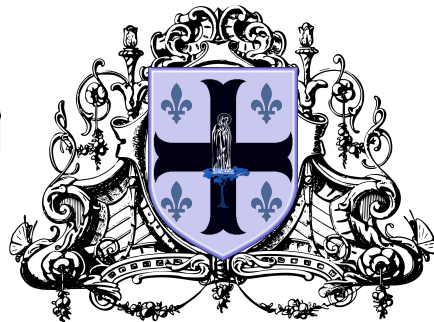


**WELCOME TO THE SHRINE of OUR LADY**

We welcome all our Parishioners and esteemed Guests as you come to experience the beauty of the Ancient Liturgy and Devotions here at this special Parish and also Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima. We hope you will become a regular member of our Catholic Parish, where, always Tradition is in season!

God bless you!



**INVOCATION TO ST. BARBARA**

Dear St. Barbara, at my last end, obtain for me the Sacraments.

Assist me in that direst need when I my God and Judge must meet: that robed in sanctifying grace my soul may stand before His face. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS**

Sat. 12 - 01 (P)	4:00 PM	Rose Totsch	The Prophet St. Nahum
Sun. 12 - 02 (P)	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Eligius (Eloy), B.
(G)	10:30 AM	Int. Gabriela Velázquez	St. Bibiana, V. & M.
Mon. 12- 03(P)	8:00 AM	Michael Francis Xavier Bloomer	St. Francis Xavier, P.
			The Prophet St. Sophonias
Tues. 12- 04(P)	8:00 AM	Int. Daniel Kerry	St. Barbara, V. & M.
Wed. 12- 05(P)	8:00 AM	Int. Adornetto Family	St. John Almond, P. & M.
Thurs. 12-06	8:00 AM	NO MASS	St. Nicholas of Bari, B.
(G)	6:00 PM	Rosalba de Castañeda	St. Asella, V.
Fri. 12 - 07 (P)	8:00 AM	Margaret Peggy Vignolo	St. Ambrose of Milan, B.F.D.
Sat. 12 - 08 (G)	8:00 AM	Paul Bond	The Immaculate Conception
(P)	4:00 PM	Living & Deceased S.S.	St. René Chabanel, P. & M.
		Holy Name Society	St. Macarius of Alexandria, M.
Sun. 12 - 09 (P)	7:30 AM	Donald Marshall Bloomer	St. Leocadia, V. & M.
(G)	10:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Peter Fourier, P.

**Lectors**

4:00 PM Dr. Richard Hyland  
7:30 AM Harry Collins  
10:30 AM Tom Glenn

**Altar Duty**

Karen Knight

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 2, 2018 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**COLLECTION** - We thank those Parishioners who support our Parish with their treasure, talent and time. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Pray for our Benefactors!

**NEW BULLETIN** - Once again this year as we begin Advent and a new Liturgical Year of Grace, we have a new format of the main part of the bulletin designed by our own artist, Seminarist Aaron Zanca, all the way from Spain. We hope you like it and enjoy it. As was announced last bulletin for the Mass intentions we will mark "Intention" for the living, otherwise the persons remembered are deceased. It takes a lot of trouble and time to do the crosses right. Practicality wins.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - December 7th is the First Friday of the month of December dedicated to the Divine Infancy. In preparation we shall have the usual Low Mass on Thursday evening followed by Novena to the Infant of Prague and Benediction as we pray for the Shrine and all its Parishioners, for the Clergy and for Vocations, and in reparation for sin. Try to take this opportunity of grace as we begin the new year and the holy season of Advent.

**GAUDETE SUNDAY** - Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is the day in the Roman Church wherein we bless our mangers and the images of Baby Jesus that go there. There will be a special blessing after the High Mass. Anyone else who brings them at the other Masses, Father will bless them in the Sacristy.

**LADIES' SODALITY RAFFLE** - This will also take place on Gaudete Sunday. Please support our Ladies!

**PENANCE** - All are encouraged to make a good Confession, if you haven't done so already, before the Holy Days.

**HOSPITAL** - If you or any member of your family who is a Parishioner is ill or having surgery please make sure you notify us so you may receive the Rites of the Church.

**HOLY DAY** - December 8th is the solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of these United States of America. All Catholics need to go to Mass on this day, under pain of mortal sin. There will be one Mass at 8 AM. The outdoor Nativity Scene and lights will be blessed and turned on after the 4 PM Vigil Mass.

**OPEN HOUSE** - Everyone is asked to be here for our annual Open House for Advent and Christmas. Anyone who can help please see Father. If anyone wants to help financially please make out checks to the Ladies' Sodality or the Holy Name Society of St. Stephen. All is appreciated. Please invite all your friends, colleagues and family.

**CSA** - Have you made, or kept, your pledge to the 2018 CSA campaign? Now, all funds go to our own savings account for our own needs. Please be generous! As the secular calendar year comes to an end you can get in your tax deductions while you can and help our Shrine as well! Thank you! New parishioners ask Father.

**CENTENNIAL** - As St. Stephen prepares to celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary, we hope to put together a new book on its history. We need photos and anecdotes from your memories. We will also need sponsors in the future for its publication.

**THEOLOGY CLASS** - We will have Theology Class this Wednesday at 7 PM in the Fr. Pérez Hall about "Humanae Vitae" and the Sacrament of Marriage. Do come.

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER** - The traditional prayer in preparation for Christmas which is said fifteen times a day from Nov. 30th to Christmas Day is on page 2. We will say the first at Mass each day.

**ABUSE VICTIMS** - St. Stephen & the Diocese of Pensacola - Tallahassee are committed to healing the hearts of sexual abuse victims and have established Victims' Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors to help those who may have experienced sexual abuse from any priest, deacon or church personnel. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Pensacola area is Dr. Louis M. Makarowski, Ph.D. P.A., His contact number is: (850) 477-7181.



**THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Though we have already been saying this since the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30th, we include it here for your convenience. It is said that those who recite this prayer fifteen times a day from Nov. 30th to Christmas will obtain many blessings, perhaps a miracle or two. Pray with Faith and trust in God's Providence always!

Hail and blessed be the Hour and the Moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at Midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that Hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

With the First vespers of Advent we began a new Liturgical Season and this includes the beautiful Advent and Christmas Marian Antiphon which we have been singing since. The Church uses this in the Divine Office at the end of Compline each day. Since it is a part of our catholic heritage and tradition we include it here for your convenience and edification.

**Alma Redemptoris Mater**

Alma Redemptoris mater, quae pervia coeli Porta manes, et Stella Maris, succurre cadenti. Surgere qui curat, populo; tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem; Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of our Redeemer, Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea, hasten to aid thy fallen people who strive to rise once more. Thou who brought forth thy holy Creator, all creation wondering, yet remainest ever Virgin, taking from Gabriel's lips that joyful "Ave"; be merciful to us sinners.

