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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31, 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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60 Questions and Answers On the Mystery of the Eucharist

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THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY SACRIFICE

What are some of the practical things I should do to participate more fully in the sacrifice of the Mass?

In the Mass, we have the opportunity to give ourselves to God in the most powerful way: we can unite our entire lives with

Jesus' own loving gift of himself to the Father!

Therefore, we should join all our prayers, works, joys and sufferings with Jesus' offering of himself. We can do this by not just going through the motions of the Mass but reverently reciting the prayers throughout the Eucharistic Liturgy. We can see our lives symbolically being represented by the bread and wine presented to the priest at the offertory. When the priest says, "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," we can tell the Lord that we give him our entire lives in this Eucharistic sacrifice. Most of all, at the words of Consecration, we can tell Jesus in our hearts that we offer him our entire lives on the altar, praying that our sacrifice may be united with his perfect sacrificial gift of himself to the Father.

As the Catechism explains, "In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering" (CCC 1368).

Online Giving

To make an online donation go to St. Joseph Church link below and sign up <https://secure.myvanco.com/YPEF/home>.



New Year's is a day of new beginnings, goals, celebrations, and reflections. And it's also one of the most special days in the Church – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. One week after we celebrate the birth of Christ, we give thanks to His mother. This solemnity is also the final day in the [Octave of Christmas](#) and the [World Day of Peace](#).

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 1st, 2024
10:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 2nd
5:30 pm Maurice Bartholomew+

Wednesday, January 3rd
9:00 am Souls in Purgatory+
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Thursday, January 4th
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Friday, January 5th
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+

Sunday, January 7th
8:30 am Ted Czerkowski+
11:00 am Conrad Felix Jr. +

Chesterton Academy of The Florida Martyrs invites all interested parents and members of the community to an Information Meeting **Saturday, January 13, at 2pm**. The meeting will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church parish hall, in the Giri Room. Chesterton Academy is a new, classical high school in Pensacola. Grounded in the Catholic tradition, it seeks to give young people a broad, liberal arts education with an emphasis on the development of Christian virtue and an appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness. Please visit ChestertonPensacola.org or call 850-378-1303 to RSVP.

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

A Message from Fr. Pat

People in the United States are fascinated by the song "The 12 Days of Christmas." Every year it's played over and over again on the radio. It's googled countless times. And it's often listed as one of the top Christmas songs. You're probably well familiar with the song, but do you know the Catholic roots?

What are the 12 Days of Christmas?

While secular culture begins Christmas after Thanksgiving (and sometimes even earlier!), for Catholics the Christmas season doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. The [time of preparation before Christmas is called Advent](#). Catholics celebrate the Christmas season from Jesus' birth, December 25, until the day before the Epiphany (January 6). The Epiphany is the celebration of when the three wise men visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in Bethlehem. Since the Church is still celebrating it's a great opportunity to leave your Christmas decorations up a little longer!

What is the Meaning of the Song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

The religious wars in sixteenth century England made it dangerous to be a Catholic. Many people practiced their faith in secret. As the legend goes, Catholic families courageously developed unique ways to secretly pass the faith onto their children, like "The 12 Days of Christmas." The well-known song was used to teach children about the Catholic Church. Although the lyrics may sound like nonsense, the song actually contains hidden references:

The First Day of Christmas: A Partridge in a Pear Tree

A partridge in a pear tree symbolizes Jesus Christ, with the partridge representing Christ's willingness to sacrifice himself and the pear tree symbolizing the cross.

The Second Day of Christmas: Two Turtle Doves

Two turtle doves represents the Old and New Testaments, highlighting the harmony and connection between the two.

The Third Day of Christmas: Three French Hens

Three French hens signifies the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and love (or charity).

The Fourth Day of Christmas: Four Calling Birds

Four calling birds symbolizes the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the good news of Christ's life and teachings.

The Fifth Day of Christmas: Five Golden Rings

Five golden rings represents the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, emphasizing God's covenant with His people.

The Sixth Day of Christmas: Six Geese A-Laying

Six geese a-laying symbolizes the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as the creator of the world.

The Seventh Day of Christmas: Seven Swans A-Swimming

Seven swans a-swimming represents the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The Eighth Day of Christmas: Eight Maids A-Milking

Eight maids a-milking symbolizes the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, highlighting the virtues and blessings of a righteous life.

The Ninth Day of Christmas: Nine Ladies Dancing

Nine ladies dancing represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Tenth Day of Christmas: Ten Lords A-Leaping

Ten lords a-leaping signifies the Ten Commandments, which provide guidance for a moral and righteous life.

The Eleventh Day of Christmas: Eleven Pipers Piping

The Eleven Faithful Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James the Elder, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

The Twelfth Day of Christmas: Twelve Drummers Drumming

Twelve drummers drumming represents the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the core beliefs of Christianity.

(From Dynamic Catholic)

May you have a blessed Christmas season

Fr. Pat

8th Annual Emerald Coast Walk for Life January 27, 2024

Pro-life Vigil Mass with Bishop Wack
January 26 at 6:30 pm
St. Paul Catholic Church
3131 Hyde Park Rd., Pensacola

Pro-life Youth Mass
January 27, 2024 at 9:30 am
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pensacola



Lauren Eden
Pro-Life Speaker
Seville Square
at 11:00 am

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