

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions for February 24-March 2

Monday, February 24, 2025
7:00 am Mass: SI / Andrew Michael Sadow

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
9:00 am Mass: + Joe Brown

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
7:00 am Mass: + Fred Firth

Thursday, February 27, 2025 ~ St. Gregory of Narek
9:00 am Mass: + George & Marge Ammer

Friday, February 28, 2025
7:00 am Mass: + Marcial Sr.

Saturday, March 1, 2025 ~ BVM
9:00 am Mass:
4:00 pm Mass: + Frances D. Werner

Sunday, March 2, 2025 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mass: For the People of St. Mary Parish
11:00 am Mass: + Bob Bromert



Last Week's Offertory — Feb. 15-16, 2025	\$5,031.00	Year-To-Date Collections	\$200,888.87
Weekly Need	\$6,153.85	Year-To-Date Need*	\$203,077.05

Thank you for your generous contributions to the parish!

*Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of
Eddie Pursell
Father of Mark Pursell



Discerning My Mission as a Catholic Woman

St. Mary Catholic Church, Pensacola
Saturday, March 29, 2025
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Women 18-39 are invited to a day of reflection and prayer to consider these questions:
Are you seeking your vocation?
Do you wonder how to know God's will for your life?



Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart for a special day of prayer and reflection on where and how Jesus is calling you to follow him.

To register text or call
Sr. Susan Graham at 203-479-0310
by March 23, 2025.

Lenten Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
6:30 pm

Remember to add this important event to your calendar!

Diocesan Young Adult Swing Dancing

St. Ann Parish Hall, Gulf Breeze
March 15th from 6:00-8:00 pm



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

February 22-23, 2025
4:00 pm: M Niemann
8:00 am: M Yeager
11:00 am: A Eligio, I Ingram

March 1-2, 2025
4:00 pm: J Paris
8:00 am: A Ritz
11:00 am: KofC

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February 22-23, 2025
4:00 pm: D&J Kehoe, F Werner
8:00 am: B Sepulveda, L Reynolds
11:00 am: M Griffith, T Kidder

March 1-2, 2025
4:00 pm: F Werner, D&J Kehoe
8:00 am: F Ellis, P Moshell
11:00 am: KofC

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)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Pray
for
the
Sick**

Elaine and Scott Bridges, Horace Grantham and Family (*nephew of Dorothy Carden*),
Rachael Hatfield, Larry Huntley, Anne LaFlamme, John Leone,
Dodie McDaniel (*niece of Dorothy Carden*), Carmen Mercado, Robert Rathbun,
Andrew Michael Sadow, Benny & Mary Sepulveda, Vicky and Jerry Cloud,
and Larry, Patricia (*Sooki*) and Lawrence Shawn Wyse.



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.

“O Jesus! On this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, and like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You.”

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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



Adorers Needed:

4 am Sunday
8 am Thursday

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

Blessed Palms Wanted

Please bring your blessed palms from Palm Sunday last year and place them in the baskets at the entrances of the church. We will burn them on Sunday, March 2nd for Ash Wednesday on March 5th.



Confirmation Sunday

The Rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Sunday, March 16th
11:00 am Mass**

Reception to follow in the parish hall.
Everyone is invited to the reception.

Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent — 5:30 pm

See flyer insert in this bulletin for details!

Knights of Columbus Council 11878

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus: Call Antonio Lee or Raphael Mercado at 850-478-2797.

We would like to invite all Catholic men, ages 18 and over, to consider being part of our group of men that supports the Church, community, and each other. Please see a Knight after Mass or call the parish office.

Please join us for the Rosary after 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, February 23rd.

First Saturday Rosary

Next Saturday, March 1st at 8:30 am, followed by Mass at 9:00 am



Confirmation Session & Rehearsal

This Sunday, February 23rd from 5:00-7:00 pm in the church and parish hall.

(Sponsors and candidates)

Religious Education Program

Faith formation for 3 years old and up is from 9:00-10:45 am in the parish hall. Next Sunday, March 2nd, is our Family Lenten Retreat (also 9:00-10:45 am). Parents are asked to come, if possible. We will be burning the blessed palms during part of the retreat, so please avoid loose clothing and bind up any long hair. Refreshments will include “king cake”!



SMYLE

Saint Mary Youth Love Everyone
high school youth group

SMYLE Faith & Action will be this weekend, February 23rd 9:00-10:45 am. We will be joining the Family Lenten Retreat next Sunday. Please see our insert for more details about the Diocesan Youth Conference event we participated in this month.

“Lettuce” Pray Salad & Scriptures Lenten Bible Study



For this Monday program, we have switched from soup to salads so that you can focus on our parish’s Soup & Stations on Fridays. Our first session is a celebratory potluck before Lent begins. After that we will have volunteers sign up to bring salads and bread for the remainder of the sessions during Lent. This six-week Bible study will help you prepare for Holy Week in a special way as we delve into the readings Holy Mother Church has selected for the Easter Vigil, the readings that bring us through salvation history and highlight key points of our Catholic Faith.

Mondays 5:30-7:00 pm
March 3, 2025 – April 7, 2025

Join us for the beginning of this series as we explore **The Beginning** on Monday, March 3rd. Since this session is during the Mardi Gras season, we will be having a potluck feast. Bring whatever delicious/celebratory dish you would like to this first session!

In the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Catholic Days at the Capitol
March 18-19, 2025 — Tallahassee, FL
Go to: www.flaccb.org/cdac

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Priesthood Discernment Retreat
March 21-23, 2025
John Neumann Retreat Center
685 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308
For more information: <http://ptvocations.org/retreat>

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Retreat Day for Women
Eucharist: Sent on Mission
Saturday, March 22, 2025, 8:30 am-3:00 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
Pensacola Beach
Register at ptdiocese.org/fellowshipgroups.
For more info contact Nanette Bell at
nanettebell@cox.net or 850-543-0901.

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2025 Diocesan Marriage Retreat
Dates: Friday, March 28th thru Sunday, March 30th, 2025
Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach
Cost: \$375 per couple for personal cabin
\$225 per couple if willing to share cabin w/another couple
Please book in advance at:
ptdiocese.org/marriageenrichment

Pre-Lenten Parish Mission with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Sunday, March 2nd thru
Tuesday, March 4th
6:30 pm



St. Joseph Catholic Church
140 W. Government St.
Pensacola, FL 32502

Please join us for our parish Pre-Lenten Mission to prepare yourself as you enter the Lenten season.

About our Presenter:

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, known around the world as the “Dynamic Deacon,” is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today.

He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him.

Two Lenten Missions:

St. Ann Catholic Church, Gulf Breeze

March 10th-12th, 6:00-7:00 pm with Dr. Luke Arredondo
and April 7th, 6:00-7:00 pm with Dr. Tom Neal

Confession will be available each night beginning at 7:00 pm



Pot Luck Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Dinner 5:30

Stations 6:30

Join us as we gather during the Fridays of Lent (March 7 – April 11) for a simple soup supper followed by Stations of the Cross. Please sign up in the back of church if you can attend or bring a meatless soup or bread. This is a meaningful way to prepare throughout Lent with your parish family.



Soup ideas:

Potato & Leek Soup, Chickpea Soup, French Onion and Mushroom Soup, Broccoli Cheddar Soup, 7-Can Soup, Corn and Shrimp Chowder, Tomato Soup, Cauliflower Soup, Corn Chowder, Vegetable Soup

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence from Meat

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

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Some links to check:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent#tab---i-understand-that-all-the-fridays-of-lent-are-days-of-abstinence-from-meat-but-im-not-sure-what-is-classified-as-meat-does-meat-include-chicken-and-dairy-products>