

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 St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Son of God. With your friend, St. John, you remained with Jesus for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. Just as you led your brother, St. Peter, to Christ and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us how to lead them, solely out of love for Jesus and dedication to His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and carry our daily crosses without complaint, so that they may carry us to God the Almighty Father. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Sat. 11-29	4:00 PM	Dr. Norman Denis Hyland	St. Saturninus, M	<i>Lectors</i>
Sun. 11-30	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Andrew, A	4:00 PM Dr. Richard Hyland
	10:30 AM	Beatrice Caputo Lane	St. Maura, V M	
Mon. 12-01	8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	St. Eligius, B	7:30 AM Cedric Feinstein
Tues. 12-02	6:00 PM	Int. Aubrey Birch	St. Bibiana, V M	10:30 AM Dean Caputo
Wed. 12-03	6:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	St. Francis Xavier, P	<i>Altar Duty</i>
Thurs. 12-04	6:00 PM	Special Intention	St. Barbra, V M	Diane Bridges
Fri. 12-05	8:30 AM	S.S. Holy Name Society	St. Pelinus of Brindisi, B	<i>Lawn Maintenance</i>
Sat. 12-06	8:30 AM	S.S. Ladies' Sodality	St. Nicholas of Bari, B	Professionals
	4:00 PM	Int. David Edwards	St. Asella, V	
Sun. 12-07	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Ambrose, b D	
	10:30 AM	V. Rev. Canon Héctor R.G. Pérez y Robles, STD, CSLJ	St. Eutychian, Pp	
			Sts. Polycarp & Theodore, M	

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent derives from the term that denotes the coming or arrival of the Emperor - in our case the eternal Son of God, Our Lord and Our King. This four-week season inaugurates the entire liturgical year. It precedes and prepares us for the Birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, at Christmas. It recalls the First Coming of Our Savior and recalls to us that He will return in glory to judge the living and the dead at the end of time. From the earliest days of the Church this period was observed - sometime just four weeks, as is now, and in other places from the Feast of St. Martin of Tours on November 11th. In Rome the period of four weeks whose focus was on the joyful celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. In Gaul there was a longer, heavily penitential season emphasizing the Lord's glorious advent at the end of time as Lord of history and Judge of the Universe.

Roman practice, codified by the Council of Trent, combines these two aspects. Violet vestments (except rose on Gaudete Sunday) are generally worn to emphasize the penitential aspect and the person and preaching of St. John the Baptist, Precursor of the Lord, inviting us to penance, repentance, and reform. Though the Alleluia is retained, the Gloria is omitted so that the song of the Angels on Christmas night might resound anew in all its freshness. Though the Church, since the Code of Canon Law of 1917, does not mandate certain penitential practices, as in Lent, we are still enjoined to practice penance to properly receive Our Lord anew. From December 17, there is a turn around and an emphasis shifts as to prepare with the beautiful "O Antiphons" denoting Messianic titles are sung in incomparable beauty.

Advent begins with the First Vespers of Sunday coming on or after November 30th and ends with the First Vespers of Christmas on December 24th. (Rev. Canon Héctor R.G. Pérez, STD, CSLJ)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF 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.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.** We remind everyone what a serious obligation it is to tithe to our Parish! It is a commandment from God...

CSA - Have you made your pledge for this year's CSA? Everything we get now goes directly into our savings account for future needs and emergencies. Thank you for your kindness! For this session you have until the end of December.

UPCOMING DATES - Canon will need help on Dec. 1, to set up the beautiful indoor Nativity (Belén) from Spain. Help with setting up the flowers for Christmas Dec. 3. All needs to be complete in honor of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th. Plan to be here. We need your assistance. Help to prepare and participate!

NEW BULLETIN - Once again, we give thanks to our own Father Deacon Aaron Zanca, for the new format of the inside of this bulletin for 2026.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - We remind ALL that December 8th is the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady - preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Conception. As such it is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Mass here will be at 6PM preceded by the Holy Rosary. One of the little children of our Shrine will flip the switch and all the outside lights will come on as we honor Our Lady!

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - Next Friday and Saturday are the first of this month of December and of the Liturgical Year. Activities will be as normal. Try to start the year properly!

OUTDOOR NATIVITY - We thank all those who came Saturday morning after Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Fatima to place the outdoor Nativity Scene in front of the Church. Many graces will come to you and all those who see the Scene proclaiming the Birth of Christ, Our Lord.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - You can see the envelopes for the Christmas flowers, etc. in the foyer. Please be generous. Make checks to the St. Stephen Ladies' Sodality.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE - Mr. Anthony Philip Scoma, of St. Stephen parish, and Miss Chrimson Dawn Evan of Our Lady of the Shoals, Tusculumbia, Alabama, who will wed here on December 19.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE - Mr. Stephen Virgilio Vignolo, of St. Stephen, and Ms. Chantell Marie Cull Parker, also of St. Stephen, who will wed on December 27.