

NATIVITY *of* OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

9945 Hillview Drive
Pensacola, Florida 32514
850-477-3221
office@nativityofourlordcc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am
Sunday: 4:30pm Catholic Argos Mass
Daily Mass: Monday ~ Friday 8:30am
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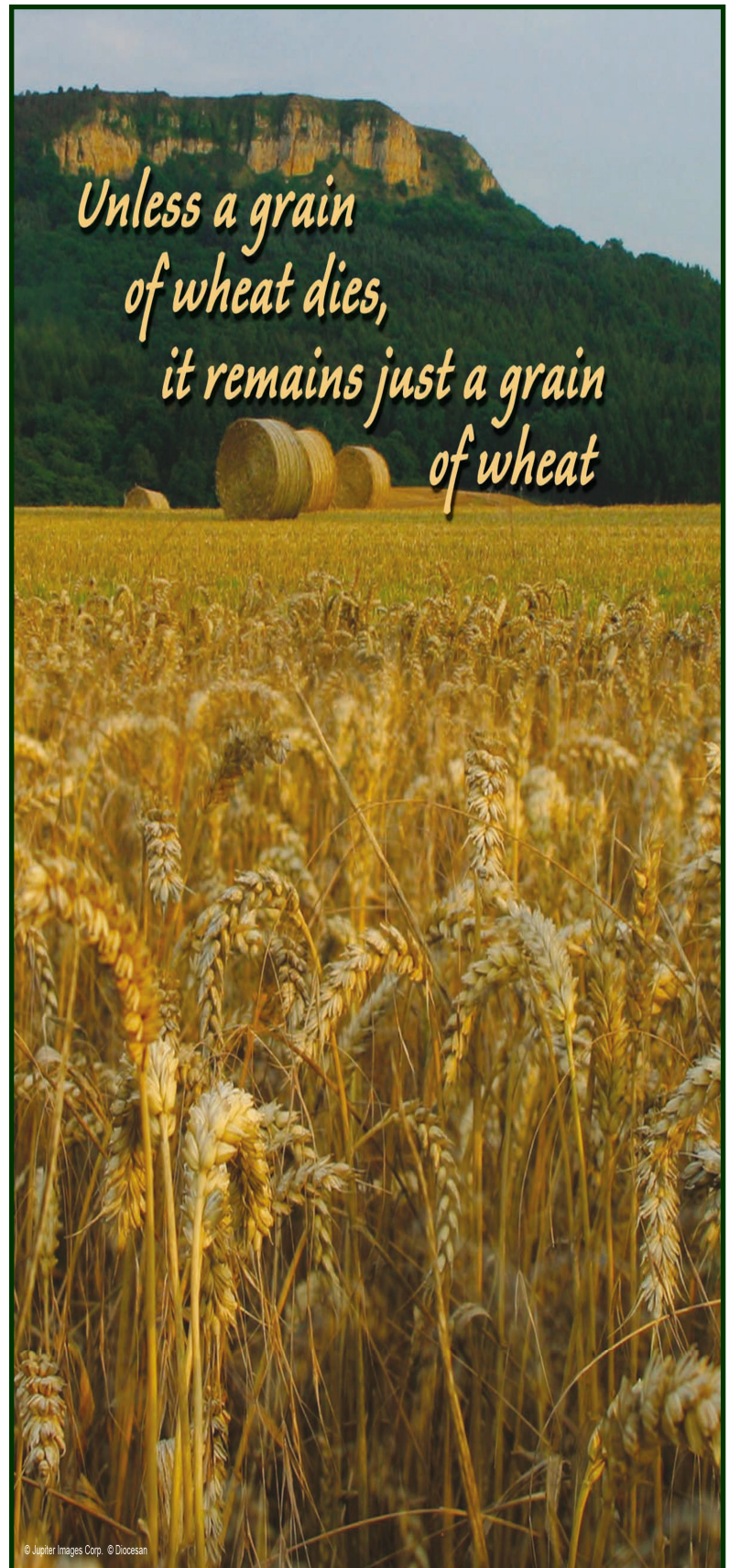
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am ~ 5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

Office Staff:

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music@nativityofourlordcc.org
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Harold Sandy, Custodian
Marianna Arden, Rectory Coordinator





Deacon's Blog

Willing to Grow.

“During this time of year, we may see the results of new growth. We see yellow and purple flowers popping up from the ground. We see pink and purple azalea blossoms coming out to greet the world. We also see that every car has a coat of green pollen on it. Everywhere you look growth appears. *‘Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit’.*” (John 12:24).

“My mother is an avid gardener, and we have had many chats about what she likes to call ‘the persistence of nature’: those weeds that come back just a week or so after being pulled, the dandelions peeking up from the cracks of an urban sidewalk, the new tree shoots that were unintentionally planted by eager squirrels. What is seed will travel: what is planted will grow.”

“So it is with faith. Jesus is teaching us in this passage about the ‘persistence of faith,’ if you will. If we, like the seed, are willing to move, to be planted outside of our comfort zones – to die to ourselves – then the fruit born will be immeasurable. Our faith and love will bloom and grow in places and ways we never imaged. *‘Today, may I be willing to lose myself so that your Love may grow’.*”¹

¹ Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions, January, February, March 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, Willing to Grow, Sarah Hart



HOLY WEEK



HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28

7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

3:00PM

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00PM

EASTER VIGIL

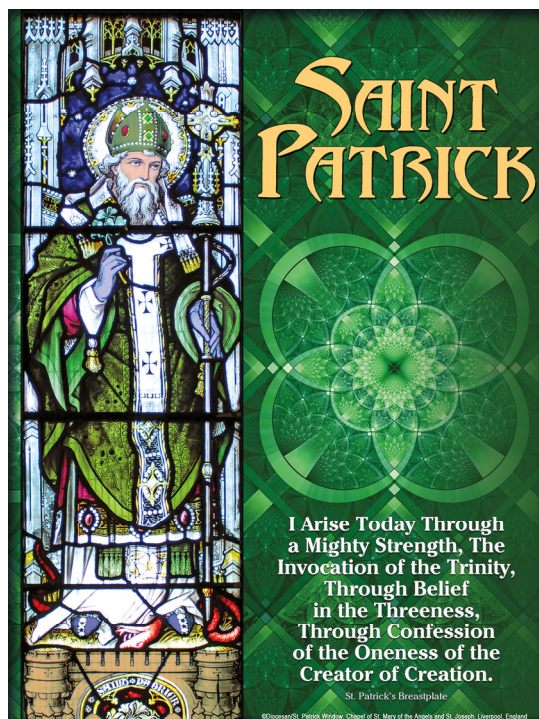
MARCH 30

7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31

8:00AM & 11:00AM





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Father Hank's Pick of the Week

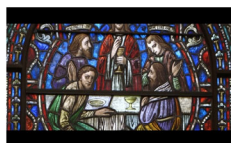
THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of March 17, 2024



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Father, Forgive Them

"The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. The way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites: When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection."

"Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love."

"Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts."¹

¹Tom Schmidt, Diocesan Reflections, The Word in Our Lives, March 17, Fifth



Grand Knight George Kasztelan and Charlie Code present Alpha Center with a check to support their ministry.

Stewardship of Treasure

March 9/10

Offertory

ACTUAL	\$ 17,884.00
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BUDGETED	\$ 15,032.00
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Building

ACTUAL	\$ 1,216.00
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BUDGETED	\$ 613.00
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CSA

3/8/24

Goal **\$72,250.00**Pledged **\$51,113.98**Given **\$34,059.98****136 parishioners participating**


NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY,
MARCH 23RD
9:00-NOON

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING
(850)477-3221

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 18

6:00pm Spanish Rosary

6:30pm Exodus 90 Men's Group

6:30pm Grupo de Hombres en Espanol

Tuesday, March 19

9:00am Tuesday Morning Craft Group

6:30pm Adult Formation-Defense of the Faith

Wednesday, March 20

5:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

6:00pm GriefShare

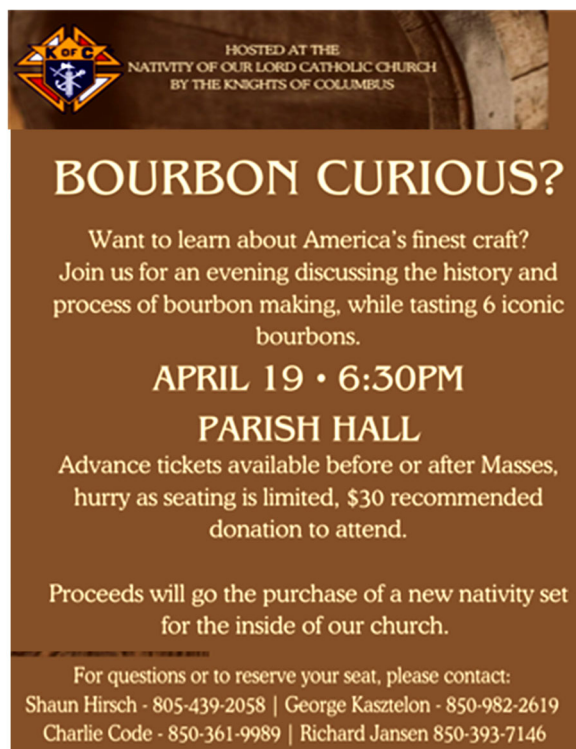
6:45pm Prayer Group

Friday, March 22

Parish office closes at 1:00pm

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

6:15 Mass



HOSTED AT THE
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH
BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BOURBON CURIOUS?

Want to learn about America's finest craft?
Join us for an evening discussing the history and process of bourbon making, while tasting 6 iconic bourbons.

APRIL 19 • 6:30PM

PARISH HALL

Advance tickets available before or after Masses, hurry as seating is limited, \$30 recommended donation to attend.

Proceeds will go the purchase of a new nativity set for the inside of our church.

For questions or to reserve your seat, please contact:
Shaun Hirsch - 805-439-2058 | George Kasztelon - 850-982-2619
Charlie Code - 850-361-9989 | Richard Jansen 850-393-7146

Prayer Petitions:

Adriana Ayala, Randy Baxley, Daisy Bayona, Nada Bijelic, David Bond, Dot Boroden, Deb Bush, Tony Butera, Donna George, Betty Gilmer, Mike Glasscock, Ray Goodwin, Isabelle Greehy, Cecilia Guenther, Kay Hazuga, Don Hirth, Jim Hudson, Bill and Sandy Kambic, Sarah Katis, Frank and Ginny Kelly, Brin Kloster, Akema Kurokawa, Dick Lacasse, Molly Lacasse, Johanna Lae, Dottie Lewis, Anastasia and Evangelina Lince, Rosemary Maher, Waltraud Melzer, Roger Merritt, Fr. Mooney, Ronni Nichol, Kenneth Pace, Olivia Pepin, James Rigney, Christopher Roan, Cheryl Robertson, Suzie Saba, Mary Sanderson, Linda Seidl, Vete Senkus, Josephine Jean Simpson, Ann Sloan, Bert and Marlene Smith, Anecia Solano, Lee Steffensmeier, Angie Stokes, Thayer Family, Glenda Thompson, Daniel Thrush, Amanda Trippi, Roxanna Watson, Daniel Watz, Bill Webster

Please call the parish office to add someone to the Prayer List.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Bereavement Ministry

Jim Guttman, jmguttman2@gmail.com

Burse Club

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jeff Comeau, 476-9139

Exodus 90 Men's Group

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

Greeters/Ushers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Homebound Ministry

Deacon John Jacobs, 850-477-3221

Music Ministry

music@nativityofourlordcc.org

Parish Pastoral Council

John Barberi

Charlie Code

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

Sandra de la Cruz

Raul Gonzalez-Diaz, 787-608-2684

Gary Lee

Chyloe Morgan

Maritza Arancibia

Parish Finance Council

John Willem, Chairperson

Steve Schroll, Secretary

Steve Peranich

Greg Newchurch

Lectors

Parish Office, 477-3221

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus

George Kasztelan, Grand Knight

850-982-2619

Nativity Council of Catholic Women

Barbara Nawrot, President, 210-749-6024

presnativityccw@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Weds. At 4pm in the

Parish Office. All Welcomed.

Helpline, 850-377-982

Parish Reaching Out

Catholic Argos

www.catholicargos.com

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9:00am ~ 12:00pm in the church

First Monday Confession

5:30pm ~ 6:30pm in the church

First Saturday Bilingual Mass

9:30am followed by rosary

Online Giving

go to: www.nativityofourlordcc.org and click e-giving"

Faith Formation

Religious Education

faith@nativityofourlordcc.org

Sunday: 9:30-10:45am 1st ~ 9th grade

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:30 ~ 10:45am

Catholic Campus Ministries (UWF)

Fr. Raymond Herard, 850-477-3221

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Contact the parish office

Sacraments

If you are in need of receiving one of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

ADULT FORMATION DEFENSE OF THE FAITH

*How to respond to
questions about our faith*

*The topics will include
scripture and tradition and
Mary and the saints*

MARCH 5 & 19

6:30PM

IN THE PARISH HALL



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18
Special Intention
Sheldon Manor Residents
 Requested by Dcn. John Jacobs

Tuesday, March 19
 † **Mike Guidry** †
 Requested by Roslyn and Marianne

Wednesday, March 20
Special Intention
Solaris Residents
 Requested by Dcn. John Jacobs

Thursday, March 21
 † **Chad Wiersma** †
 Requested by Bob and Pacita Wiersma

Friday, March 22, 8:30am
 † **Alfonso Gomez O.** †
 Requested by Maria Wilde

Friday, March 22, 6:15pm
 No Mass Intention

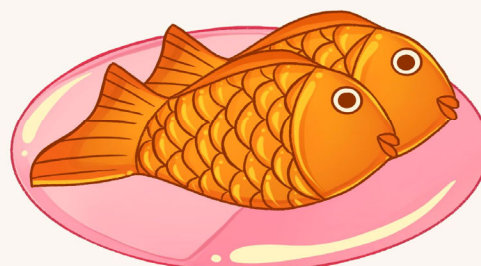
Saturday, March 23, 4:00pm
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 † **Ann Bonifay** †
 Requested by Marianne Paul

Sunday, March 16, 8:00am
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 † **Col. Dick Hooton** †
 Requested by Bette Hooton

Sunday, March 23, 11:00am
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 † **Kathy Goodwin** †
 Requested by NCCW

Sunday, March 23, 4:30pm
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 No Mass Intention

FISH FRY MARCH 22 5-7PM



MENU

MULLET* OR BASA
 FRENCH FRIES
 COLESLAW
 HUSH PUPPIES
 DRINK OR BYOB
 DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

\$10 PLATE/\$30 FAMILY

*IF AVAILABLE

Come & See Retreats

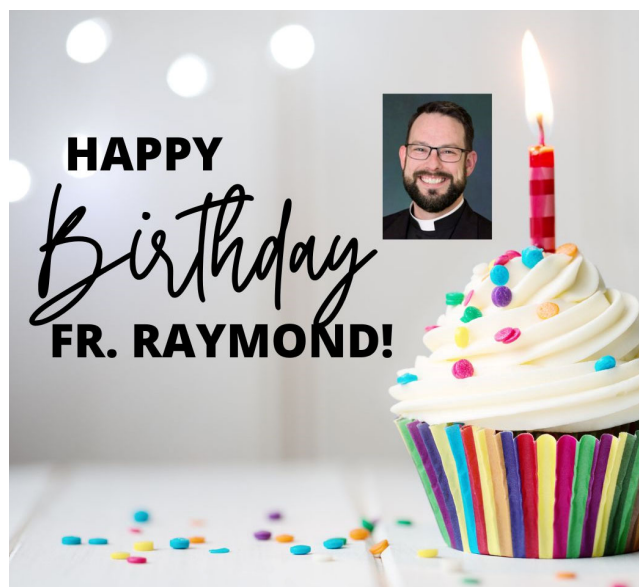


APOSTLES OF THE
 SACRED HEART
 OF JESUS

If you are a young woman between the ages of 18-35 discerning a call to religious life, we invite you to join the *Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* for the weekend of April 12-14!

Mount Sacred Heart (295 Benham St. Hamden, CT 06514)

email: vocations@ascjus.org for more information!

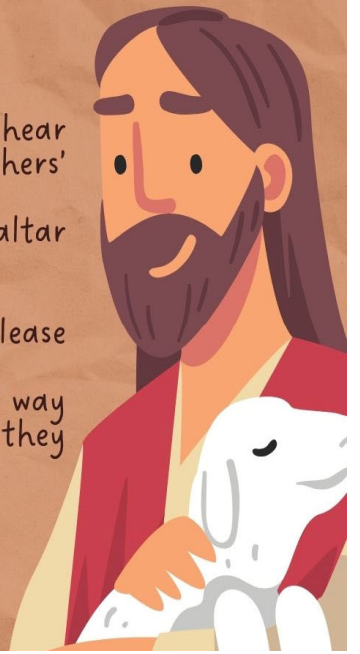


HAPPY
Birthday
FR. RAYMOND!

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray and respond. Children learn by copying you.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "let the little children come to me".
- Remember that the way we welcome children directly affects the way they respond to church, to God and to one another. Let them know they are welcome in this house of worship.

Each and everyone of us should be understanding of children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



UNWANTED ITEMS?

NATIVITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

is planning one our largest fundraisers, our annual...



**Drop off items at the Parish Hall on
Monday, April 8th - Friday, April 12st
(9:00A - 12:00P)**

Proceeds are donated to selected charities.
Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.
Thank you!

(No clothes, shoes or large electronics can be accepted.)

CHRISM MASS
BISHOP WILLIAM WACK,
CSC. WILL CELEBRATE
THE CHRISM MASS AT
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
SACRED HEART ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT
10:00AM. AT THIS MASS
WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT
OF PRIESTHOOD AMONG
US AND BLESS THE OILS
USED IN THE
SACRAMENTS AND
RITUALS THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.

A relationship of faith and commitment exists between the Catholic Church and its members and the public, whether they are children, young people, adults or elderly. Sexual abuse in this context, or any other relationship, is a matter of grave concern. Knowledge of such abuse requires a special response in order to facilitate the healing process and assure the safety of the community. With this in mind, The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors. These coordinators are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel. VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS: Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area: Dr. Lewis Makarowski, PhD, P.A. (850)477-7181. Tallahassee/Panama City area: James Gagnon, MSW LCSW (850)877-0205. For Spanish speakers - en Espanol: Deacon Santiago Molina, (850)627-2350. Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: (850)435-3536.