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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 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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First Sunday of Advent



Hope

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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December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide. I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community.

Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of a religious sister, brother, or priest who made a positive difference in your life. We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members. I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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 Johnson, 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, Cathy Buck and all the people who have no one to pray for them.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Advent & Christmas Schedule 2023

Mass Schedule

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| December 7th | 5:30 pm | Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| December 24th | 4:00 pm | Christmas Vigil Mass with Bishop Bill |
| December 25th | 10:00 am | Christmas Day |
| January 1st | 10:00 am | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |

Advent Penance Service

PENSACOLA

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola

Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary, Pensacola

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola

Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima, Milton

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist, Pensacola

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Anne, Bellview

Thursday, December 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Jude, Cantonment

Friday, December 15 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul, Pensacola

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

FORT WALTON AREA

Christ Our Redeemer, Niceville

Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary, Ft. Walton Beach

Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Rita, Santa Rosa Beach

Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland, DeFuniak Springs

Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville

Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King Mission, Freeport

Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.



60 Questions and Answers On the Mystery of the Eucharist

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THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY SACRIFICE

**So Is this about sacrificing
Jesus over and over again?**

No. It is the same sacrifice, but the manner of its offering is different. Jesus was sacrificed once and for all on the Cross. But that one, bloody sacrifice on Calvary is made present to us in the Eucharist in an unbloody way. As the Catechism explains, "In this Divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner." (CCC 1367)

Monthly Contribution Report - November 2023

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|------------|-------------------|
| 11/5/2023 | \$5,069.76 |
| 11/12/2023 | \$4,071.41 |
| 11/19/2023 | \$2,473.81 |
| 11/26/2023 | <u>\$3,571.57</u> |
| Total | \$15,186.55 |

CSA Totals 2023 as of November 30, 2023

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Campaign Goal: | \$9,459 |
| Count of Pledges: | 56 |
| Total Pledges: | \$16,434.60 |
| Paid Off: | \$15,334.60 |
| Balance on Pledges: | \$1,100 |

| Financial Report | Jul-Oct 2023 | Jul-Oct 2022 | Difference |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Offertory Collection | \$52,973 | \$34,211 | \$19,129 |
| Expenses | \$62,309 | \$69,823 | (\$7,514) |



Please return the "Little Majella House" with your donation to the Parish by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your support for our area's only Maternity Home Ministry for pregnant, homeless mothers in need.



How Can We Prepare?

Advent is a time of preparing for the Lord's coming - not only as our Child Savior at Christmas, but also as the Ruler King either at the end of our lives or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. How can we prepare by living in a radically selfless way as Jesus, in Jesus, and for Jesus right now? Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all. 'Watch!'" Gospel of Mark. December 3, 2023

Online Giving

To make an online donation go to Vanco Payment Solutions link below and sign up.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YPEF/home>

Mass Intentions for the Week

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, December 4th | 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ |
| Tuesday, December 5th | 5:30 pm Ollie Simmons+ |
| Wednesday, December 6th | 9:00 Wanda LaPointe+ |
| | 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ |
| Thursday, December 7th | 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ |
| Friday, December 8th | 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ |
| Sunday, December 10th | 8:30 am Fr. Camillus Ellsperman |
| | 11:00 am Anne Bolinger |

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday after the
9:00 am Mass
The First Sunday of Advent



CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE CARING & SHARING MINISTRY

We are in need of used sneakers (men and women), sweatshirts, hoodies, thick socks, caps and blankets. If you can help, please drop them at the office or contact Dee-Dee Green at (850) 723-3390 to make arrangements.

SAINT JOSEPH MEDICAL CLINIC

Mondays: (Metabolic Patients Only)
7:30 am - 11:00 am
Tuesdays: (Regular Clinic)
7:30 am - Noon
Wednesdays: (Regular Clinic)
11:00 am - 2:30 pm
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