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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2024

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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Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and said, I do will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1:41

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



A Message from Fr. Pat

On February 14th, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday at Masses at 9:00AM and 5:30PM

You might be wondering, why do we celebrate Ash Wednesday in the first place?

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of lent, a time when we remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and resisting temptation. The day before Ash Wednesday, known by many as "Shrove Tuesday" or "Fat Tuesday", is a chance to feast and indulge — maybe even eat a pancake or two. We do this in preparation of our own fasting on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and throughout Lent.

Along with reminding us of our mortality, the ashes on Ash Wednesday are also symbolic of grief; grief from the sins we have committed. We may not always be able to resist temptation as Jesus did, but Lent provides an opportunity to reflect, pray and repent for our sins. In doing so, many people make sacrifices or commit to life changes throughout the 40 days of lent. It's a time for spiritual fasting so that we can cleanse our souls and renew our faith as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

So, to prepare yourself for the coming lent, in what ways are you going to be changing your life to strive to come closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

<u>Ash Wednesday: Meaning and Origins of the Ashes</u> (mercyhome.org)

May God Bless You and Keep 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 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 and Cathy Buck and all the people who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions for the Week Monday, February 12th 5:30 pm Catalina Williams Birthday Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ Wednesday, February 14th 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory+ 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ Thursday, February 15th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+ Friday, February 16th 5:30 pm Brenda Horton+ Sunday, February 18th 8:30 am Drs. Caitlyn & Austin Hudson



Catholic Sharing Appeal

WHY Is Catholic Sharing Appeal Important?

11:00 am Intentions of the Parish

CSA raises funds at the local level which provides financial income for the diocesan church which in turn supports the parish/ mission church. Since these funds are raised within the context of the church. there are related principles of stewardship and discipleship that need throughout the reviewed year.

CSA sets aside a time that offers us an opportunity to renew (rededicate) ourselves to practicing good stewardship through involvement in our parish and diocesan communities. Annually, CSA provides time for parishes to ask parishioners to make a pledge which helps meet the needs of the broader church community.

CSA 2024 will provide approximately 50% of the diocesan budget. In 2023, CSA returned over a million dollars to local parishes and missions throughout the diocese for their own capital projects, operations, and special ministries.

2024 CSA QR Code





THE EUCHARIST AS REAL PRESENCE



In the end, how did the people respond to
Jesus' teaching on the
Eucharist?

This teaching was too difficult for some people to accept. The crowds were aghast. Even many of Jesus' disciples rejected him over this teaching and left him (John 6:66).

But what is crucial is that *Jesus let them go*. He didn't chase after them, saying, "Wait! You misunderstood me!" They understood quite well that Jesus was talking about really partaking of his flesh and blood, and they rejected his teaching. So important is the gift of himself in the Eucharist that Jesus let his disciples walk away if they could not accept this supreme gift. He wants to be so intimately close to us in the Eucharist that he makes the partaking of his Body and Blood a crucial test for being a true disciple.

LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Every Friday February 16—March 22

If you would like to donate or volunteer, please sign up in the back of the hall or call the office. Your time and donation are greatly appreciated!

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