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ST. MICHAEL
the Archangel

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

23

MARCH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

this week is...

the
ANNUNCIATION
of the **LORD**

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.
9:00 am—2:00 pm

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT March 23, 2025



FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, as Christians, prayer is the foundation of our life. Our ability to pray is our ability to speak with God and to hear His voice. Whether the Lord is encouraging us or challenging us, embracing us or reproofing us, we receive His Word in prayer. Catholics certainly run the risk, perhaps more so than other Christians, of turning their prayer into a checklist. We have so many devotions and formula-based prayers at our disposal!

Devotions are good, but they can never replace our intimate and simple conversation with God. To allow that to happen would be similar to a spouse limiting themselves to reading from a text anything that would be said to their beloved. In our relationship with God, there is certainly ample room for devotional prayers. The rosary, for example, is a holy and unfailing way to grow in knowledge and love of God. But even the rosary is not intended nor meant to replace the personal, awe-filled, reverent, and simple conversations we are able to have with the Lord every day.

What place does prayer have in your life right now, today? Jesus often invites the disciples to come away with Him to a deserted place and pray. When was the last time you took an entire morning or afternoon, or even a whole day to go away with Jesus? If you find it difficult to arrange for such a time or wouldn't know what to do during an entire morning or day of prayer, then maybe start smaller with an hour of "retreat". Come away with Jesus during this holy season and let Him speak His Word to your heart!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler
Rector & Pastor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

3/23 : Tammy Simon, Brennan Boone
3/25: Walt Limbach, Patrick Daugherty
3/26 : Avelino Lima, K.L. LeCoq
3/27: Bruce Downs, Abigail Lorraine
3/28: Chuck Zimmerman
3/28: Jerry Hac, Paul Delmas

Stewardship of Treasure for March 16, 2025

In-Church Offering:	\$8,861.00
Online Offering:	\$2,899.01
Total Offertory:	\$11,760.01

Stewardship of CSA as of March 16, 2025

Pledged:	\$93,483
Given:	\$63,517
Families Participating:	88

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

**? WANNA BE THE FIRST TO KNOW?
HAVE YOU MISSED SOMETHING?**

Step 1: Visit the website...

Updated Daily + Past Archives

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of the bulletin + extras!

Visit the website for
the Prayer List.
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NEXT WEEK: THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTAR FLOWERS

They are meant to be an integral part of the liturgy!

What did Jesus say about flowers?

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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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

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

"HAIL MARY" ORIGIN

On the Cover



THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD

to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her he said, *"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you!"*



A NEW WAY TO PRAY

A 4-Part Lecture
"Pilgrims of Prayer"

Presented by Fr. Joseph Fowler

CONTINUES

MARCH 26 @ 6PM
INSIDE THE BASILICA

OUTREACH FOR THE POOR

HELP SERVE DINNER TO THE HOMELESS / POOR
MARCH 28: MLK, JR. PLAZA @ 6 PM

CONTACT GREG STONE: 850.512.0162



SODALITY SOCK DRIVE



1,200 pairs of white socks needed for the homeless in our area in support of the ALFRED-WASHBURN CENTER during Lent.
Drop-Off basket located in vestibule.
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Bereavement . Honoring Life . Military Outreach
Outreach to the Poor . Parishioners at Home . Prison Ministry

THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the **Week of March 23, 2025**

SUNDAY

9AM

Bonnie Partyka †

11AM

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY

Catherine Kerr †

TUESDAY

Roby Chandler

WEDNESDAY

Patrick McDonald

THURSDAY

The Fanfalone Family

FRIDAY

Bernice and Elwood Goley †

This Week @ the Basilica

3/23 Sun: Coffee Hour 10am

3/26 Wed: Women's Study Group 9:00am

Pilgrims of Prayer Series: Part 2 of 4; 6pm

3/28 Fri: Rosary for Life 11:30am

Outreach for the Poor 6:00pm



Please consider donating **Basilica Altar Flowers** in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones.

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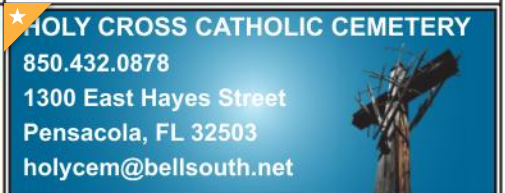
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