

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 Saint Barbara, thou art revered among the faithful as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Thy life serves as a vivid reminder that our world is filled with extreme anger and pain, but that our faith and hope in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit can alleviate our burdens. Pray for me from Heaven that I may follow thy example by obeying God's established plan for my life. May I always trust in His Providence and rely on thy efficacious prayers on my behalf. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT *** DECEMBER 4, 2022 *** SECOND 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!

UPCOMING DATES - Dec. 5th - Canon sets up indoor Nativity Scene and Altar; Dec. 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; Dec. 10th - Feast of Our Lady of Loreto; Dec. 16th - Open House. Schola and Acolytes set your calendars. Everyone, please be here!

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.

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.

THEOLOGY CLASS - There will be NO class until January.

CSA - December is the LAST month you can donate to the CSA 2022 which does so much for our Parish. If you have not yet donated, or if you are a new Parishioner, please do so. Thanks for your generosity! Participation in the CSA is required to be considered a Registered parishioner in good standing.

NEW BULLETIN FORMAT - As you can see we have a new format for the inside of our bulletin, courtesy of our Seminarian, Aaron Zanca. May God continue to bless him!

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 - All in celebration for this year's Jubilee of our Hundredth Anniversary we have designed some beautiful commemorative Christmas ornaments of our Shrine and Parish, with the purpose also of raising monies for our next Building Projects, i.e., the Bell Tower and Baptistry. They are \$30 each. Make checks payable to the St. Stephen Holy Name Society. They make lovely gifts, as well!

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Our new beautiful Christmas cards are here! The packages include three each of four different pictures that embellish the front. As a reminder, everyone who receives one of these cards will be remembered at all Masses from December 24th to February 2nd (the Forty Days of Christmas). You can purchase these packets of 12 for \$20. Make checks to Holy Name Society of St. Stephen.

VOLUNTEERS - We need volunteers to help decorate the Church and the trees in the Hall. Please ask Rev. Canon when they will be done.

MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Sat. 12 - 03	4:00 PM	Int. Michael Zierden	St. Francis Xavier, P
Sun. 12 - 04	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Barbara, V & M
	10:30 AM	Int. Michael Yox	St. Peter Chrysologus, B & D
Mon. 12 - 05	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory	St. Sabbas, A
Tues. 12 - 06	6:00 PM	Josephine Trujillo	St. Nicholas, B
Wed. 12 - 07	6:00 PM	Joyce Zucco	St. Ambrose, B & D
Thurs. 12 - 08	6:00 PM	Dr. Yolanda Robles de Pérez	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Fri. 12 - 09	8:30 AM	Int. Fernando Casciano	St. Leocadia, V & M
Sat. 12 - 10	8:00 AM	In Honor of Our Lady of Loreto	Our Lady of Loreto
	4:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	St. Eulalia, V & M
Sun. 12 - 11	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Damasus I, Pp
	10:30 AM	Int. Dr. Ruben Timmons	St. Daniel Stylites, P

Lectors

4:00 PM Rose Castro
7:30 AM Stephen Noble
10:30 AM Ben Naumann

Altar Duty

Josie McBride

Lawn Maintenance

DECEMBER- MONTH DEDICATED TO THE DIVINE INFANCY

THE MOST GRACIOUS AND MIRACULOUS INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

"The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."

DEVOTION to the Infant Jesus of Prague is devotion to the Child Jesus. It is veneration of the Son of God, who in the form of an infant chose a stable for a palace, a manger for a cradle, and shepherds for worshipers. Our Savior grants special graces to all who venerate His sacred Infancy. The image of the Child Jesus known as the "Infant Jesus of Prague" was in reality of Spanish origin. In the 17th century, this beautiful statue was brought by a Spanish princess to Bohemia and later presented to a Carmelite monastery by her granddaughter, Princess Polyxena Lobkowitz. For many years this statue has been enshrined on a side altar in the Church of Our Lady of Victory in the city of Prague. It is of wax, and is about nineteen inches high. It is clothed in a royal mantle, and has a beautiful jeweled crown on its head. Its right hand is raised in blessing; its left holds a globe signifying sovereignty. So many graces have been received by those who invoke the Divine Child before the original statue that it has been called "The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague." We read the following in an old book printed in Kempt: "All who approach the miraculous statue and pray there with confidence receive assistance in danger, consolation in sorrows, aid in poverty, comfort in anxiety, light in spiritual darkness, streams of grace in dryness of soul, health in sickness, and hope in despair.

No colic is so painful, no fever so violent, no malady so dangerous, no peril so great, no tumor so malignant, no insanity so raving, no complaint so irritating, no assault of Satan so furious, no pestilence so infectious, no swelling so serious, as not to be dispelled or cured by this blessed Child. The Holy Infant puts an end to enmities, frees prisoners, saves those who are condemned to death, brings obstinate sinners to repentance and blesses childless parents with offspring. In short, He is become all to all." In thanksgiving for the numerous graces and cures received, the miraculous statue at Prague was solemnly crowned on the Sunday after Easter, in 1655. What is said of the original statue may be applied also to the images of the "Little King" which are venerated everywhere, in churches and chapels, homes and schools, monasteries and convents the world over. From small beginnings, this devotion has grown to great proportions, so that it is almost as universal as the Church itself. The Divine Child attracts an ever-increasing number of clients, who appeal to Him in every need. We honor Him here in our Shrine every Thursday evening. Most Precious Little Jesus, we love Thee!



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.