

Saint Anne Catholic Church

December 25th, 2016 - The Nativity of the Lord



Church Schedule

Daily Mass:

Tuesday–Friday: 8:00 am

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:00 pm–3:45 pm

Thursday: After Mass

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am
& 11:00am

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Weddings: Please contact church office a minimum of 6 months
prior to requested Wedding date.

Baptism: Please contact church office a minimum of 1 month prior
to requested Baptism date.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 24, 4 pm	Parishioners of St. Anne
Sat. Dec. 24, 6 pm	+ Matthew Dixon requested by His Parents
Sun. Dec. 25, 12 am	+ Ruth H. Shank requested by Charlie & Alicia Shank
Sun. Dec. 25, 8 am	+ Henry & Dorothy Dugger requested by The Dugger Family
Sun. Dec. 25, 10 am	For the unborn children resting in their mother's wombs
Tue. Dec. 27, 8 am	+ Clyde O. Roberts requested by The Roberts Family
Wed. Dec. 28, 8 am	+ Juanito Salinas requested by Feli Salon
Thu. Dec. 29, 8 am	+ Mark Bricco requested by Flora Cohotino
Fri. Dec. 30, 8 am	+ Thoi Le requested by Kim Le

Please Pray For...

Jeanne Allegato, Sue Almsted, Loretta Amoni, Clara Ann, Gloria Armitage, Ann Baker, Angel Beasley, Linda Beninato, Sandy Blair, Stephanie Browne, Joseph Buscia, Deborah Bush, Stanley Butler, Glenda Carmichael, Janet Cherry, Nicole Christy, Brenda Crosby, Harper Elizabeth di Graaf, Patricia DiLeonardo, Linda Dodds, David Dominguez, Josie Dominguez, Mary Dominguez, Marie Dreaden, Elizabeth Duckett, Butch Durden, Larry Farley, Roberto Fernandez, Francis Figaniak, Sylvia Figaniak, Jaylen Fortune, Catherine Goff, Robert Greathouse, Betty Jo Guertin, Cheri Hoagburg, Genevieve Holley, Agnes Huele, Marion Humar, Jean Jennings, Justina Jennings, Avery Johnson, Robert Johnson, Nina Jones, Josefina Keeney, Joyce Kenney, Kathryn Kihyet, Mary Ellen Kolbe, Patty Lindsay, Dick Lumadue, Pete Lumadue Arthur Maltby, Mary Martin, Lori Matthews, Ruthie Matthews, Sara Matthews, Wanda McCagg, Jack McCurdy, Carl McDavid, Jay McGregor, Vince Mercon, Anna Merritt, Josh Middleton, Ed Moore, Virginia Moretti, Nga Nguyen, Quy Nguyen, Rubin O'Donovan, Jr., Lucie Offerle, Sue Olmsted, Suzanne Pell, John Peters, Jody Pipes, Dan Podufal, Rosie Podufal, Aubrey Reed, Jason Reynolds, Allisa Rice, Prescilla Robinson, Theresa Row, Betty Schmitz, Lisa Sepulveda, Fred Sepulveda, Shalee Shaw, Larry Stamper, Debbie Tennant, Fr. Henry Thorsen, Lisa Tisdale, Ken Tolbirt, Marie Trotsky, Barbara Turner, Jessica Turner, Robert Turner, Blaise Vallese.

To add someone to the prayer list please call 456-5966.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalms — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 6bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Please note time changes!

(all services in church unless noted.)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 PM (FLC)

6:00 PM

12:00 AM (Midnight)

Sunday, December 25th

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

St. Anne Adult Bible Study

James: Pearls for Wise Living

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world, and their faith.

This study offers "pearls of wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

Join us for James: Pearls for Wise Living. Classes will begin the week of January 23 and continue weekly through April 3.

Sign-ups for this study will be held in the Family Life Center after each Mass the weekend of January 7-8. The cost of this study will be \$25 per person. For more information please check the website, www.saintannebellview.org or see us at sign-ups.



Don't forget Tuesday BINGO at 5:30 pm. Bingo benefits our parish so please come out and support it! **We will still be having Bingo over the holidays! Come join the fun!**

Pensacola Catholic High School

For students who missed the Pensacola Catholic High School Placement Test in November, there will be one last chance to take the test before Freshman Registration on January 21, 2017.

The test will be administered on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. It will be from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM, in the CHS Media Center. Students must bring a Pre-Registration Form (available at www.pensacolachs.org), two #2 pencils, and a \$15 test fee. The Placement Test is required for all current eight grade students interested in attending Catholic High for the 2017-18 academic year.

Encounter

January 5th, 2017

6:30 pm

St. Paul Catholic Church

Presenter: Chris Benzinger, the Diocesan Director of Evangelization.

Encounter is a faith night for young adults in their 20's and 30's aimed towards igniting conversion, creating community and encouraging discipleship. There will be a special focus on learning how to live and share your faith.

Please RSVP to trianaernde@gmail.com

S.A.Y.N.T.S

Our Youth are going to Conference! We couldn't have done it without the generous support of Fr. George, and you, the parishioners. Thank you so much for making this experience possible. Please continue to pray for our youth and leaders. May God bless you with a joyous Christmas season!

Jan 8th - Service Mtg/ Middle & High School

Jan 15th - Middle School Mtg.

Jan 22 - ****MANDATORY**** Conference/High school meeting.

Religious Education

There will be no CCD December 18th through January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8th. Have a Merry Christmas!

Parish Registration/Update

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

_____ New in parish. Please send registration and other pertinent information.

_____ Moving out of parish. Please delete me/my family from records. Envelope # _____

_____ Moving within parish area. **Please change my:**

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Signature _____



Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Submissions deadline is due 10 days (two Thursdays) before published Sunday. Email items to office@stannebv.org

Kathryn Armstrong	Christopher Harrison
Pauline Beebe	Tish Krawczyk
Jonathan Bennett	Julie Nguyen
Erin Brady	Karen Rayburn
Frank Cherry	Keith Sifuentes
Carmen Connors	Larry Starkey
Terri Daly	Addison Brown
Alisa Fernandez	Ronald Thompson
Willie Galace	Maria Yu

Now Available: Electronic Giving!

To become an electronic giver, log onto our website: saintannebellview.org and click on the blue Online Giving button. You can choose your fund (Offertory, and/or some of the Holy Days of Obligation), how much you want to contribute to the fund and how frequently you want to have the money taken out for each fund (weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, annually). You can log-in once with your email and a password, or set up a profile for repeat giving. Please keep track of your info for future changes. If you have any problems, please contact customer service for assistance at 800-675-7430. Thank you for your continuing support of the parish.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

Educational Material on the Danger of Abuse - The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the people of God in our parishes and schools. All of us together are responsible for making sure that all of our ministries are as safe as possible for our children and vulnerable adults. Each of us has a responsibility to educate ourselves about the real danger of abuse. Courses are available online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org, and they are free. For help on these courses and other safety matters, please contact the Diocese Office of Safe Environment at 435-3570.

Victims of Abuse - 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. Victim Assistance Coordinator: Pensacola/Fort Walton Beach area: Dr. Louis M. Makarowski, Ph.D., P.A; 850-477-7181. Coordinadores Para Asistencia A Victimas: Deacon Santiago Molina; Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee; 850-435-3536. Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 850-435-3536.

" This is the revelation of God's love for us, that He sent His only Son into the world that we might have life through Him." 1Jn 4:9

Christmas is the fullest expression of God's revelation of His love, that He sent His only Son to be born a man like us in all things but sin. It is always easier for me to look back on time and realize the grandeur of God's love for me. I most often fail to recognize it at the moment, and I usually fail to recognize the many hundreds of blessings the good Lord pours out upon me until I take some time to reflect on the past as I do right now.

This past year, like many others, has seen changes in our parish life together, whether it is the addition of the weekly bingo, the new expanded parking facility or just the beautification of the grounds. As I reflect on this past year, I cannot help but question if the more important spiritual areas of our life together have improved, remained the same, or worsened. God's answer comes to me in the warm welcome of visitors to the parish, the tolerance towards children, the aid to the elderly, the participation in the Liturgies, the strength of the many ministries, the support to the poor, the out reach to the community, or the way in which we are working together to reduce our debt!

All these are clear signs of a people eager to grow in their love for God and for one another.

And yet, the journey is at times difficult, blurred with obstacles and problems, crises and failures, pain and injury, sickness and death. But through it all God's love reaches out to us in the love and care we share with each other.

As Christmas arrives, I raise my heart and my mind to our Father in heaven in thanksgiving for His Son Jesus, for the precious gift of His mother Mary, for the spotless treasure of His Church, and with a humble and contrite heart, I thank Him for each one of you. It is through you that our Blessed Lord most surely reaches out to me and touches my life; it is through you that He makes the joy of Christmas so real and complete.

May God bless each one of you, your families, and your friends; and may He never let the light of His love cease to burn in your hearts.

Fr George