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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023

Parish Mass Schedule Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Monday-Friday 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:00am and 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday-Friday 4:45 to 5:15 pm For appointment, contact Parish Office

> Rosary Prayed Every Sunday: 8:10 am

Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday Closed

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Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church!

We welcome you to St. Joseph Catholic Church. If you are new to this area or are returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call or stop by the office so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please sign our Visitor book located in the back of the Church.

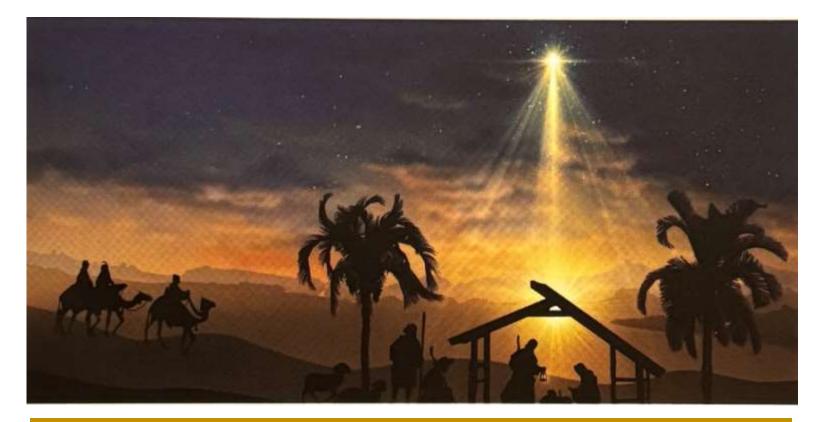




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To Us A Child Is Born, To Us a Son Is Given.

On behalf of Marge and myself, we would like to offer our prayers that all the families of St. Joseph Parish have a happy, safe and blessed Christmas Season.

As I complete my first six months here at St. Joseph, I want you all to know how blessed I feel for having the opportunity to be with all of you here. And I look forward to an amazing 2024.

May God's Blessing Be Upon All of You.

Fr. Pat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISH FAMILIES WHO ARE ILL:

Caleb Bartholomew, Lucy Bell, Martha Carmichael, Jeremiah Coleman, Paul Copeland, Harold DesVirnes, Rosemary Donaldson, Carolyn Emerson, Michael Espree, Shannon Evans, Jeanne Firth, Richard Firth, Michael Flores, Davis Gonzales, Audrey Hogan, Tim Holley, Vincent Jackson, Nelson Jones, Timothy Jones, Glaydes Knight, Merrie Lee, Joshua Linton, Shawndra Malonson, Marie Mangria, Anne McDowell, Russell McLaughlin, Rosemary McQuay, Leroy Moore, Lemont Pass, Robert Patterson, Carolyn Porter, Debra Renshaw, John Rich, Bertha Roby, Marilyn Archer, Johnny Archer, Mechelle Rosier, Tony Scott, Anna Mae Smith, Sean Smithers, Lily Townsend, Ronald, Townsend, Tina Turner, Sally Valentine, Steve Vasek, Alma Williams, Ezzie Thrash, Reginald Ramsey, Charlena Archer, Harold White, Aubrey Patterson Jr, Anthony Floyd, Hazel John-son, Theresa Cook, Samuel Horton, Wendy William, Nadia Nissa, Stephanie Peterson, Senaya Youngblood, Jase McClendor, Stanley Walker, Bob Mickelson, Steven Wilken, Melanie Row, Ethel Gober, Yvonne James, Leslie Poe, Dwight Hoffman, Bob Kelly, Cathy Buck and all the people who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 25th 10:00 am Dannie Benboe Sangfield+ & Betty Benboe+

Tuesday, December 26th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Wednesday, December 27th 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory+ 5:30 pm Johnny Archer

Thursday, December 28th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Friday, December 29th 5:30 pm Friends of Suffering Souls+

Sunday, December 31st 8:30 am Friends of Suffering Souls+ 11:00 am Marge & Chelcie Rice



May it be

"May it be done to me according to your word." Lk1:38

Mary's absolute faithfulness led her to carry the life of Jesus within her and to fulfill her mission of love. While the way you carry the life of Jesus within and fulfill your mission of love will be your own, may it be.

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60 Questions and Answers On the Mystery of the Eucharist



THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY SACRIFICE



Why is this sacrificial aspect of the Eucharist important for my life?

At any moment, the sacrifice of the Mass is absolutely the most amazing event happening in the world! Think about what's happening at every Litur-

gy: Through the Eucharistic sacrifice, the saving power of the Cross is unleashed in our lives in a unique way. As the sacrifice of Christ is made present ever anew at every Mass, Jesus is inviting us to be caught up into his perfect, self giving love-his total gift of himself to the Father, his loving sacrifice.

Jesus wants to live his sacrificial love ever more through us. He wants to transform us. He wants to heal our weak, selfish hearts and make our hearts more like his. And he does this in a most profound way, through our participation in the sacrifice of the Mass. The "bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit.

So if we want to grow in Christ-like, sacrificial love, the primary place this will happen is in the Mass, where we encounter Sacrificial Love himself most profoundly. And if we want the forgiveness of sins and the saving work of Christ to heal our souls, we will eagerly go to Mass, where the power of the Cross is applied to our lives most fully. This is why, of all things happening in the world, the sacrifice of the Mass is by far the most amazing event in which we could ever participate!

> The Parish Office will be Closed Monday, December 25th Tuesday, December 26th Monday, January 1st, 2024

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