



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

"Lord, make us turn to you: let us see your face and we shall be saved."

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
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Parish Youth Group	Mary Holley-Lewis	850-346-2797

New to the Parish?
New family registration forms are available
in the back of the church or you may
request one from the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude

Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

Sunday 10:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

Tuesday 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday 8:30 am Mass

Friday 8:30 am Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday 8:30 am Mass (Confession heard one half hour before Mass or by appt.)

December 8, 2023

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:30 AM St. Elizabeth/ 6:00 PM St. Jude

December 15, 2023

Advent Penance Service: 5:00-6:30 PM St. Jude

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Baptisms: Parents must be registered, active members of St. Jude Thaddeus or St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Pre-baptismal class attendance required. Contact the parish office to schedule.

Weddings: Call the parish office to schedule first meeting with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Funerals: Contact the parish office for priest availability and funeral arrangements. Call the priests direct if the parish office is closed.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victim Assistance Coordinators, who are experienced and trained counselors, available to help anyone who has been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. Our coordinator for our area is Dr. Louis Makarowski (850-477-7181).



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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 Psalm 80:2-3. 15-16, 18-19

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"DECEMBER: CHILDREN'S APPRECIATION MONTH"



Mass Intentions

St Jude Saturday: For the intentions of Peter, Michael, & Dianne Garcia requested by Agustin & Diana Garcia

St Elizabeth Sunday: In Memory of George Varghese, brother of Jodi Jaison

St Jude Sunday: In Memory of Minnie Seabrook requested by Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith

Upcoming Events

- *December 5@ 6:30 AM: Men of St. Joseph Group
- *December 5@ 12:30 PM: Caring Coach
- *December 6@ 6:00 PM: RCIA
- *December 8@ 8:30 AM at St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM at St. Jude: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation
- *December 10@ 3:00 PM: St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Christmas Party!
- *December 15@ 5:00 PM: Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Jude



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Holy Rosary on Zoom Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 all
 are invited to **pray the Holy Rosary** with parishioners, friends and family around the world. Just send them the address and invite them

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MASS SCHEDULE

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 5, 8:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 6, 8:30 AM* also online
- ⇒ Friday, December 8, Holy Day: 8:30 AM at St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM at St. Jude* also online
- ⇒ Saturday, December 9, 4:00 PM* also online
- ⇒ Sunday, December 10, 8:30 AM
- ⇒ Sunday, December 10, 10:30 AM* also online

Online Masses will be held on ZOOM.
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CSA UPDATE

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGE</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
St Jude	\$8,956.76	\$15,588.96	\$15,404.06
St Elizabeth	\$1,056.44	\$5,244.75	\$4,874.75

Offertory Report 11-26-2023
The Offertory Report now includes the Vanco totals

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Contin.</u>	<u>Capital Campaign</u>	<u>Bldg Fund</u>	<u>Other</u>
St Jude	\$1560.03	\$48.00	\$328.00	\$640.00	\$159.38
St Elizabeth	\$870.00	\$0	\$50.00	\$0	\$186.00



LOOKING AHEAD...

*December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. 8:30 AM Mass will be at St. Elizabeth. 6:00 PM Mass will be at St. Jude

*Our Advent Penance Service will be December 15th from 5-6:30 PM at St. Jude

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



St. Jude & St. Elizabeth Christmas Party!

Our Christmas Party will be December 10th from 3-7 pm at St. Jude Parish Hall.

We are asking everyone to bring a dish or dessert (meat is taken care of). Please sign up at the back of the church this weekend!



Light on top of the Hill – Updates & Tidbits

St. Jude & St. Elizabeth New Community Center Project

Calling all Catholic Concessionaires!



Dec 26th: Hockey game at the Pensacola Bay Center. Arrive at 5 pm. **Need 5 volunteers.**

December 30th: Hockey game at the Pensacola Bay Center. Arrive at 5 pm. **Need 6 volunteers.**

Please call or text Lisa McCullough at 850-712-6871 or Rachel Bradley at 850-777-7244 if you can volunteer. Remember, all of the earnings go toward our Building Fund. ***Please donate 4-5 hours of your time for a worthy cause!***



ST JUDE'S LADIES SOCIETY

St. Jude Ladies Society is now taking contributions for Christmas flowers for the altar. Checks should be payable to St. Jude Ladies Society. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or given to Flo Maxwell no later than **December 17th**. If you have any questions, contact Flo Maxwell at 850-450-3210



On November 25th we welcomed Matthew Pryce Painter, grandson of Melba and Jerrold Burroughs, into the Catholic Church! Congratulations!



Christmas Decorating!

Please come and help us decorate St. Jude church on December 22nd at 9:30 am. All help is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU!!

A very special thank you to Monique Hutchinson for sprucing up our beloved St. Jude statue!



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Society for serving turkey dinners to those in our community! Also, thank you to all who donated to the St. Jude Food Drive. NINE families received Thanksgiving dinners!



The Bulletin Board

1. If you are visiting our parish, or if you are a registered parishioner, and you would like to donate to the building fund for our new Family Life Center, please feel free to use the Building Fund envelopes in the pews. If you have made a Capital Campaign Pledge, please use the envelope in your box or a blank envelope at the back of the church. Thank you!
2. The Caring Coach will be at St. Jude's this Tuesday, December 5th at 12:30 pm.
3. Angel Tree Donations are due back this weekend, December 2nd/3rd. Thank you to all who have donated!
4. There will be a Day of Reflection on the Eucharist on January 6th from 8-2:30 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola. If you would like to know more or to register, call 850-438-3131
5. The second collection this weekend is for the Contingency Fund. The second collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

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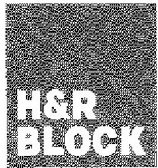
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