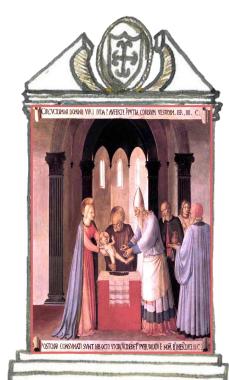
## WELCOME TO THE **SHRINE of OUR** LADY

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 vou will become a regular member of our Catholic Parish where, always, Tradition is in season!

God bless you!



This day there hath been shown to us the wonderful power of grace in the Circumcision of the Infant-God. A Name of Heaven's making, a Name that means Salvation - and it is 'Jesus' - is given to Him. This Name imports Salvation to man: it is the Name which the mouth of the Lord hath uttered from eternity. The Angel revealed it, months ago, to the Mother of God, and to her holy spouse. Sacred name! Thou conquerest Satan's wicked power, and the sins of the world. 'Jesus,' our ransom! 'Jesus,' hope of the afflicted! our souls are sick - do Thou heal them. What is wanting in man, supply by Thy Name, which means and gives salvation. May thy Circumcision be the cleansing and the healing of our heart's wounds. May the Blood Thou didst shed purify our stains, refresh our parched hearts, and give consolation to the sad. We are beginning now a New Year, when friends give gifts to friends; let Thine, dear 'Jesus,' be preparing us our recompense. Amen.

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD \*\*\* JANUARY 1, 2023 \*\*\* MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

& ANNO SANCTI STEPHANI

COLLECTION - Those who care to continue to help us in our HAPPY NEW YEAR - As we begin a new year mission, please send your donations by mail or use online and, for us, a new Century, we invoke the Almighty giving on our website (latinmasspensacola.com) by making a Power of God upon our Shrine and all its Parishioners withdrawal using your credit card (which the Parish will incur and families. May Mary most holy protect and bless about a 4% charge) or directly from your bank. THANK YOU FOR each one of you as you seek to serve her Divine Son. YOUR GENEROSITY.

of Our Lady of Prompt Succor until her feast on January 8th. They usual Mass, Novena to the Infant of Prague and Holy are inserted into the bulletins and found in the pews. If you cannot Hour and Benediction on Thursday evening at 6 PM. come here to pray please do so at home with your families.

Annual Holy Name Society Raffle are in the back of the Church. activities on First Saturday: Mass, Novena to Our Every parishioner/family is asked to buy at least 100 tickets. The Lady of Fatima and Benediction. Acolytes will have a raffle will take place on Candlemas Day as usual. Envelopes for each short practice. The Ladies' Sodality will meet in the one are set there along with our new 2023 calendars and the new Hall after the devotions. Confessions will be available. pocket calendars.

2022 which does so much for our Parish. Do your end of year giving about Creation and all its corollaries as part of the

for your gifts? This continuous effort will support our projects, OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE - Alas! We will especially the Baptistery and Bell Tower.

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

FIRST FRIDAY - This coming is the First Friday of NOVENA - We have begun the 31st the Annual Novena in honor this new year and month of January. We will have the Rosary is as usual at 5:30. Acolytes asked to be present! HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE - The tickets for our FIRST SATURDAY - We will have our usual KOLBE CENTER SEMINAR - Mr. Hugh Owen, CSA - December is the LAST month you can donate to the CSA now recuperated, will come to our Shrine to talk to us Theology Class, on Wednesday, January 18th after the CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS - Have you bought yours? Or evening Mass. All are invited. Plan to be here! take down the outdoor Nativity Scene on Saturday, January 21, after the morning Mass and Novena to Our

Lady. ALL please come.

## MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and **Assignments**

Sat. 12 - 31	4:00 PM	Elizabeth Hennen	St. Sylvester I, Pp
Sun. 01 - 01	7:30 AM	XXX	Mary, Mother of God
	10:30 AM	Pro Populo	The Circumcision
Mon. 01 - 02	8:30 AM	Pro Populo	The Holy Name of Jesus
Tues. 01 - 03	6:00 PM	NO MÁSS	St. Genevieve, V
Wed. 01 - 04	6:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, F
Thurs. 01 - 05	6:00 PM	S.S. Holy Name Society	St. John Neumann, B
Fri. 01 - 06	8:30 AM	Int. Orlando Javier Olmo Torres	THE EPIPHANY
Sat. 01 - 07	8:00 AM	S.S. Ladies' Sodality	St. Ramón De Peñafort, P & R
	4:00 PM	Int. John Ferraro 90th	St. Aldericus, B
Sun. 01 - 08	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	The Holy Family
	10:30 AM	In Honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor	St. Erhardt of Ratibonn, B

## Lectors

4:00 PM Dr. Richard Hyland

7:30 AM Donna Bloomer

10:30 AM Ellen Miheve

Altar Duty

**Diane Bridges** 

Lawn Maintenance

## The Bambino Gesù of Ara Coeli

According to legend, the Emperor Augustus, being uncomfortable with rumors that the Senate was about to elevate his status into that of a deity, consulted the Tributine Sibyl, who had a prophetic revelation regarding the descent from the skies of the "King of all ages". During her prophecy, the Emperor was granted a vision of the Virgin standing on an altar in dazzling light and holding the Child Jesus in her arms. The Emperor heard a voice: "This is the altar of the Son of God". The Emperor had an altar built on the site of the apparition, the Ara Coeli (Altar of the Heavens). This is the site where the current Santa Maria di Aracoeli Basilica in Rome is built. Inside the Santa Maria Aracoeli Church, one of the central columns bears an inscription that mentions it was derived from the Emperor Augustus' bed chamber ("a cubiculo Augustorum"). The thirteenth century altar, believed to contain fragments from the original altar placed there by the Emperor Augustus, documents the story on its stone slabs.

It is known that by the year 574, the site was also the location of a monastery for the Byzantine monks. From the ninth to the thirteenth century, the monastery and church belonged to the Benedictines. In the year 1249, the pope ceded the complex to the Franciscans. Santa Maria di Aracoeli Church is still regarded as the Church of the Senate and the Roman City Government. Directly to one side of the Church is the City Hall of Rome (the Campidoglio). Two staircases lead to the Church: one very steep staircase with over one hundred steps, and another less severe, leading to the Campidoglio.

The Church is filled, as most Roman churches are, with many works of priceless art, collected throughout the centuries. However, the real treasure of the Church, which draws countless of visitors each year, is the statue of the Santo Bambino, the Holy Child Jesus. The statue had been carved from an olive tree in tree Garden of Gethsemane by a Franciscan Friar, while he was working in the Holy Land, in the fifteenth century. The face of the Santo Bambino was miraculously painted by an angel while the Friar slept. The holy image was transferred to Rome upon the orders of the Franciscans headquartered in Santa Maria di Aracoeli. During the journey to Europe, the ship carrying the Franciscan Friar and the holy image, was caught in a storm. The storm caused the image to be thrown overboard. The statue of the Santo Bambino eventually was washed ashore at Livorno, where the Friar had been anxiously awaiting it. Many miracles attributed to the Santo Bambino have been worked and recorded in Rome throughout the ages. At times, the Santo Bambino is transported to visit the very sick and dying, and inexplicable cures have been attributed to him. The devotees of the Santo Bambino have donated many precious jewels, which are placed on his outfit-from his crown to his slippers. During times of hardships (floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters in Italy), the Santo Bambino's jewels may be sold to fund relief efforts. Blessed Maria Taigi often prayed before Him and entrusted her husband and children to the Bambino. Every year one of the Auxiliary Bishops of Rome blesses the City and the world from the door of the Church at the top of the stairs on the Feast of the Epiphany. A few years ago the real, original, statue was stolen. It has never been recovered.



Prayer to the Bambino Gesu

Most lovable Lord Jesus, who didst become a little Child for us and willed to be born in a stable to deliver us from the darkness of sin, to draw us to Thee and to inflame us with Thy holy love, we adore Thee as our Creator and Redeemer, we bow down before Thee to be our King and sovereign Lord, and we offer Thee, as a tribute, all the affections of our poor hearts. Dear Jesus, our Lord and our God, vouchsafe to accept this offering, and that it may be less unworthy of Thee, pardon our sins, enlighten and inflame us with that holy fire which Thou didst bring upon the earth to kindle in our hearts. May our souls thus become an altar on which to offer to Thee the sacrifice of our mortifications and may we ever seek Thy greater glory here below so that one day we may come to enjoy Thy infinite beauty in Heaven. Amen.