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JANUARY 2026

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Mon.—Fri. 11:15 am—11:45 am

**ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION**  
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:50 pm

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 am—3:00 pm

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026



St. Thomas Aquinas, the brilliant theologian, was nicknamed the "Dumb Ox" by peers for his quiet, large stature, but became known as the "Angelic Doctor" for his profound wisdom, wrote hymns like "Pange Lingua," and famously stopped writing after a mystical vision, deeming his work "straw" compared to God's revelation. He was kidnapped by his family to stop him from joining the Dominicans but escaped to pursue his vocation.

### Quirky Facts & Nicknames

**The Dumb Ox:** Students called him this because he was physically large, quiet, and slow to speak, but he was incredibly intelligent.

**Littera unintelligibilis:** He had notoriously bad handwriting, so illegible it was called "unintelligible writing".

**Angelic Doctor:** He earned this title for his purity and intellect, especially his deep understanding of angels.

**Castle Kidnapping:** His parents had him kidnapped and locked away to try to dissuade him of his choice in religious orders. Yet Thomas was deeply committed to becoming a priest and, after a year in captivity, his mother arranged for him to "escape" through a window and he went on to join the Dominican order.

**Mystical Vision:** While saying mass one day, Aquinas experienced a mystical vision that was so powerful it made him view everything he had written as "straw worthy to be burned." His vision of heavenly realities left him thinking that he could not adequately describe the profound mysteries revealed in Christian theology. Although his masterpiece *Summa Theologiae* consists of some two million words, he left it unfinished when he died at 49 years of age.

**Profound Influence:** His masterpiece, the *Summa Theologica*, remains central to Catholic philosophy and theology.

**Patron Saint:** He is the patron saint of Catholic schools, students, and philosophers.

**Hymn Writer:** He composed well-known hymns, including "O Salutaris Hostia" and "Pange Lingua".

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/25: Larry Draeger,  
Debbie Gable  
Dominic Bowes,  
Elsbeth Binh  
1/26: Cassidy Sayre  
1/27: Margie Tombrello,  
Keli Brown  
1/28: Edie Johnson  
Michele Hamilton  
1/29: Christine Dorvault  
1/30: Cheri Conkle,  
Declan Binh

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for **January 18, 2026**  
will be reported next week due to the  
bank holiday.

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

### Current Billboard on Cervantes Street

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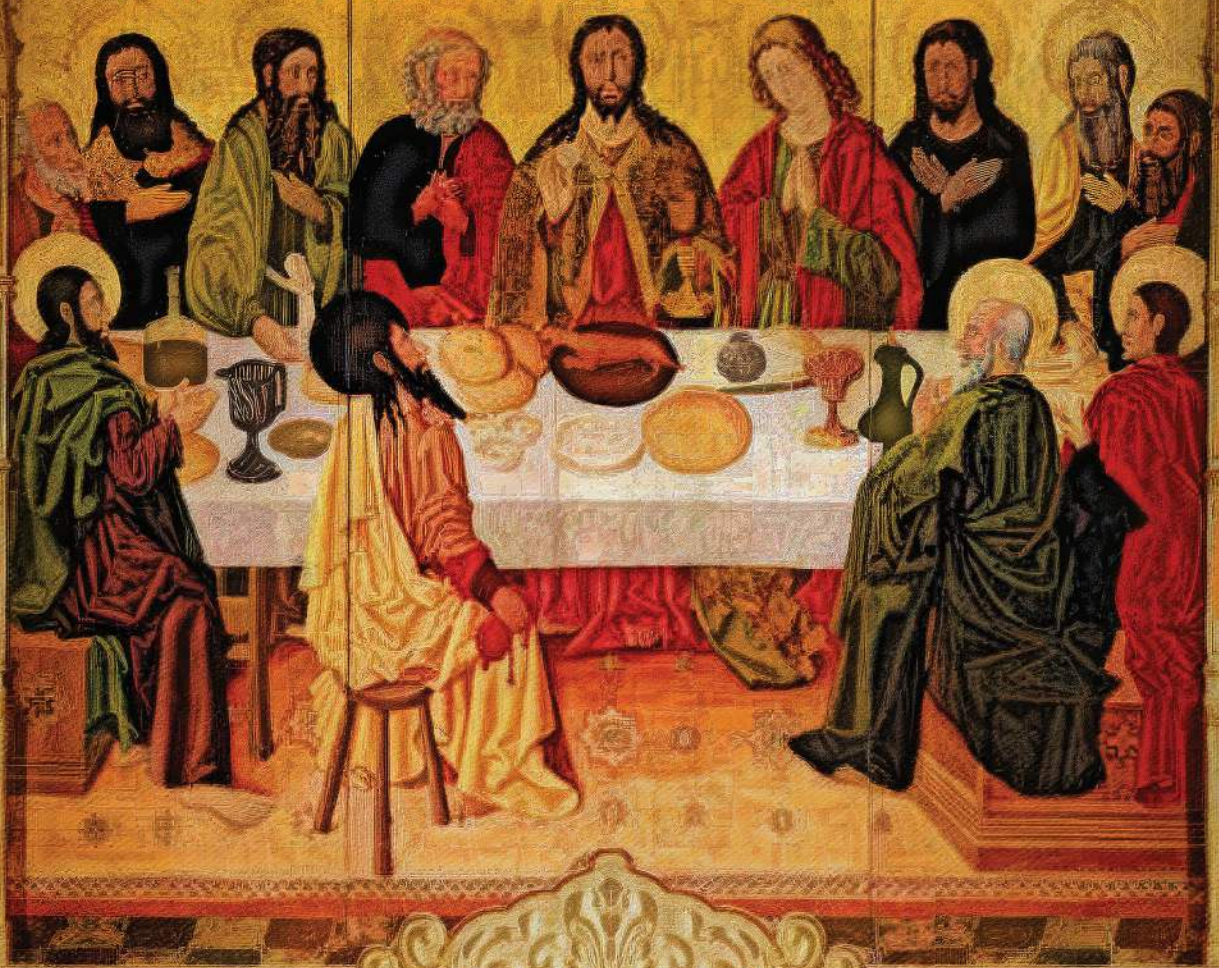
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The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.





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## LENTEN MISSION

**FEBRUARY 23 - 25 @ 6:00 PM**

PARISH HALL

with

*Monsignor Stephen Bosso*

## *Jewish Roots* in the **CATHOLIC MASS**

The Catholic Mass has deep Jewish roots, evolving from early Christian adaptations of synagogue worship and the Passover Seder, evident in shared elements like Old Testament readings, scripture-based prayers (like blessing bread/wine), the structure of the Liturgy of the Word (readings, Psalms), priest's vestments (stole/tallit), ritual handwashing, and concepts like sacrifice, all fulfilled in Jesus' sacrifice, making the Eucharist a Christian Passover.





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## Faith Formation Program

(School Aged Children & Youth)

# Become Catholic ... as a Family

### FEBRUARY 15TH

AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

PARISH HALL



SIGN UP: [FAITHFORMATION@STMICHAEL.PTDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:FAITHFORMATION@STMICHAEL.PTDIOCESE.ORG)

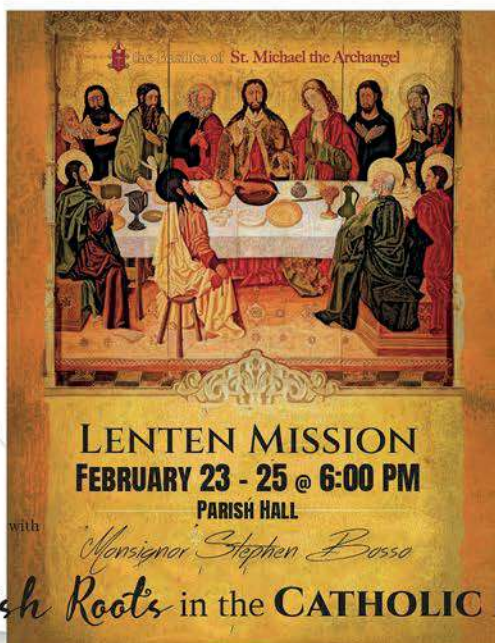




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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at [stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.



*Jewish Roots* in the **CATHOLIC MASS**



## Mardi Gras Lunch

**February 8th**

AFTER 11 AM MASS

**Active & Retired Military**

## PARISH "YACHT CLUB" DINNER

**FEBRUARY 12TH @ 6:00 PM**

(Ages 11 & Up \$25 per person)

Children 0-10yrs Free



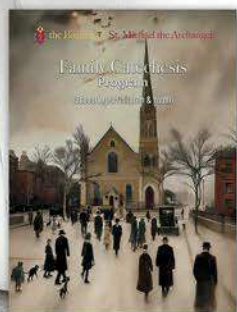
## BECOME CATHOLIC... AS A FAMILY!

**Faith Formation Session**

**February 15th**

*Following the 11AM Mass  
in the Parish Hall*

Sign Up: Contact Justin Hartwell  
[faithformation@stmichael.ptdiocese.org](mailto:faithformation@stmichael.ptdiocese.org)



## Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the **Week of January 25, 2026**

### SUNDAY

(9 AM)

*Edward Sienicki †*

(11 AM)

*For the People of the Basilica*

### MONDAY

*Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus*

*Lawrence Lingner, Jr.*

### TUESDAY

*Angela Maria Rosasco*

### WEDNESDAY

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

*Heather Shirley †*

### THURSDAY

*Frances Farmer*

### FRIDAY

*Rosalie and Anthony Rouchon †*

**Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM**

## THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS

**In memory of Shari Anne Hinton**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The Sundays available are: February 1st & 8th prior to Lent.

Contact Louise Seitz at [lseitz@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:lseitz@panhandle.rr.com) or call 850-780-0410 (no text message) to reserve flowers.





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