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140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2024

Parish Mass Schedule

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

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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A Message from Fr. Pat....

We have now moved back into our beautiful church; we are so thankful of the great job that was done, and that our church building is watertight and structurally secure for a long time to come. We are still having some work being done on the sound system to connect the speakers in the ceiling, so until that is done, the sound in the church maybe a little substandard.

This past Sunday we sent three individuals to the Cathedral for the rite of enrollment by Bishop Bill into the process of becoming a Catholic at the Easter Vigil Mass, and they are now called the "Elect"; these individuals are.

Joshua Sheldon, JoJo Bush, Rhonda Bush

Between now and Holy Week, they will be going through what is called the period of purification and enlightenment; during this period there will be three scrutinies.

What are the Scrutinies?

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the newly named "Elect" participate in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, take place during the Sunday Mass, each thematically linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass. The three passages from St. John's Gospel for these Sundays were selected around 500 AD as powerful depictions of the hidden transformation God accomplishes in the Elect through each Scrutiny. Each proclamation emphasizes repentance and conversion as the Light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring life where there is death.

The "Elect" along with their sponsors, come before the celebrant and the assembly, who pray for them silently with a series of intercessions. It culminates in a prayer of cleansing and protection (exorcism) with the laying-on-of-hands. Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

The Scrutinies are God's way of taking a close, loving look at the Elect. God does not scrutinize the Catechumens in order to find what is wrong with them but to celebrate all that's beautiful, good, and true in them. Jesus "scrutinizes" us with Divine Light, revealing all that is valuable within each of us. He also reveals to us the ways in which we are hurting, or sick, or sinful. This is not to reject us, but to call us to new life and to healing.

May these Scrutinies call both our Elect and us into the living waters of baptism, to the light of holiness, to a new life in Christ, through His Resurrection.

Please pray for Joshua, JoJo and Rhonda, that they may grow in faith and understanding during this special time in their formation.

May you have a blessed week.

Fr. Pat

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2024 CSA PRAYER

Lord, hear our prayer as we seek to be good stewards of the many gifts You have bestowed on us.

Give us wisdom to discern your will for us, strength to meet the challenge, and the grace to be steadfast in our commitment to You.

Let us use our time, talent and treasure for Your greater honor and glory.

In Your name we pray.

Amen

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

Save the Date: Reopening Celebration!

In honor of our Patron Saint Joseph (Feast day March 19th), join us for the blessing of our church on Sunday, March 17th at the 11:00 am mass with Bishop Holley. Reception will follow in the parish hall after mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 26th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+
Tuesday, February 27th 5:30 pm Bill McLaughlin+
Wednesday, February 28th 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory+
5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+
Thursday, February 29th 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+
Friday, March 1st 5:30 pm Souls in Purgatory+
Sunday, March 3rd 8:30 am Intentions of the Parish
11:00 am Intentions of the Parish

AMEN GENEROSITY *Stewardship Leads to Faithfulness*

We might default to thinking it's always the other way around. That faithfulness leads us to stewardship. Abraham radically obeyed God's command in being ready to kill his beloved son as a sacrifice. How? Maybe it helped that Abraham fully appreciated that Isaac came from God to Sarah and him as a pure gift in their very old age. This highlights the powerful connection between stewardship and faith. Once we appreciate as Christian stewards that every moment of our life and everyone that we love are pure gift from God, we can be radically obedient in our faithful generosity – freely letting more of God's generosity pour through us as he leads us and blesses us.

Online Giving

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



Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a snack to share. You must be 21 or older to participate.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Louis Myers for sponsoring our CCD Breakfast last week. May God continue to shower His blessings to you and your family!

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THE EUCHARIST AS REAL PRESENCE

**So when I receive the
Eucharist, am I really
eating Jesus? Is this can-
nibalism?**

Cannibals eat dead human flesh. What we receive in Holy Communion, in contrast, is fully alive. It is the glorified Body of the Risen Christ. Jesus' resurrected Body is a completely transformed "spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:44). It is different from our ordinary human bodies, which are confined by time and space. The Body of the resurrected Jesus, for example, could pass through walls, appear in different ways, suddenly appear, and suddenly disappear. In the Eucharist, the Risen Body of Christ is present sacramentally under the appearance of bread and wine.

Scripture Readings

Sunday 2/25/24	Genesis 22:1-9, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-1
Monday 2/26/24	Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday 2/27/24	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday 2/28/24	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday 2/29/24	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday 3/1/24	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday 3/2/24	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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