

Holy 2025 Year

WELCOME TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

We welcome all our Parishioners and all our 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 glorious Apostle Thomas! who didst lead to Christ so many unbelieving nations, hear now the prayers of the faithful, who beseech thee to lead them to that same Jesus, Who, in five days, will have shown Himself to His Church. That we may merit to appear in His divine presence, we need, before all other graces, the light which leads to Him. That light is Faith; then, pray that we may have Faith.

MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Sat. 12-14	4:00 PM	Int. Drs. Richard & Caryl Hyland	St. John of the Cross, P D
Sun. 12-15	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Agnellus of Naples, A
	10:30 AM	Thomas J. Monks	St. Maria Crucifixa De Rosa, V
Mon. 12-16	8:30 AM	Mary Connor	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, B
Tues. 12-17	6:00 PM	Conversions - T M	St. John of Matha, P F
Wed. 12-18	6:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	Sts.. Rufus & Zasmus, M
Thurs. 12-19	6:00 PM	Merwin D. Marr	St. Timothy of Morocco, M
Fri. 12-20	8:30 AM	Dr. Yolanda Robles de Pérez	St. Zephyrinus, Pp M
Sat. 12-21	8:30 AM	Int. Fell Family	St. Thomas the Apostle
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo	St. Peter Canisius, P D
Sun. 12-22	7:30 AM	Int. Charles Abbott	St. Ischyron of Alexandria, M
	10:30 AM	Int. The Goodman Family	St. Zeno, M

Lectors

4:00 PM Rose Castro
7:30 AM Stephen Noble
10:30 AM Patrick Ross

Altar Duty

Lisa Heino

Lawn Maintenance

Professionals

With the First Vespers of Advent, we began a new Liturgical Season and Year of Grace. This includes the beautiful Advent and Christmas Marian Antiphon commemorating the Incarnation of the Word of God in Mary's Immaculate Womb. The Church uses this in the Divine Office at the end of Compline each day. Since it is a part of our Catholic heritage and Tradition we include it here for your convenience and edification. All should learn to pray and chant this.



Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli Porta manes, et Stella Maris, succurre cadenti. Surgere qui curat, populo; tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem; Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of our Redeemer, Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea, hasten to aid thy fallen people who strive to rise once more. Thou who brought forth thy holy Creator, all creation wondering, yet remainest ever Virgin, taking from Gabriel's lips that joyful "Ave", be merciful to us sinners.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Beginning with the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30th, we begin saying the traditional prayer in preparation for the Birth of Christ. It is said that those who recite this prayer fifteen times a day from Nov. 30th to Christmas will obtain many blessings, perhaps a miracle or two. Pray with Faith and trust in God's Providence always!

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.

GAUDETE SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2024 - GAUDETE SUNDAY

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.org) by making a withdrawal using your credit card (for which the Parish will incur about a 4% charge) or directly from your bank. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

THANKS - We thank God for Canon Pérez and his small army of volunteers in decorating the Church and especially for the arduous task of setting up the magnificent Spanish Belén with its many Angels, flocks of sheep (yes, more this year!), birds, and many other animals. All of Creation praising the Newborn King!

CSA - Have you donated to our Shrine through the CSA? We thank all of those who have been so generous this past year. You have til the end of December for this year. We will start our Campaign for 2025 in January and February. God bless you all! God WILL reward your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS - We thank all the volunteers who helped decorate for Christmas and the Open House. May God reward you all!

SCHEDULES FOR THE HOLY DAYS - The Schedules may be found in the Foyer in the Church as well as the Canon Pérez Parish Hall. Please note there will not be a 4PM Mass on either the 24th or on the 31st. The Te Deum will be sung with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on January 1. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please be here!

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Our custom made Christmas cards are available in the Hall and in the back of the Church. Make all checks to the St. Stephen Holy Name Society. Not too early to start preparing!

SPECIAL THANKS - A very special thank you is owed to the Shrine Schola and the Choir Mistress, Marianne Carlton. In particular, for all the work and wonderful music for the Open House and the Holy Days. We also thank the wonderful Brass Ensemble!

NOVENA - The annual Christmas Novena which we have been praying here for many years begins THIS TUESDAY, December 17th and continues til Christmas Eve, the 24th. It is inserted in all the bulletins for your convenience and to pray at home. Copies are available for those who will pray it at Mass each day. Please join us here if you can!

OPEN HOUSE - We thank all those who worked so hard to make our Shrine ready for the great Feast of Christ's Nativity! May God bless each and every one!

BLESSING OF MANGERS - As is the ancient Tradition in the Roman Rite, Canon will be blessing the Mangers brought to the Church THIS SUNDAY after all the Masses.

NATIVITY PLAY - Many thanks to Mrs. Adele Fell and her helpers and all the parents whose children delighted all of us with their presentation of the Birth of Christ! Many blessings to all!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS - It is not too early to get ready for Christmas as we begin to celebrate the Holy Year 2025. 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. They are \$30 each. Make checks payable to the St. Stephen Holy Name Society. They make lovely gifts, as well! Our own Christmas cards are available as well!

DEO GRATIAS!