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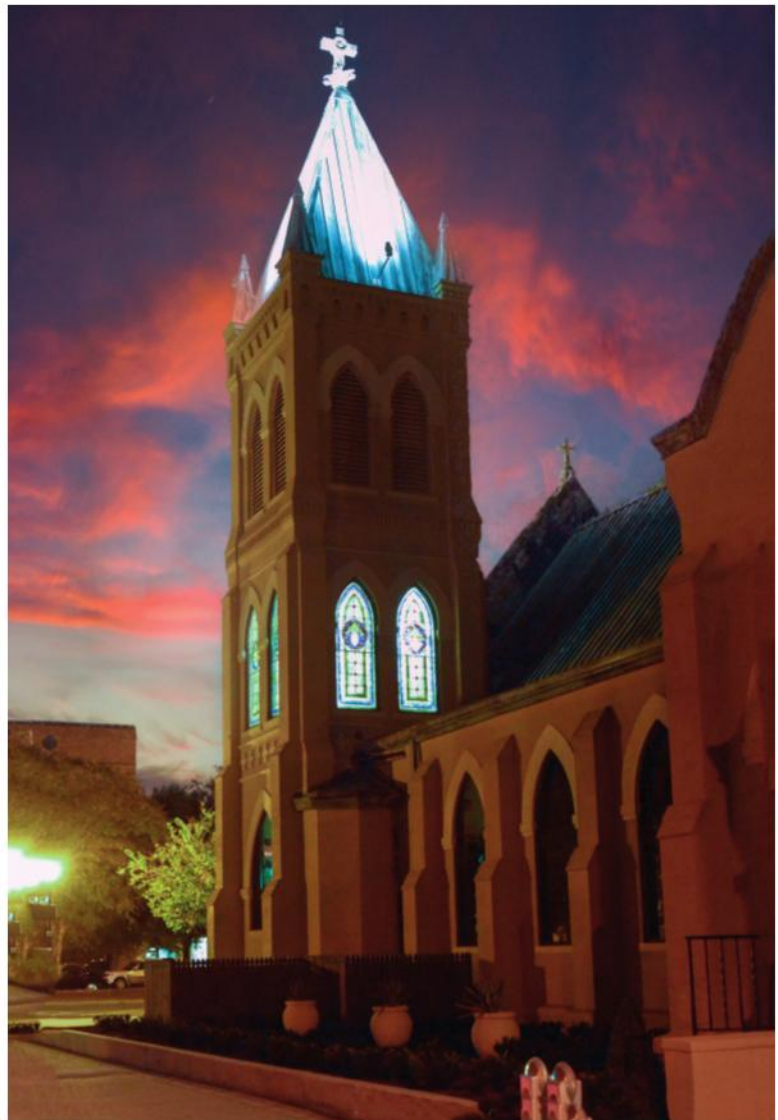
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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



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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SOCIAL MEDIA



Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of December 1, 2024

12/1	Sun.	First Sunday of Advent
	9am	Doug C. Halford (+)
	11am	For the People of the Basilica
12/2	Mon.	Veronica S. Eads (+)
12/3	Tue.	John E. Linck (+) <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
12/4	Wed.	Dr. Fritz Schuckmann (+)
12/5	Thur.	Dr. Zhang Renqun (+)
12/6	Fri.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory

☙ This Week at the Basilica

12/1	Sun.	☙ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
12/2	Mon.	☙ Advent Mission, 1 p.m., or 6 p.m.
12/4	Wed.	☙ Women's Study Group, 9 a.m. ☙ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
12/6	Fri.	☙ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.

Parish Advent Mission

Join us for our Advent Mission on Monday, December 2 in the Basilica. Fr. Eugene Pathe will be presenting an afternoon session at 1 p.m. **OR** an evening session at 6 p.m.

Save
the
Date

Outreach to the Poor Pajama Party December 15, 2024

The Outreach to the Poor team members continue to take sign ups for the Pajama Party after each Mass in front of the Basilica and in the Parish Hall during the Coffee Hour. Don't miss this fun event! The event will be held at The Sanctuary Event Venue, 716 N. Ninth Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32501.

Knights of Columbus Assembly Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Joanne Kimberl who was the winner of the \$500 gift card at the Assembly's November 18 drawing.

CSA 2024

Updated as of November 22, 2024

Benchmark	\$140,000
Amount Given.....	\$125,777
Households Participating.....	162

Stewardship of Treasure for November 24, 2024
will be reported next week due to an early
bulletin deadline.

FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, today we begin our new year in the Church calendar. The beginning of Advent brings us back to the very origins of faith. We enter in to that eager and even desperate longing for a savior that started with the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. With the first sin and disruption of our paradise existence in communion with God came the possibility of utter separation from God in the eternity of hell and the need for a redemption. From that day forward came both the promise and the hope of a savior.

Advent is the season of hope. Recognizing the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" of our jubilee year, which will begin on December 24 with the opening of the holy door of St. Peter's in Rome, we can celebrate this season with devotion and purpose. Our hope leads us to look to Christ, beckons us to return to the Lord. He, alone, is our hope. He is our hope fulfilled.

In order to make that all the more evident to us throughout this season, I will be introducing the Jesse Tree devotion to the Basilica. You may or may not be familiar with this Catholic devotional practice. The origins of it are found in the first verses of Isaiah 11. There, we are told that from the dead stump of Jesse (the father of King David) a shoot shall spring forth, new life shall come. The idea of the prophecy was that, since all of God's efforts to bring us back to Himself resulted in our ongoing infidelity, a new path would be taken.

In light of this passage that describes the origins of Jesus as a shoot of new life springing forth from a dead stump, the custom of decorating a tree with illustrated ornaments of people, prophesies, and events leading up to Jesus' birth was born. Similar to an advent calendar, the Jesse Tree involves placing an ornament on the tree every day. Each ornament represents a pivotal moment, a key event of the story of our salvation, the story of our hope. Beginning with the creation story and ending with the birth of Jesus in the New Testament, the ornaments of the tree give us visible reminders of the long-awaited coming of the Savior.

Jesus is the one who fulfills our hopes, not only for heaven and redemption, but for all the good things we long for in life. He is the one who enables us to love and to truly be loved, He is the one who enables us to be good and holy, He is the one who enables us to live in friendship and who enriches our experience of family. Jesus leads us along the pilgrimage path of hope to our longed-for destiny in heaven. He opens the door and paves the way. He enters in and prepares our place. He calls us and inspires us to put one foot in front of the other all along the sometimes arduous path. He rejoices to welcome us home! May our hope for all that Jesus brings to our lives illumine the pilgrimage we make and lead us safely home to heaven. Happy Advent!

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). 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, December 20, 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).

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) or Morgan Rosas (morganrosas@icloud.com).

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving up hot, delicious pancakes next Sunday, December 8, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They will give out Christmas cards and the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets while supplies last.

Our Lady's Sodality Giving Tree Project

November 17—December 8, 2024

Thank you to all who are participating in the Giving Tree Project. Please return the wrapped gifts to the Parish Hall during the Coffee Hour today or next Sunday, December 8.

Donation envelopes are also available in the Basilica's vestibule and the Parish Hall for those whom shopping is not convenient.

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, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, 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 December 2024**FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

2025 Mass Intentions

The 2025 Daily Mass Record is open for parishioners to request mass intentions for the new year. Please send your requests to Dennis at office@stmichael.ptdiocese.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/1—Paul Burke; 12/2—Sean Bick; 12/3—Paul Duffy, Stephanie Klein, Harry McKeown; 12/4—Chris Dorvault; 12/5—Carol Gaudet; 12/6—Mark Brown, Aaden Hartwell; 12/7—Zachary Hastings.

**BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

As we approach the Christmas Season, please consider donating any amount to the Basilica's Flower Fund so we are able to make the Basilica beautiful for the Christ Child.





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