

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with an Advent Companion book. There is no charge for these books and they can be picked up at both entrances of the church.

Help Needed for Manger: We'll be setting up the manger on Dec. 6 at 10:30. Any assistance would be appreciated; as they say, many hands make light work.

Cover Art: Advent and Triumph of Christ *by Hans Memling*

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$657.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join next Sunday at 3:00 for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wisdom of Saints

"The success of your morning meditation will largely depend on what you have eaten the night before." - *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

9:00am: People of St Joseph

11:00am: Donald Hampton *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

Monday, December 1, First Week of Advent

12:00pm: Wladyslaw & Maria Haranek *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

Tuesday, December 2, First Week of Advent

10:00am: No Mass, Rosary

Wednesday, December 3, First Week of Advent

5:30pm: Jadwiga & Antoni Kwiatkowski *by Zee & Melissa Haranek*

Thursday, December 4, First Week of Advent

8:00am: Norm Fishero *by Barbara Eells*

Friday, December 5, First Week of Advent

8:00am: Mike Frazier *by Annelie Smolenski*

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

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