

WELCOME TO THE SHRINE of OUR LADY

We welcome all our Parishioners and esteemed Guests as you come to experience the beauty of the Ancient Liturgy and Devotions here at this special Parish and also Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima. We hope you will become a regular member of our Catholic Parish where, always, Tradition is in season!
God bless you!



**O COME,
O COME,
EMMANUEL
AND
RANSOM
CAPTIVE
ISRAEL!**

MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Sat. 12 - 17	4:00 PM	Int. William Jaeger Family	St. John of Mata, P & F
Sun. 12 - 18	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Wivina of Bigarden, V
	10:30 AM	Lee LaVoy	Sts. Rufus & Zosimus, M
Mon. 12 - 19	8:30 AM	Thanksgiving - Brinda Family	St. Anastasius I, Pp
Tues. 12 - 20	6:00 PM	Dr. Yolanda Robles de Pérez	St. Zephyrinus, Pp & M
Wed. 12 - 21	6:00 PM	Int. Edward Meisner Family	St. Thomas, Ap
Thurs. 12 - 22	6:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	St. Zenobius, M
Fri. 12 - 23	8:30 AM	Int. Monica Cajipe	St. Victoria, V & M
Sat. 12 - 24	8:00 AM	Omnibus pro Meis	Sts. Adam & Eve
	4:00 PM	Int. Dr. Michael Hyland Family	St. John Cantius, P
Sun. 12 - 25	12:01 AM	Ebie Jude John Brooks	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
	10:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	JESUS CHRIST

Lectors

4:00 PM Dr. Richard Hyland
12:01 AM xxx
10:30 AM Patrick Ross

Altar Duty

Lisa Heino

Lawn Maintenance

ADVENT PRAYER

O Infant Savior, many times in life we have prepared for guests about to enter our beloved household. Some guests were important, but not nearly as important as the heavenly Visitor for Whom we now prepare our hearts. The Prophets of old longed for Thy coming into their world. We long for Thy return to our modern world. If Advent means the coming of Christ, there is nothing we need so badly today as an advent - another coming of Thyself and Thy principles into our pagan times. Only then will we breathe in a Christian atmosphere in which joy replaces sorrow, peace replaces war and disturbance, in which love casts out darkness.



O Mary, my mother, be my model this holy season. Christ was alive within thee during the first Advent. We want Him to be more alive within us than ever during this, our Advent. May we not merely possess our precious Catholic Faith - rather, may it take complete possession of us, so that wherever we go, whatever we do or say, it will be the Christ Child that inspires us. We resolve to make our Christmas a holy day with Christ instead of a holiday without Him. We resolve to observe Christmas as the Birthday of Christ, not merely as a day to give and receive merchandise; to help at least one poor family in honor of the Holy Family of Bethlehem. We promise to remember that the real symbols of Christmas are the star, the stable and the crib, not Santa and his reindeer. Finally, we promise every day to give glory to God in the highest and to work and pray for peace on earth among men of good will. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Hail and blessed be the Hour and the Moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at Midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that Hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT * DECEMBER 18, 2022 *** FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

COLLECTION - Those who care to continue to help us in our mission, please send your donations by mail or use online giving on our website (latinmasspensacola.com) by making a withdrawal using your credit card (which the Parish will incur about a 4% charge) or directly from your bank. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

OPEN HOUSE - We give thanks to God for another successful Open House. As we end the first 100 years and start a Second Century let us strive to be better every day and year!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Ladies' Sodality Raffle for Christmas has started. Three beautiful pictures are being raffled off. They are \$3 a ticket and help support our Ladies. The drawing is TODAY!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE - The tickets for our Annual Holy Name Society Raffle are in the back of the Church. Every parishioner/family is asked to buy at least 100 tickets. The raffle will take place on Candlemas Day as usual. Envelopes for each one are set there along with our new 2023 calendars and the new pocket calendars.

CSA - December is the LAST month you can donate to the CSA 2022 which does so much for our Parish. Do your end of year giving NOW!

MANY THANKS - We give thanks to Adele Fell and all the mothers who have been working with our children in preparation for the Nativity Play for the Open House. We also thank all those who have donated new sandals and slippers for the children to wear and new costumes as well. God bless you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - In the Foyer you will find the envelopes to request remembrance of your loved ones (living and deceased) on the Altar and Church during the holy days of Our Lord's Nativity. Please write the names clearly. Make checks payable to St. Stephen Ladies' Sodality.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS - Have you bought yours? Or for your gifts? This continuous effort will support our projects, especially the Baptistry and Bell Tower.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Our new beautiful Christmas cards are here! Not too late to get them - 40 Days of Christmas!

VOLUNTEERS - We thank all those who have helped to prepare our Shrine for the Open House and the Christmas Season. We especially thank our Secretary, Lisa Fisher; our Flower Lady, Josie McBride; our Organist and Schola Directress, Marianne Carlton; and so many others; particularly Rev. Canon Pérez who works many hours each day to make this possible. God bless all of you!