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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 26, 2025**



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

### Basilica Open For Visitation

Sat.—10:00 am—1:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am  
See usher for directions.

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

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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.

### Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of January 26, 2025

1/26	Sun.	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9am	Bonnie Partyka (+)
	11am	For the People of the Basilica
1/27	Mon.	Savannah Chandler
1/28	Tue.	Lawrence Lingner, Jr. <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
1/29	Wed.	Patrick McDonald
1/30	Thur.	Special Intention
1/31	Fri.	Fr. John Baasen (+) <i>St. John Bosco</i>

### ✠ This Week at the Basilica

1/26	Sun.	✧ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. ✧ New Parishioner Orientation, 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.
1/29	Wed.	✧ Women's Study Group, 9 a.m. ✧ Catholic Enrichment, 6 p.m. ✧ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
1/31	Fri.	✧ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m. ✧ Rosary for Life, 11:30 a.m.

### New Parishioner Orientation

All new parishioners, or those interested in joining the parish, who have not previously attended an orientation are invited to join us following both Sunday Masses TODAY in the rectory to learn more about the parish and your participation in parish life.

### Basilica of St. Michael Parish Dinner Pensacola Yacht Club February 12, 2025, 6 p.m.



Make plans to attend our parish dinner at the Pensacola Yacht Club on Wednesday, February 12, starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The Parish Advisory Council members will begin taking sign-ups and collecting payments in the vestibule of the church following each Sunday Mass through Sunday, February 2. Additional sign-ups will be available in the Parish Hall during the Coffee Hour.

### Stewardship of Treasure for January 19, 2025

In-Church Offering .....\$5,541.00  
Online Offering .....\$3,809.57  
**Total Offertory .....\$9,350.57**

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

### FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, it is not easy for us to fully comprehend the magnitude of what occurs in today's first reading from Nehemiah. The People of Israel had been separated from one another and their homeland for so long! What is worse, is the fact that, as a result of their exile, they had been cut off from the practice of their religion. The temple had been destroyed, their one place of offering worthy sacrifice to God. The priests had been disbanded and exiled along with the people. There was no one to offer the prayers or lead their worship.

Imagine being carted off to the other side of the world, to a place where there are no Christian churches, no priests or even Protestant ministers. Even if there were people who could preach the Word of God, it was forbidden to do so. Imagine the impact of living for generations with only the stories of the memories of your grandparents and elders to tell you about what they remember of going to church. Imagine the descriptions of stained glass windows and cathedrals (and Basilicas!) without ever having seen one. Imagine the devastating effect of not having any access at all to the Bible or to God's Word, but only being able to hear from what your family and those who raised you recalled of their reading of Scripture.

Then, amazingly, it is all reversed and you are permitted to return home. The ruins of the church your family had described to you are still standing. They certainly are a mere shadow of their former glory, but they are still standing and you can see among the ruins some of the detail that they had described to you. Then, from some other part of the world, the priests who had been taken away were allowed to return and, perhaps in the Sacristy, they discover the ritual books that had been banned and a Bible that had survived.

What would it be like to hear those authentic words for the first time in ages? This is what they are hearing in our first reading today. This is why the people are "weeping as they heard the words of the law". They had longed to hear God's Word! They had desired to return home, perhaps imagining that they would never be able to do so... yet here they are! Can you imagine the joy they experienced? "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." This phrase comes from the works of the Latin poet Sextus Propertius. It is a bit different from what he actually wrote, but the gist is the same.

Do we cherish the Word of God and the practice of our faith as much as we should? Would we cherish it more if it were taken away from us and we were prevented from coming to Mass? Do we have the Words of the Bible ingrained in our minds and hearts so that, God forbid, should there come a time when we find ourselves prevented from gathering in worship or hearing the Word proclaimed, we can still abide in It because It abides in us? Cherish the Word of God; read the Bible; make every book of its pages a part of yourself. If your children or grandchildren never had access to a Bible and they asked you to tell them what it said... would you be able to do so? Make sure your answer is yes!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor





**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.

**Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild****Bereavement Team**

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. If you know of someone from the Basilica of St. Michael who has passed away, please notify the office so we can pray for them. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, February 21, at 12:10 p.m.

**Honoring Life Team**

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

**Military Outreach Team**

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

**Outreach to the Poor Team**

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

**Parishioners at Home Team**

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi ([mkb2375@gmail.com](mailto:mkb2375@gmail.com)).

**Prison Ministry Team**

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie ([robertbeargie@yahoo.com](mailto:robertbeargie@yahoo.com)) or Morgan Rosas ([morganrosas@icloud.com](mailto:morganrosas@icloud.com)).

**Our Lady's Sodality Valentine Basket Raffle**

Win your sweetheart a basket FULL of treasures.

Tickets are on sale now through Sunday, February 9, during the 10 a.m. coffee hour, and following the 11 a.m. Mass in the vestibule of the Basilica. Prices are \$3.00 per ticket, or 2 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will take place on Sunday, February 9, during the 10 a.m. coffee hour.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

1/26—Cassidy Sayre; 1/27—Keli Brown, Jack Costello; 1/28—Michele Hamilton, Edie Johnson; 1/29—Christine Dorvault; 1/30—Cheri Conkle; 2/1—Nancy Fox.

**IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Candace Caprara, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Kathy Kirk, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Susan & Jay Sandlin, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

*Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.*

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2025****FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



The flowers in front of St. Michael are given in gratitude for his protection; the remaining flowers are given by donors who wish to remain anonymous.

**BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The dates available are February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2025. Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement. Contact Louise Seitz [lseitz@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:lseitz@panhandle.rr.com) or call 850-780-0410 (No texts, please) to reserve flowers.

Flowers can be paid by check payable to "Basilica of St. Michael," or online using the QR code to the right. If paying online, please include the amount for the credit card fee to ensure full payment.







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