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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

21

DECEMBER



The
Nativity of the Lord

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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

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Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

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Tuesday - Friday
10:00 am—3:00 pm

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

Overlooked Biblical Details:

The Manger's Meaning: The sign given to shepherds was a baby in a manger (animal feeding trough), foreshadowing Jesus as the "bread of life" and essential spiritual nourishment, a detail often lost in modern depictions.

Matthew vs. Luke: Matthew focuses on Joseph, dreams, Magi, and Herod, while Luke emphasizes Mary, angels, shepherds, and the census, with no overlap in those specific characters, suggesting different perspectives.

No Innkeeper: The traditional innkeeper turning them away isn't in the Bible; Luke simply says there was no room in the *katalyma* (guest room), implying a crowded household or stable.

Symbolic & Apocryphal Tales:

Revelation 12: This vision describes a pregnant woman (Mary) crowned with stars, pursued by a red dragon (Satan), who gives birth to a son destined to rule, a powerful, less common nativity narrative.

The Joseph of Arimathea Connection: Some traditions link Joseph of Arimathea, who buried Jesus, to the family's lineage and early presence in Bethlehem, though this isn't prominent in Gospels.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/21: Louise Seitz
12/22: Paul Meyer,
Truc Ngo
12/24: Paul Merritt
12/26: Bill Kulbacki
12/27: Daniel Crowley

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for December 14, 2025

In-Church Offering:	\$6,989.90
Online Offering:	\$2,578.53
Total Offertory:	\$9,568.43

CSA Participation as of December 14, 2025

Pledged:	\$139,677
Given:	\$138,454
Families Participating:	145

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

THANK YOU FOR FEED THE POOR

19 parishioners participated in the "feeding of the poor" on December 12th at the MLK Plaza. God Bless you for making sure the homeless had a hot and nutritious meal.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES NOTICE!

For those parishioners who use collection envelopes, the 2026 envelope boxes will be available in the vestibule of the church for pickup after Sunday masses. Each box has a specific families' name on the box, so please ensure you only pickup your assigned box to ensure proper accounting.

Holiday Mass Times

Dec. 24th: 4 PM

Dec. 25th: 12 AM (Midnight) + 10 AM

Jan. 1: 12:10 + 6 PM



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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.



PARISH "YACHT CLUB" DINNER

FEBRUARY 12TH @ 6:00 PM
(Please register on January 11th)
*In the Parish Hall Following Masses

THE CARDINAL CHRISTMAS TREE



Our Lady's Sodality 'Cardinal Christmas Tree' is up in the parish hall, ready for you to place a prayer request on it. Stop by the parish hall during the 10:00 am coffee hour on December 7th, 14th, or 21st to place your special prayer request on the tree.

Monsignor Bosso will bless the tree and all prayer requests. All tags with your personal notes will then be placed at the altar for inclusion in the Christmas Day masses.

Bill's Prayer

The story of long-time parishioner William E. "Bill" Smith will premiere during the Parish Dinner on Feb. 12th at 6 PM at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Bill fell and broke his hip in October. He lay helpless on the floor for more than 10 hours. Afraid he might die, he prayed all through the night, calling on his guardian angel and resisting the devil's attempts to make him give up. His story is an inspiration to all.



THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the Week of December 21, 2025

SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(9 AM)
For the People of the Basilica

(11 AM)
Beverly Milstead †

MONDAY
Fr. Richard Bowles †

TUESDAY
Patrick McDonald

WEDNESDAY
4:00 PM
Ken McDonald †

THURSDAY
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(Midnight Mass) Bill Kulback
(10:00 AM) *For the People of the Basilica*

FRIDAY
FEAST OF SAINT JOHN; APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
Mary Ann Long (AOD) 28th

Coffee & Food in the Parish Hall at 10 AM
*No Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 28th
**Left-over Christmas Cookies on Sunday, January 4th

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