# Serving the community for over 130 years ... Historic St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**

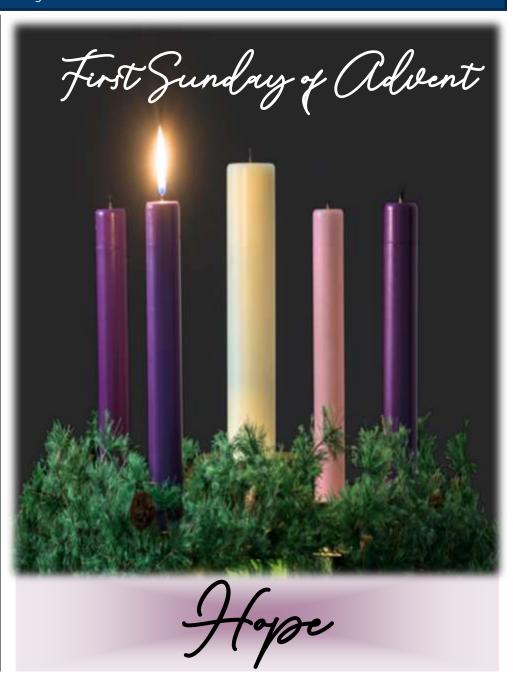
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday Closed

#### **Parish Contacts**

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office@stjoseph.ptdiocese.org

### Pastor Fr. Patrick LaPointe

pastor@stjoseph.ptdiocese.org



#### 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.





Check out our new website https://stjoseph.ptdiocese.org



#### Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee



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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

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

## Advent & Christmas Schedule 2023

#### **Mass Schedule**

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.

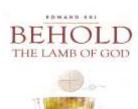
St. Rita, Santa Rosa Beach Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Margaret of Scotland, DeFuniak Springs Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

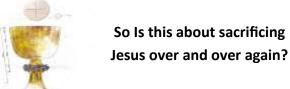
Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Christ the King Mission, Freeport Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

#### 60 Questions and Answers On the Mystery of the Eucharist



## THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY SACRIFICE



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**

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

#### CSA Totals 2023 as of November 30, 2023

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

 Offertory Collection
 \$52,973
 \$34,211

 Expenses
 \$62,309
 \$69,823



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.

Difference

\$19,129

(\$7,514)



#### 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

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
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11:00 am - 2:30 pm
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