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Basilica  
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ST. MICHAEL  
*the Archangel*  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

**30** MARCH  
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"The Scrutinies"

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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FROM FR. JOE

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT March 30, 2025

*My dear friends,* our Sunday readings are on a three-year cycle, and this is Year C. But on the third, fourth, and fifth

Sundays of Lent, we have what are called the Scrutinies for those preparing for baptism. And it's not meant to be a scrutiny in the sense that the church scrutinizes their lives or looks intently at them. That sounds intimidating. It's not meant to be intimidating. It's an invitation for them and for all of us who are baptized to scrutinize our hearts, to look deeply within, for them... in a preparation of readiness for the great sacrament of baptism, for us, who are baptized, a remembrance of our baptism and a preparation for repentance. We need to be mindful of our invitation to baptism. The invitation to baptism is a call to repentance. We can't say, "I know that I shouldn't do this," and then do it. We have to repent. And what that means is to look into our hearts, to scrutinize, scrutiny, to scrutinize our hearts, not in a scrupulous way but in a sincere and dedicated, and convicted way, to look deeply within and take action. "Lord, help me with your grace to turn away from these sins, to be faithful to you."

Maybe that begins with going to confession. Maybe it begins with rearranging the structure of your life so that you can dedicate time to prayer. All that stands in the way for us is our repentance. Will we turn back to the Lord? Will we reject the sin of our life? Will we give our hearts to Christ? So, I invite you to pray for the elect, to ask that they be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, an understanding of their sin, and that they grab hold of the true freedom of the children of God. To you, the elect, I invite you to pray with this spirit of repentance for a true repentance of your sins, repentance of all those things in your lives that are contrary to God's love, to God's grace, to God's goodness, and to ask not only for the desire to cast those things out of your life but for the grace and the strength to do precisely that. My dear brothers and sisters, let us pray for the elect who have already made a long journey and whom the church has confidently chosen, that when their preparation is complete, they may find Christ in His sacraments at the Easter Feasts.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 3/30: Kathy Erickson, Mary Hansford,  
Margaret Mead  
4/1: Connie Konecek  
4/2: Anna Salvaggio  
4/3: Joan Engel, Scooter Pursell,  
Patti Rehwinkel, Ted Mansfield,  
Shelby Gaudet  
4/5: Bob Noecker, Steve Kimberi,  
Tom Johnson, Victoria Balius

### Stewardship of Treasure for March 16, 2025

In-Church Offering:	\$5,436.63
Online Offering:	\$4,784.73
Total Offertory:	<b>\$10,221.36</b>

### Stewardship of CSA as of March 23, 2025

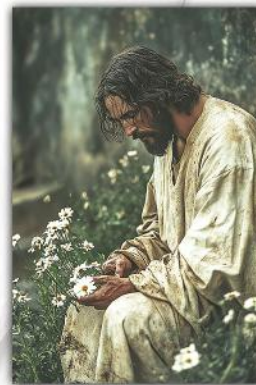
Pledged:	\$107,310
Given:	\$73,375
Families Participating:	<b>96</b>

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

God bless you all.

*Fr. Joe Fowler*

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor



### THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTAR FLOWERS

Live altar flowers represent the beauty and grace of God, and the blossoms of grace, prayer, and virtue that unfold in the light of the Eucharist. During Lent, the church is not to be decorated with flowers, with exceptions for Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

### WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT FLOWERS?

Jesus said, "And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

### OPEN DATES FOR EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

April 27th, May 4th, 18th & 25th, June 1st

Contact **Louise Seitz**: 850-780-0410

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.





# the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

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.

## ALTAR FLOWER FACTS

Potted plants with roots should never be used near the altar — only cut flowers to represent life "that is sacrificed," like the sacrifice of the Eucharist. That it is also why no artificial flowers or fake candles should ever be used. Objects near the altar must always be things that "are consumed," depleted or fade away.

- 💧 White: Represents joy, innocence, purity, and glory, used during Christmas, Easter, and feasts of Our Lord (except his Passion).
- 🔴 Red: Symbolizes the Passion, blood, fire, God's love, and martyrdom, used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and feasts of martyrs.
- 🟢 Green: Represents the Holy Ghost, life eternal, and hope, used during Ordinary Time (the time after Pentecost and the Epiphany).
- 🟣 Purple/Violet: Represents sorrow, penance, and humility, used during Advent and Lent.
- 🌸 Rose: A joyful color, used on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).



### A NEW WAY TO PRAY

A 4-Part Lecture  
"Pilgrims of Prayer"

Presented by Fr. Joseph Fowler

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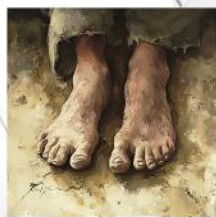
**APRIL 2 @ 6PM**  
**INSIDE THE BASILICA**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "FISH FRY DINNER"

**\$15 PER PLATE**  
**APRIL 11: 5-6:30PM**  
(or until fish is gone)  
**PARISH HALL**



## 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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### THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for  
the **Week of March 30, 2025**

### SUNDAY

9AM

For the People of the Basilica

11AM

Joey Peklo †

### MONDAY

Rev. William L. Korte †

### TUESDAY

Allan L. Daniels †

### WEDNESDAY

Patrick McDonald

### THURSDAY

Clyde Lostetter †

### FRIDAY

Dr. Zhang Renqun †

This Week @ the Basilica

3/30: Sun: Coffee Hour 10am

4/2: Wed: Women's Study Group 9:00am

Pilgrims of Prayer Series: Part 3 of 4; 6pm

4/4: Fri: Stations of the Cross 1-2pm



Please consider donating **Basilica Altar Flowers** in  
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