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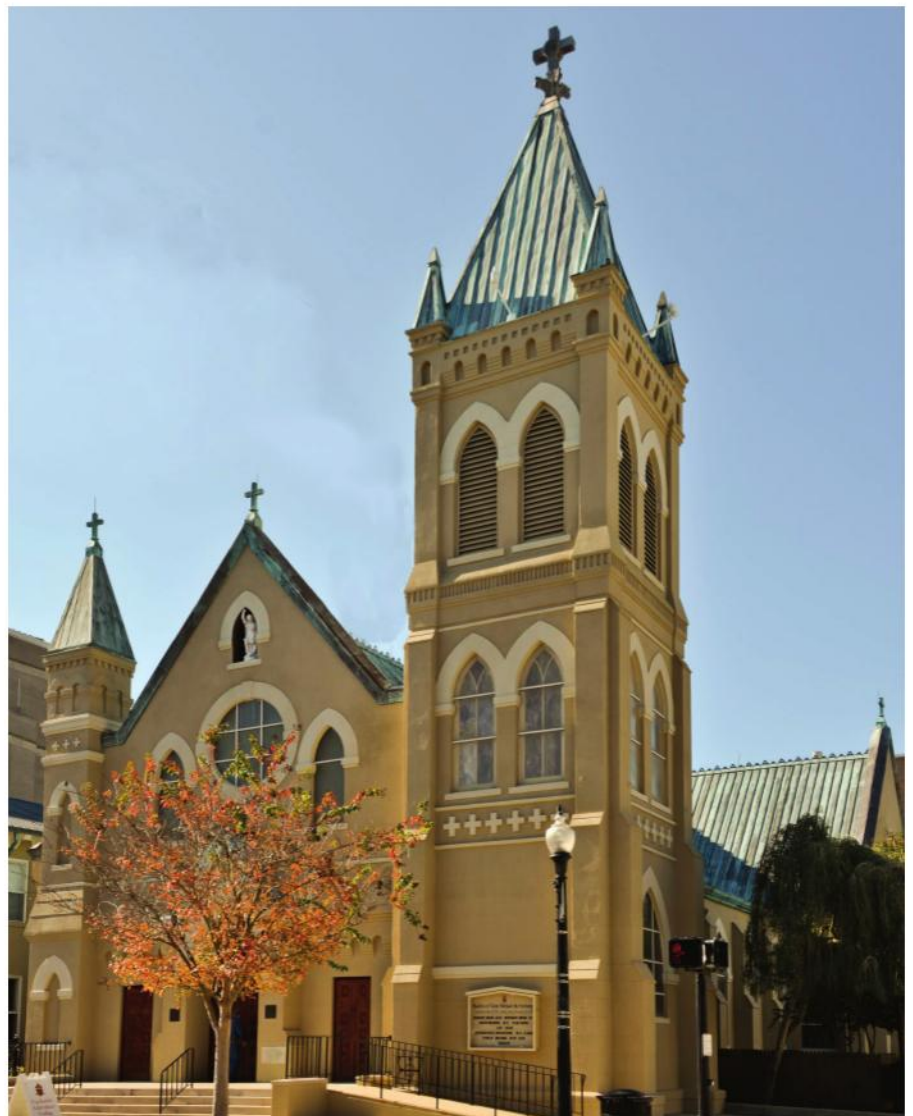
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025



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 January 19, 2025

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| 1/19 | Sun. | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am For the People of the Basilica 11am John Fromularo |
| 1/20 | Mon. | No Mass |
| 1/21 | Tue. | Robert Holihan <i>St. Agnes</i> |
| 1/22 | Wed. | Catherine Kerr (+) <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> |
| 1/23 | Thur. | Stuart Pratt (+) |
| 1/24 | Fri. | Cynthia Dean <i>St. Francis de Sales</i> |

☙ This Week at the Basilica

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| 1/19 | Sun. | ♦ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. |
| 1/20 | Mon. | ♦ A.W.C. Pack Lunches, 8 a.m. |
| 1/22 | Wed. | ♦ Women's Study Group, 9 a.m. ♦ Catholic Enrichment, 6 p.m. ♦ Choir Practice, 7 p.m. |
| 1/24 | Fri. | ♦ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m. |

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Closing January 20, 2025

There will be no Holy Hour or Mass on January 20 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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 on Sunday, January 26, in the rectory to learn more about the parish and your participation in parish life.

☙ BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/20—Dan Carr; 1/21—Bob Delaney, Linda Guthrie; 1/22—Gemma Firme, Bob Pappas, Andrew Stewart; 1/24—Sharon Everitt; 1/25—Larry Draeger, Debbie Gable.

Final 2024 CSA Results

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| Benchmark | \$140,000 |
| Amount Given..... | \$146,977 |
| Households Participating..... | 165 |

Stewardship of Treasure for January 12, 2025

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| In-Church Offering | \$4,910.61 |
| Online Offering | \$2,786.26 |
| Total Offertory..... | \$7,696.87 |

FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, the readings this Sunday reminds us that it is the same Holy Spirit that inspires and provides the many gifts of grace we receive from God. While this may seem like an obvious truth, it is also fascinating to consider the fact that the same Holy Spirit who inspires us today, is the same Spirit that the Apostles received at Pentecost and the same Spirit who brought about the birth of Jesus. It is the same Holy Spirit that inspired St. Francis of Assisi, St. Dominic, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and all the others.

The Holy Spirit knows what He is doing. This Spirit of God was able to inspire and prepare the greatest saints for the most amazing works. Do we doubt that He knows what He is doing when He inspires us today? We do well to diligently and faithfully follow His promptings, wherever they lead us. We might think we know better. We do not. We often speak about or wonder at God's plan for our life. Well, the Holy Spirit, in a sense, is the Holy Implementer of that plan. He lays out the path before us in such a way that, as we cooperate with the promptings of the Spirit within us, we are led to the greatest spiritual heights.

The Gospel selected for this Sunday is the wedding feast of Cana. The servants at the wedding feast, as they cooperate with Jesus and comply with the instructions He gives, end up being able to provide the choicest wine for the feast. We might imagine that by giving ourselves over to the will of God and His plan for our life, that we relinquish the good things of life. We might think that He will leave us destitute and alone. Of course, He does not. Rather, God leads us to experience the best that life can offer. His plan might be radically different from what we imagined for our life or our future, but that is not necessarily a bad thing.

The Lord brings us to joy and gladness. When C.S. Lewis wrote his spiritual autobiography, the title he gives to it is "Surprised by Joy". This title is actually derived from a poem by William Wordsworth who describes the incalculable joy he experienced in the deepest grief of one tragic loss after another. The joy to which the Lord brings us can sometimes be found along the most unexpected paths. But can we trust that the Holy Spirit leads us faithfully to joy and happiness?

Last week we concluded the Christmas season, a time of joy focused on the inestimable gift of God in the Incarnation. Jesus Christ, the God-made-man, is given to us at Bethlehem. When He has accomplished all that He intended to do on earth, the Lord ascends to heaven with one purpose in mind: namely, to send us the Holy Spirit. He ascends to the Father so that He might send us the culminating gift of our salvation, the Holy Spirit who comes into each our lives and brings everything we have believed to life. May this same Holy Spirit inspire us today to amazing and generous feats of faith as we renew the gift of our lives to Christ!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler
Rector & Pastor



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

The Veronica Guild's Honoring Life team supports and encourages participation in the 9th Annual Emerald Coast Walk For Life on January 25th. There is an 11 a.m. speaker event at St. Joseph Historical Church with Steven Holland. Following the speaker there will be a pro-life witness walk in downtown Pensacola. You can find more information here: <https://www.eccfl.org/walk-for-life-2025-event-schedule>.

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).

Basilica of St. Michael Parish Dinner**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 TODAY in the vestibule of the church following each Sunday Mass. Additional sign-ups will be available in the Parish Hall during the Coffee Hour. Sign-ups will continue each Sunday through February 2.

Pajama Party Thank You!!

The Outreach to the Poor ministry wants to thank everyone who participated and contributed to our fundraiser for the Global Learning Academy. We far exceeded our goal of \$5,000. On December 18, we provided the school with 220 pairs of pajamas and 300 uniform shirts. We are now in a good position to assist GLA with additional needs this spring.

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.

Our Lady's Sodality Christmas Projects

Our Lady's Sodality again says, "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to their various Christmas projects. Because of our parishioners continued generosity, over 100 people benefited during the Christmas season.



The flowers in front of St. Michael are given in gratitude for his protection. The remaining flowers are given by someone who wishes 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 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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