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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

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

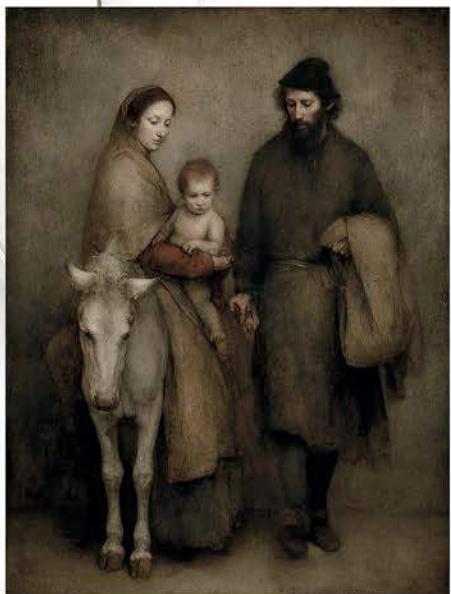
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4TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life.

As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: "The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (January 1st)

By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine. Jesus' nature as both and equally human and divine is something we may take for granted today. But back in the early days of the church, this dogma of our faith was hotly debated. In 431 A.D. during the Council of Ephesus, the title of "Mary Mother of God," in Greek "Theotokus," was defended and defined against the heresy of Nestorius. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, refuted the title of "Theotokus" claiming that Christ had two loosely united natures, and therefore, Mary was only the mother of the human part of Him.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

There are no Birthday's This Week

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for December 14, 2025
will be reported next Sunday.

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

Catholic theologians rejected this claim, and defined that Christ indeed has two natures, a divine nature and a human nature definitely united in one divine person, and since Christ's two natures form one single person, Mary is the mother of the whole Person of Christ. Therefore, Mary can be properly called "Mother of God," not in the sense that she came before God or is the source of God, but in the sense that the Person that she bore in her womb is indeed true God and true man.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ.



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

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PARISH "YACHT CLUB" DINNER

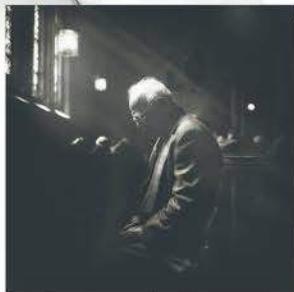
FEBRUARY 12TH @ 6:00 PM

(Please register on January 11th)

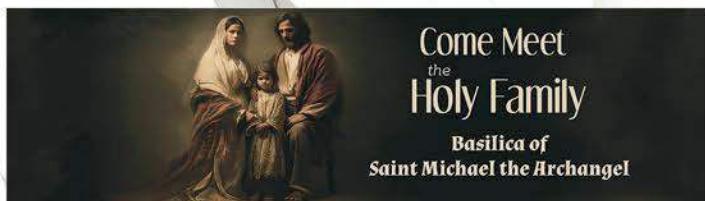
*In the Church Vestibule & Parish Hall Following Masses

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.



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LEARN HOW TO CALL YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL AT THE PARISH DINNER ON FEB. 12TH

THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the **Week of December 28, 2025**

SUNDAY
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
(9 AM)
For the People of the Basilica

(11 AM)
James Heigel †

MONDAY
FIFTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Gene Copeland †

TUESDAY
SIXTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Bishop Martin Holley

WEDNESDAY
SEVENTH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Jeannie Gay & Kathy Poezatek †

THURSDAY
**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**
Fr. Nicholas Schumm

FRIDAY
FEAST OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN
Christopher McCluskey

*No Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 28th
**Left-over Christmas Cookies on Sunday, January 4th

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