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**Historic St. Joseph Catholic Church**

140 West Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 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

**Parish Contacts**

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**Pastor**

**Fr. Patrick LaPointe**  
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*"I am the vine. you are the branches,.....  
bear much fruit and become my disciples."*  
John 15: 5,8



**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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## Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

May 1st

Mass at 5:30 pm

### The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

*Franciscan Media*

## Feasts & Saints

**April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of Church**

**April 30 St. Pius V, Pope**

**May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

## THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY COMMUNION

### How should I prepare for a worthy reception of Holy Communion?

We should prepare for this union with Christ by observing the one-hour fast before receiving Communion. When we attend Mass, we also should have a spirit of prayer and recollection and a bodily demeanor in our gestures and in our dress that shows respect for the most noble guest whom we are about to welcome into our souls. Going to Reconciliation frequently is important (and for confessing mortal sins, essential) for a worthy reception of our Lord in the Eucharist.

### Scripture Readings

Sunday 4/28/24	Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8
Monday 4/29/24	Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26
Tuesday 4/30/24	Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a
Wednesday 5/1/24	Genesis 1:26-2:3 Matthew 13:54-58
Thursday 5/2/24	Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
Friday 5/3/24	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14
Saturday 5/4/24	Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21

### AMEN GENEROSITY

#### Bear Much Fruit

This is your calling and mine. The 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of John’s Gospel provides the essential plan of Jesus. “Without me, you can do nothing. Remain in me as I remain in you. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” How much fruit does Jesus want to bear through you? Much. How? By remaining in Him and He in you. Praying with the daily Mass Scriptures is one very good way. Is it optional? Not for a Christian disciple – “without me, you can do nothing.” Those who do not remain in me will “wither” and be as useless as a dead branch. In Christ. Bear much fruit. You were born for this.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISH FAMILIES WHO ARE ILL:

Caleb Bartholomew, Lucy Bell, Martha Carmichael, Jeremiah Coleman, Paul Copeland, Harold DesVirnes, 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, 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, Sally Valentine, Steve Vasek, Alma Williams, Ezzie Thrash, Reginald Ramsey, Charlena Archer, Aubrey Patterson Jr, Anthony Floyd, Hazel Johnson, Theresa Cook, Samuel Horton, Wendy William, Nadia Nissa, Stephanie Peterson, Senaya Youngblood, Jase McClendor, Steven Wilken, Melanie Row, Ethel Gober, Yvonne James, Leslie Poe, Dwight Hoffman, Bob Kelly, Cathy Buck, William Ford, Al Powers, Louis Myers, Richard Loiselle, DeeDee Green, Gladys Sanchez and all the people who have no one to pray for them.



# A Message from Fr. Pat

May is Membership Month.

We have a set a goal of adding or adding back fifty (50) registered families here at St. Joseph, and we still have 38 to go. I would like to focus during May, that everyone would invite former parishioners or friends and family to attend Mass at St. Joseph during May to work toward our goal of adding 50 more families. A good reason to invite people is for them to see our renovations to the church, and also to experience worshiping with us at our Sunday Masses.

We are also working on a way to verify that everyone who thinks they are registered at St. Joseph, actually are. If for some reason you think you may fall into this category, please call the parish office to check.

For those visiting us, that are interested in joining St. Joseph, there are membership forms in the back of the church.

Have a blessed week  
Fr. Pat

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 29	5:30 pm	Parish Prayer list (P)
Tuesday, April 30	5:30 pm	Parish Prayer list (P)
Wednesday, May 1	9:00 am	
	5:30 pm	David Holcomb+
Thursday, May 2	5:30 pm	Tony Cates
Friday, May 3	5:30 pm	Nathan Schuetz Birthday
Sunday, May 5	8:30 am	Intentions of the Parish
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** If you are interested to serve in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

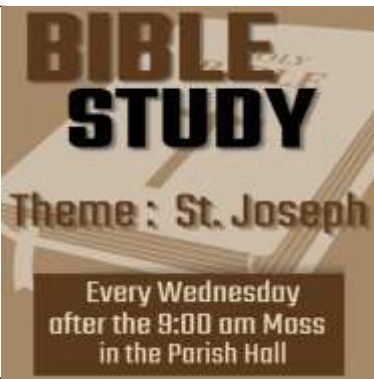
**The Gloria Green Caring and Sharing Outreach Ministry** has opportunities to volunteer, sponsor or both. We are looking for groups of 5-6 people to prepare and deliver lunches to the homeless on Saturday mornings. If you're interested, get your group together and select a Saturday with a second and third choice. Once this is done, contact DeeDee Green at 850 723-3390 to discuss details. If you want to sponsor a Saturday, it is \$200 for 100 lunches It will take approximately 2-2 1/2 hours.

**St. Joseph Cruise Crusaders**

**Carnival Mardi Gras**  
**January 18 – 25, 2025**

**Fundraiser for St. Joseph**

**Call Susie Bruno for more**  
**Information 850-607-3020**



**BIBLE STUDY**  
Theme: St. Joseph  
Every Wednesday  
after the 9:00 am Mass  
in the Parish Hall



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**  
**OF THE FLORIDA MARTYRS**

Chesterton Academy of The Florida Martyrs is now enrolling 9th and 10th grade for the coming school year. Parents of current 8th and 9th graders are invited to schedule a visit. Go to [ChestertonPensacola.org](https://ChestertonPensacola.org) or call 850.378.1303 for more information.

Chesterton Academy of The Florida Martyrs is a classical high school in the Catholic intellectual tradition, seeking to give young men and women a broad liberal arts education with an emphasis on the development of Christian virtue and an appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness. The school currently is located at St. Thomas More Parish in Pensacola.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE

*First Holy*  
**COMMUNION**



OF OUR SON

*Demetrius Dunn Jr.*

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

**8:30 AM MASS**

**HISTORIC SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
146 W GOVERNMENT STREET PENSACOLA, FL 32502

Breakfast to follow in the parish hall  
PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 11, 2024  
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