

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH - 140 W. GOVERNMENT ST.
PENSACOLA, FL 32501

June 24th -28th
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Kindergarten thru
8th grade and
Adult sessions

Come experience a week filled with faith, food, games, crafts and all around fun. Dive into friendship with God!

Register after Masses or contact DeeDee Green at (850)723-3390
Walk ins welcome - registration is encouraged.

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THE EUCHARIST AS HOLY COMMUNION

Behold The Lamb of God by Edward Sri

What are the requirements for receiving Holy Communion?

One must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace—not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone conscious of having committed a mortal sin must receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion. St. Paul warns us that “whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement upon himself” (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)



The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, May 31st
Mass at 5:30 pm

Assuming that the Annunciation and the Incarnation took place about the vernal equinox, Mary left Nazareth at the end of March and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to wait upon her cousin Elizabeth, because her presence and much more the presence of the Divine Child in her womb, according to the will of God, was to be the source of very great graces to the Blessed John, Christ's Forerunner.

The event is related in Luke 1:39-57. Feeling the presence of his Divine Savior, John, upon the arrival of Mary, leaped in the womb of his mother; he was then cleansed from original sin and filled with the grace of God. Our Lady now for the first time exercised the office which belonged to the Mother of God made man, that He might by her mediation sanctify and glorify us. St. Joseph probably accompanied Mary, returned to Nazareth, and when, after three months, he came again to Hebron to take his wife home, the apparition of the angel, mentioned in Matthew 1:19-25, may have taken place to end the tormenting doubts of Joseph regarding Mary's maternity.

(Taken from Catholic Encyclopedia)