

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*Blessed are those who fear the  
Lord and walk in His ways*

—Psalm 128—



**December 31, 2023**

## **Saint Thomas More Parish**

**Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor**  
**Michele Gousy, Office Manager**  
**Michele Kenaga, Director of Faith Formation**  
**Madeline Miller, Director of Sacred Music**  
**James White, Maintenance**

### **Finance Council**

Jim Mathis, *chairperson*  
Joe Buehler  
Mort O'Sullivan

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Heidi Nees, *chairperson*  
Gene Church  
Norm Gousy  
Dr. Gerry Goyins  
Chris Moore  
David Olson  
Delia Stierwalt  
Joe Trechter  
Jack Williams  
Michael Witt

### **Other Parish Groups and Ministries**

Altar Servers - Joe Trechter  
Burse Club—Joyce Edgar  
Catholic Moms - Olga Witt  
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga  
Knights of Columbus - Alex Bui  
Ladies Altar Society, CCW-Lynn VanNatter  
OCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm  
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter  
Sacred Music - Madeline Miller  
Ushers - Charlie Dickin



### **URGENT SACRAMENTAL CARE**

To request urgent care, please text  
or leave a detailed voicemail at the  
following number: (850) 266-5996.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 PM - **RUTH CARPINELLA (LIVING)**  
Req. by: Janet and Jimmy Briggs

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM - **PRO POPULO**

10:00 AM - **RAYMOND (SKIPPY) WILKERSON †**  
Req. by: Paula Reilly

7:00 PM - **RON DeSANTIS (LIVING)**  
Req. by: Paul Munnell

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - 7:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024)  
**MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 - 7:30 AM

**PETER †**

**NO TLM on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 at 6:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 - 7:30 AM

**JAMES DENNY †**

Req. by: Lan Nguyen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 - 7:30 AM

**RUTH CARPINELLA (LIVING)**

Req. by: Ann Bode

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 - 7:30 AM

**BRENDAN KELLY †**

Req. by: Susan Soule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM - **DONNA SCHOPF †**

Req. by: Diane Krohmaly

4:00 PM - **SHIRLEY CARROLL †**

Req. by: Bruce & Hue Watson

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

## Parish Events:

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting will be on **January 4th at 5:45 PM** and includes dinner.

**Ladies Altar Society, CCW:** The next Ladies Altar Society meeting will be on **Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join and attend Ladies Altar Society.

### Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th** in the Parish Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. For more info about the Knights of Columbus, please call Alex Bui at (850) 261-1099 or alexanderbui@cox.net

**Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Litany to Saint Joseph:** 8:00 AM on **Wednesdays** following the 7:30 AM Daily Mass.

### Traditional Latin Masses:

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass).

**\*\*The TLM on Tuesday, January 2nd is cancelled\*\***

Every Second & Fourth Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass).

**Catholic Moms:** Catholic Moms- All moms are welcome to join the group for monthly meetings, Night Outs, play dates, worship and prayer together. For information, please email Olga Witt at stm\_momsgroup@fastmail.com.

### Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration:

**Fridays:** following the 7:30 AM Mass until Noon with Benediction

**Sundays:** starting at 6:15 PM before 7:00 PM Mass

**First Wednesday of each month:** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**First Saturday:** Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 AM on First Saturdays** in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917. The Holy Rosary will also be recited at 3:30 PM on First Saturdays.

**Parish Breakfasts:** These families or groups of the parish volunteer to bring treats to share in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses on the following Sundays:

- 1st Sunday of the Month: Knights of Columbus
- 2nd Sunday of the Month: Ladies Altar Society
- 3rd Sunday of the Month: Salamida Family
- 4th Sunday of the Month: Van Natter and Church families
- 5th Sunday of the Month: Parish Council

## VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse survivors and established Victim's Assistance Coordinators to help those who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel. Louis M Makarowski, PhD, PA is the Coordinator for Pensacola. His phone number is (850) 477-7181.

## CONFESSION AND MASS SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday at 7:30 AM

### SATURDAY

Confessions heard from 3:00-3:45 PM

Mass at 4:00 PM

### SUNDAY

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Confessions heard from 6:15 throughout the 7:00 PM Mass

Mass at 7:00 PM

### TUESDAY EVENING

Confessions heard from 5:15 - 5:45 PM

Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)

Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

**\*\*There is no TLM on Tuesday, January 2nd\*\***

### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Mass at 9:00 AM the First Saturday of every month



As we head into the Fall and into the flu season, please keep in mind these guidelines if you're not feeling well:

**\*\*If you're running a fever, vomiting, feeling very unwell, have a severe cough or symptoms of flu, COVID, or other illness, please stay home to heal and also to avoid spreading illness among parishioners.\*\***

In order to best avoid illness this season, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face when out in public in order to keep yourself and your loved ones as healthy as possible!

## Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543 to add a parishioner to the list.

Gavin Andrews  
Ray Averill  
Richard Beecher  
Rusty Bizzell  
Tommy Bosso  
Nedda Brazwell  
Rusty Budde  
Anna Christco  
Johnnie Clopton  
Dot Davis  
Joyce DeVore



Beth Gutermuth  
Richard Hahner  
Regina Kaufman  
Paul O'Donnell  
Nelson Ortiz  
Dan Owczarczak  
Damion Rampersaud  
Babe Rohan  
Marie Turchi  
Theresa Westcott  
Jinann Wey

If someone is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543. If there is no answer, leave a message with name and number. For an emergency outside office hours, call the emergency line at (850) 266-5996 and leave a detailed voicemail message.

Scripture Readings  
For the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps  
105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great

and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6

Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38



**LATIN MASS CANCELLATION**

There will be no 6:00 PM on Tuesday  
Traditional Latin Mass on January 2nd.

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The 6:00 PM Tuesday Traditional Latin Mass  
will resume on Tuesday, January 9th.

*Hell can't be made attractive,  
so the Devil makes attractive the road that leads there.*

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*True fasting lies in rejecting evil,  
holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred,  
and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying,  
and betrayal of vows.*

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—Saint Basil the Great—  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
One of the Four Great Greek Fathers  
Feast Day January 2nd



The next OCIA (formerly RCIA) sessions are:

- ◆ 6:00 PM Wednesday, January 10th, 2024
- ◆ 6:00 PM Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

Sessions are held in the Parish Hall.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

Sister Cecilia will be at Saint Thomas  
More Parish on January 6-7 to share  
about the good works of the Little Sisters  
of the Poor in Mobile, Alabama. There  
will be a collection taken to support their  
efforts. Please prayerfully consider your  
donation to help the Little Sisters!



**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

The January class for Religious Education for students in 1st  
-5th grade will be on **Sunday, January 14th** in the  
Parish Office from 8:50-9:45 AM.

If your child will be receiving First Communion in May 2024,  
please come and register them at the January 14th class.

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION 2024**

**UPCOMING DATES FOR CONFIRMATION**

**January 6 - 9:00 AM Mass and class until 11:00 AM**

We will attend 9:00 AM Mass and then have our class in  
the Parish Hall until 11:00 AM.

**January 20 - class from 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

\*Baptismal Certificates Due\*

**February 3 - 9:00 AM Mass and class until 11:00 AM**

\*Sponsor Information Due\*

**February 17 - class from 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

\*Confirmation Saint Name and Information Due\*

**March 2 - 9:00 AM Mass, then Rehearsal & Retreat**

\*Sponsors should be at this Mass & Retreat\*

**March 3 - Confirmation Mass at 10:00 AM**

\*Reception will follow in the Parish Hall\*

If you have any questions, please email  
Michele Kenaga at: [faithformation@stm.ptdiocese.org](mailto:faithformation@stm.ptdiocese.org).

## FIRST WEDNESDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE LORD



### ADORATION and BENEDICTION

Wednesday, January 3rd  
6:00 PM

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All are welcome  
every First Wednesday at 6:00 PM  
to adore the Lord  
in the Blessed Sacrament.

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*The Lord is in our midst,  
in the Blessed Sacrament  
of the altar.*

—Saint Maximilian Kolbe—



### 2024 ACTS RETREATS!

The upcoming 2024 ACTS Retreats at Camp Baldwin are exciting three-day and three-night Catholic lay retreats hosted by St. Paul Catholic Church parishioners. These retreats are a wonderful opportunity to feel God's love. Have you heard a quiet voice suggesting you get closer to the Lord? Act on this opportunity! The focus of the weekend is Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. These four themes play out in the scheduled activities. An ACTS weekend is designed to help you enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and build a closer parish community.

The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass at St. Paul, celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men and retreats for women are given separately. Teams from St. Paul Catholic Church have planned and will execute the Women's Retreat on January 18-21 and the Men's Retreat on February 1-4.

Open your mind to the Holy Spirit while on the retreat. Many people have experienced a transformation. Please consider signing up for these list-changing weekends. If you have any questions about the Women's Retreat contact Becky Siegel at [bssiegel@att.net](mailto:bssiegel@att.net) or text her at 850-516-9890 and for the Men's, Jim Clark at [Jam6rv@yahoo.com](mailto:Jam6rv@yahoo.com) or 850-426-5595. The fee for the retreat, transportation, lodging and meals for three nights is \$225. For more information or to register type in [www.stpaulcatholic.net](http://www.stpaulcatholic.net) and look for ACTS.



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

### Start the New Year Right!

Give the gift of time to each other this year! During the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you'll learn to prioritize the important things. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage!

Sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park. For more info, or other scheduled weekends, please visit our website at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or you can send an email to: [Applications@FLCNwwme.org](mailto:Applications@FLCNwwme.org) or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski through email at [waltviv.wwme@gmail.com](mailto:waltviv.wwme@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## Thank You!!

Thank you to all who supported the Angel Tree this year by helping make Christmas a little merrier for our less fortunate neighbors. May God abundantly bless you and your families for your kind generosity.



### CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF THE FLORIDA MARTYRS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Chesterton Academy of the Florida Martyrs invites all interested parents and members of the community to an information meeting Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Giri Room at the Saint Paul Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Chesterton Academy is a new, classical high school in Pensacola. Grounded in the Catholic tradition, it seeks to give young people a broad, liberal arts education with an emphasis on the development of Christian virtue and an appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness. Please visit [ChestertonPensacola.org](http://ChestertonPensacola.org) or call 850-378-1303 to RSVP.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF THE FLORIDA MARTYRS



### DEADLINE FOR 2023 CSA DONATIONS

The 2023 CSA is coming to an end.

If you'd like to have it included in your 2023 year end giving statement for tax purposes, please make sure to make the donation by December 31 (next weekend). Thank you for all the ways you help support our parish and diocese!