

# Sunday, December 20, 2020

## Mass Intentions for December 21-27

**Monday, December 21, 2020 ~ St. Peter Canisius**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

7:00 am Mass: P&T / The Living Members of the Reinheimer, Dwyer and Cook Families

9:00 am Mass: In Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020 ~ St. John of Kanty**

**Thursday, December 24, 2020 ~ Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm Mass: P&T / The Dentler Family

10:00 pm Mass: + Denis Kiely

**Friday, December 25, 2020 ~ Christmas Day (Nativity of The Lord)**

10:00 am Mass: P&T / + Padriac & Marlana

**Saturday, December 26, 2020 ~ St. Stephen**

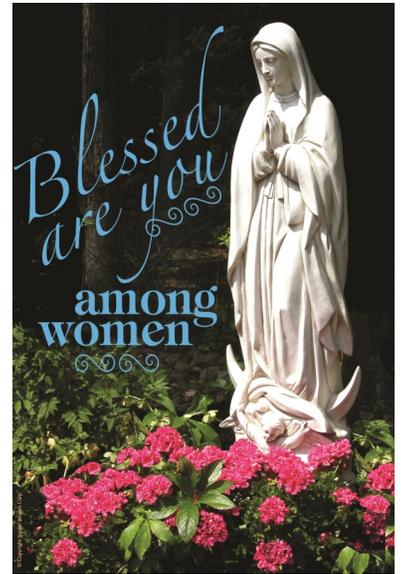
9:00 am Mass: + Herminio Linezo

4:00 pm Mass: In Thanksgiving

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 am Mass: P&T / For the Living

11:00 am Mass: + Denis Kiely



Offertory

December 12-13, 2020  
Second Collections

\$6,115.24  
\$1,706

*Thank you for your generous contributions to the parish!*

### Current Mass Schedule

#### **Sundays:**

8:00 am and 11:00 am

#### **Tuesdays:**

7:00 am and 9:00 am Daily Mass

#### **Thursdays:**

7:00 am and 9:00 am Daily Mass

#### **Saturdays:**

9:00 am (Daily Mass)  
and 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

### Please Use Care and Common Sense:

Wash your hands before coming.  
Wear a mask (homemade, bandanas, scarves, etc. are all fine).  
Sit at least 6 feet from others as marked in the pews.  
Only come if you are feeling healthy and safe enough.  
Bishop Wack's dispensation remains in effect and we still plan to livestream Sunday Mass.



### Parish Facebook Page

During this time, electronic ways of communicating are more important than ever. Consider checking out our parish Facebook page. That's where you can watch the live stream Masses and one of the first places you'll find updates and parish news.  
[facebook.com/stmarypensacola](https://www.facebook.com/stmarypensacola)

Rejoice Joy Peace

# Merry Christmas!

from the staff of  
**St. Mary Catholic Church**

Fr. Dominic, Deacon Ken, Judy, Katinka, and Andrea

### Lector Weekend Assignments

*(Please check in 15 minutes before Mass)*

#### **December 19-20, 2020**

4:00 pm J Paris  
8:00 am B Sepulveda  
11:00 am C Kidder

#### **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020**

4:00 pm B Early  
10:00 pm J Robinson

#### **Dec. 26-27, 2020**

4:00 pm Z Arnold  
8:00 am D Maljevac  
11:00 am E Johnson

#### **Friday, January 1, 2021**

**Feast of Mary the Mother of God**  
10:00 am M Yeager



#### **Christmas Day, December 25, 2020**

10:00 am L Huntley

#### **Thurs., Dec. 31, 2020**

**Vigil of Mary the Mother of God**  
4:00 pm L Johnson



# 4th Sunday of Advent

**Pray  
for  
the  
Sick**

Dick Bailey, Georgia & James Beck, James C. Beck, Dorothy Carden, Irene Carranante, Frank & Patricia DiLeonardo, Bill & Vita Flear, Karen Garris, Gonzales Family, Horace Grantham, Clara Harris, Emily Kelly, Jerry LaFlamme, John and Cora Mani (*brother and sister-in-law of Faye Ellis*), Harvey Marsh, Dodie McDaniel, Virginia Moretti, Duane Mullen, Jimmy D.E. Newman, Dwight Porter, Richard Preston, Rossini Publico, Rose Pugsley, Jayson Reynolds, Bella Rudowski, Kevin Rudowski, Larry Titus, Elaine Wellborn



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.

## Finance Council

Mr. Walter Wooten  
Mrs. Ruby Rivais  
Mr. Dennis Wren

## Pastoral Council

Mr. Wayne Schumm, Chairman  
Mrs. Bernadette Bulosan  
Mr. Manny Costa  
Mr. Ken Fox  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Kehoe  
Mrs. Andrea Mackey  
Mr. Dennis Maljevac  
Ms. Tricia Werning

## Our Condolences



We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family of *Jane Snyder*.

May her soul rest in peace.

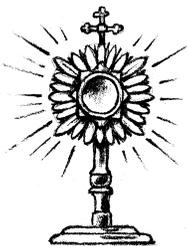
## Confession Hours for Advent

2:00 - 3:30 pm every Saturday of Advent (Nov. 28th thru Dec. 19th)

## Tithing Envelopes

If you would like to receive either monthly or weekly envelopes for tithing, or if you would like to change which one you currently receive, please contact the parish office.

## 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.

*"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

For more information, please call  
Ruby Schuetz: 572-6700  
Benny Sepulveda: 476-8853

## Holy Hours Available:

- 1 pm Monday  
- 7 am Wednesday  
- 12 am Friday  
(midnight Thursday)  
- 11 am Friday  
- 7 pm Friday

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

## Religious Education Program

preK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

There are no regular classes due to Christmas break. We hope you can join us for our covid-safe Family Nativity Presentation run-through and luncheon celebration on December 20<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass (12:00-2:30 pm). Please RSVP with Katinka or Judy.

## SMYLE

We are on Christmas break right now, but that doesn't mean there's no fun left!

We still have the Nativity Presentation (Drag your parents along to that!), the ½ Lock-in (No cookie-baking this year due to covid, so we'll just have to have more fun game and movie time instead...aww!), and extra service hour projects available for scheduling. (Just contact us to arrange it!)

## Catholic Bible Club



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We are starting a Special Catholic Bible Club for families.

Contact Katinka Ritz if you are interested: [katinkaritz@gmail.com](mailto:katinkaritz@gmail.com)

## Knights News



For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Gary Owchar at 601-842-1930 or Joe Choppin at 850-712-2253.

## 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)

## Pilgrim Virgin

You are invited to sign up for a time of special prayer while you take a turn having the statue of Our Lady of Grace in your home.

The calendar is by the Adoration Chapel door.



# What's Happening around the Diocese

## Message from Bishop Wack

### *Remember the Indulgence!*

In the early stages of the pandemic, Pope Francis offered to the world a *Plenary Indulgence* as a way of expressing God's mercy during this extraordinary time of disease and suffering. This plenary indulgence is granted to those persons who have COVID-19 and to those who are quarantined or isolated due to the coronavirus. This includes those in the hospital, isolated at home, in a nursing care facility, and to health care workers – doctors, nurses, medical assistants, hospital/care facility staff, care givers, all family members affected by the disease and all those who are on the front lines of fighting the virus and keeping the community safe.

This plenary indulgence grants those who:

- express contrition/sorrow for their sins,
- who pray for an end to pandemic,
- and who unite themselves to the sufferings of Christ full forgiveness of their sins and the graces that would normally come with the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

While a priest may not be able to visit or minister to you at this time, please *Remember the indulgence* and allow God to give you the graces and blessings which would normally be available through the Sacraments of the Church. *Remember the indulgence!*

## Vigil Mass with Bishop Wack for Emerald Coast Walk for Life

*Friday, January 15, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm*  
*Location: St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola*

PENSACOLA – Join Bishop Wack at St. Paul Catholic Church as he celebrates a pro-life Mass to kick off this year's Emerald Coast Walk for Life events. Share your faith, your witness for life and your prayers for a culture that respects life. For more information, contact Jane Witzman at 850-398-0473 or [jane@eccfl.org](mailto:jane@eccfl.org).

## Emerald Coast Walk for Life Pre-Rally Mass

*Saturday, January 16, 9:30 am-10:30 am*  
*Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pensacola*

PENSACOLA – This pre-rally Mass is geared toward the youth and young adults, but all ages are invited to attend. This is a wonderful way to begin the day, and St. Joseph's is only a few blocks from the Emerald Coast Walk for Life gathering site. For more information, contact Jane Witzman at 850-398-0473 or [jane@eccfl.org](mailto:jane@eccfl.org).

## 2020 Retirement Fund for Religious

### *Thanks for giving!*

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

## Emerald Coast Walk for Life Rally and Walk

*Saturday, January 16, 2021, 11:00 am*  
*Location: Community Maritime Park, Pensacola*

PENSACOLA – All are invited to join this year's Emerald Coast Walk for Life, featuring guest speaker Ryan Bomberger, Emmy award winning and internationally known author, speaker and

co-founder of the Radiance Foundation. Be inspired by his message at the Hunter Amphitheater, then witness for life by joining the walk through downtown Pensacola (about 1.5 miles). For more information, call Jane Witzman at 850-398-0473 or [jane@eccfl.org](mailto:jane@eccfl.org).

## Adult Confirmation

Do you know an adult who has never been confirmed? Share the good news with them by inviting them to accept Bishop Wack's invitation to receive the Sacrament of confirmation this March. Learn more at <https://www.ptdiocese.org/adult-confirmation> or contact your parish or Sister Margaret at 850-435-3523 or [kuntzm@ptdiocese.org](mailto:kuntzm@ptdiocese.org).

## Young Adults

Start off the new year strong with this Young Adult Retreat (for age 18-35ish). Find community, grow deeper with God, and move into 2021 full of hope. This is a free event with food, live worship, and guided activities. January 01, 2021, 1-4pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Due to COVID, participation may be limited, so be sure to RSVP to [popeskj@shc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:popeskj@shc.ptdiocese.org).

## Christmas Cards have been mailed!

If you do not receive a Christmas Card with the Christmas Mass Schedule from St. Mary's, there may be some problem in our database information. Please contact the office as soon as possible, so we can get it corrected and send you one. We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas holidays!

*Merry Christmas and thank you for being a parishioner of St. Mary's!*

## Database Update and Info Confirmaton

After the holidays, I, Andrea, your secretary, am going to attempt to contact all parishioners by phone to update and/or confirm the information we have in our database. Not everyone's phone or cell phone number is on file. If you have any doubt that your information may not be complete or up-to-date, please call me 9:00 am-1:00 pm Monday-Friday. Looking forward to talking to you soon!

## No Common Ground On Abortion Question

We all have laws we must follow - even minors have specific laws.

Minors need parental consent to have their ears pierced. Minors need parental consent before care givers can give them an aspirin or their prescribed medicine. Minors need parental consent to go into the military. Minors need parental consent to marry.

Why then, is Planned Parenthood so against parental consent before they perform abortions on minor girls? I will tell you why – they will lose money! Planned Parenthood is big business.

Good parents would never allow their daughter to have an abortion if they were aware of her situation! There is one law some people seem to have forgotten. It is one of God's Ten Commandments: 'Thou shalt not kill.' His laws were given to us all for all time. His laws remain unchanged, not subject to our whims or convenience. They supersede all earthly laws. God is our ultimate judge.

There is no common ground here. You are either pro-life or pro-death. A baby is a gift from God to be loved and cherished - not to be thrown back in His Face.

A baby has a right to life and a right to expect that we, our judges and our laws, will protect them.

*Ruth Weber*  
*Davenport Iowa*