

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions for December 22-28

Monday, December 22, 2025

7:00 am Mass:

Tuesday, December 23, 2025 ~ St. John of Kanty

9:00 am Mass: + Marge Ammer

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

6:00 pm Mass: + Bernadette Magdalena Schrandt

10:00 pm Mass: For the People of St. Mary Parish

Thursday, December 25, 2025 ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00 am Mass: SI / June Leoffler

Friday, December 26, 2025 ~ St. Stephen

7:00 am Mass:

Saturday, December 27, 2025 ~ St. John

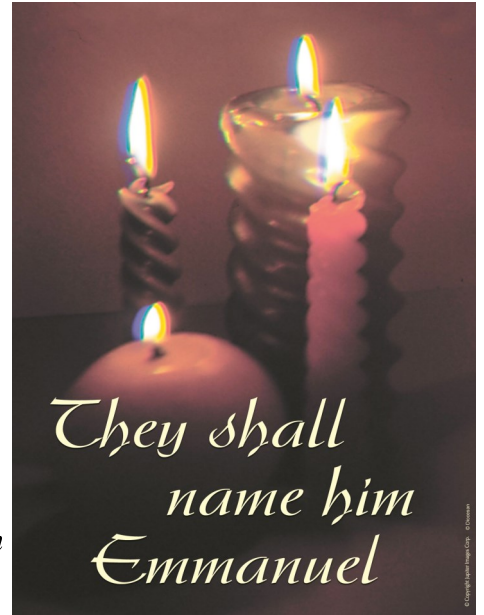
9:00 am Mass: + Michael Stewart

4:00 pm Mass:

Sunday, December 28, 2025 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am Mass: + Bill Leoffler & Toni Bennett

11:00 am Mass: For the People of St. Mary Parish



Last Week's Offertory — Dec. 13-14, 2025	\$7,571.97	Year-To-Date Collections	\$164,026.51
Weekly Need	\$6,800.00	Year-To-Date Need*	\$163,200.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,246.00

Thank you for your generous contributions to the parish!

*Fiscal Year July 2025-June 2026



Merry Christmas
from All of Us at
St. Mary Catholic Church!
Fr. Chris, Judy, Katinka, Andrea, and Rosa



**Parish Christmas/
Epiphany Party**

**Saturday, January 3rd
after the 4:00 pm Mass**

Please join us for a family
Christmas/Epiphany Party
in the parish hall. Bring
a covered dish to share.

Sign up sheets are in
the vestibule.



Weekend Assignments

(Please check in 15 minutes before Mass)
If you cannot attend, please call a sub or
let Judy know as soon as possible.



LECTORS

December 20-21, 2025

4:00 pm: J Paris

8:00 am: A Eligio

11:00 am: M Dotsey, E Johnson

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

6:00 pm: E Johnson, J Robinson

10:00 pm: E Manuel, M Yeager

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 am: R Mercado

December 27-28, 2025

4:00 pm: M Niemann

8:00 am: M Yeager

11:00 am: C Kidder, J Robinson

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December 20-21, 2025

4:00 pm: J Paris, P&D Nguyen

8:00 am: B Huntley, M Costa

11:00 am: T Kidder, M Avila, M Velasco

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

6:00 pm: KofC

10:00 pm: KofC

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00 am: KofC

December 27-28, 2025

4:00 pm: F&M Werner

8:00 am: B Sepulveda, L Reynolds

11:00 am: M Griffith, T Kidder

Victims of Abuse

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors. They are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by clergy or church personnel. For more information, please call the Victims Assistance Coordinator for our area, Dr. Louis Makarowski, PhD, P.A.: 850-477-7181 or the Chancellor of the Diocese at 850-435-3520.

Florida Abuse Hotline

1-800-96-ABUSE
(1-800-962-2873)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pray for the Sick

Elaine Bridges, Vicky & Jerry Cloud, Jim Dalton, Dodie McDaniel (*niece of Dorothy Carden*),
Petronila Salinas Estrada, Paul Fina, Horace Grantham and Family (*nephew of Dorothy Carden*),
Larry Huntley, Anne LaFlamme, Kemen Ozen (*grandson of Faye Ellis*),
Tom Pallas, Robert Rathbun, Mary Sepulveda

To add yourself or a loved one to the sick list, please call the parish office at (850) 478-2797.
Before adding someone to the prayer list, please check with them to make sure you have their permission.
Names will be automatically listed for 3 consecutive months.



Perpetual Adoration

Jesus invites you to spend an hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament in the parish Perpetual Adoration Chapel, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Do grant, oh my God, that when my lips approach Yours to kiss You, I may taste the gall that was given to You; when my shoulders lean against Yours, make me feel Your scourging; when my flesh is united with Yours, in the Holy Eucharist, make me feel Your passion; when my head comes near Yours, make me feel Your thorns; when my heart is close to Yours, make me feel Your spear."

~ St. Gemma Galgani

For more information, please call the parish office at 850-478-2797.

Adorers Needed:

12 am Wednesday
(midnight Tuesday)
2 am Wednesday
9 am Thursday
2 am Saturday



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please consider taking an hour out of your day to spend time with our Lord in Adoration!



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are by Paula Choppin in loving memory of her husband
Joe Choppin

Knights News

St. Mary Council 11878



We have a new time for our monthly Rosary. Please join us next Sunday, December 28th after the 8:00 am Mass.

Attention Married Couples:

Want to grow in your prayer life as a couple?



Become part of a groundbreaking study taking place in Pensacola. Fr. Raymond Herard, Parochial Vicar at Nativity of Our Lord and Director of Campus Ministry, is conducting a study to help couples grow in their prayer life as persons and as a couple. Learn to bring Jesus into the depths of your spousal relationship. For more information, visit catholicargos.com/study.

Religious Education Program

9:00-10:45 am on Sundays
for ages 3 up through middle school

Classes are on break for the Christmas holiday, but there are still plenty of opportunities for coming together in Christ!

December 21st

12:00-2:30 pm

Family Nativity Presentation
Practice only (no class)

December 27th

6:00-8:30 pm

Holy Family Ball

SMYLE

Saint Mary Youth
Love Everyone



Faith Formation for high school
youth in 9th-12th grades

Up next:

December 21 – Nativity Presentation
12:00-2:30 pm (*volunteer hours*)

December 27 – Holy Family Ball 6:00-8:30 pm



Catholicism
101

Thank you to all who came together to share food, fellowship, and learning about our Faith this fall! Spring schedules are available in the parish hall. Our next session will be Tuesday, January 6th. All are welcome: Catholics, those who want to become Catholic, and those who are just curious about what Catholicism is like. Invite a friend!



Holy
Family
Ball

Families: You are cordially invited to our Holy Family Ball on Saturday, December 27th from 6:00-8:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a chance to dress up fancy for a youth and child-friendly event with prayer, dancing, wholesome music, games, refreshments, and activities for all ages from babies to grandparents. Participants are invited to bring a food item to share.



**Mary's Shelter Fundraiser
Feb. 15, 2026**



Support homeless pregnant mothers at the

***6th Annual "Be My Valentine"
\$10,000 Draw Down & Auction***

at Our Lady of the Gulf.

Lunch begins at 12:00 noon;
you do not have to be present to win.

Only **500 tickets** available.

Purchase tickets by calling Madison at 251-986-6351
or by visiting **maryssheltergulfcoast.org**

Proceeds support Mary's Shelter's mission of hope.

Join St. Mary Choir!

Are you passionate about singing and eager to share your gift with the community? We are forming a new choir and we need voices of all types: altos, sopranos, tenors and basses. We are seeking singers with good singing ability who can confidently share their talents. The ability to read music

is not required but will certainly help support the choir's growth. We welcome all who have a passion for singing. WHY JOIN? This is a wonderful opportunity to use your God-given gift to glorify God and enrich your faith and feel connected to our church community.

Whether you're an experienced singer or someone looking to grow, we welcome you to join us.

INTERESTED? Please see Mary Ann Niemann after Mass or call the office at 850-478-2797. We look forward to welcoming you to our choir family.



Sunday Vespers

Every Sunday, 5:30-6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

The Cathedral will be hosting Vespers on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm and will continue every Sunday
(unless otherwise announced).

When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that "we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day." We also recall the redemption through the prayer we send up "like incense in the Lord's sight," and in which "the raising up of our hands" becomes "an evening sacrifice."

Non-Catholics welcome as well!