



St. Jude Thaddeus & St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Two Churches-One Parish

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord



| **St. Jude Thaddeus** |
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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Barrineau Park, Florida 32577
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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.)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. George Thekku, *Pastor* 850-291-1891
Rev. Mr. McBurnett J. Smith, Jr., *Deacon*
Secretary Mrs. Ellie Fitzgerald

PROGRAMS & PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Religious Education	Rachel Bradley	850-968-6189
Knights of Columbus	Joe Zolciak	850-346-3000
Ladies Altar Society	Lynn Sonderman	614-314-0416
	Gwen Smith	240-463-8106
Parish Youth Group	Mary Holley-Lewis	850-346-2797

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.

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.

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).

PARISH NEWS MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ST JUDE'S LADIES SOCIETY

The St. Jude Ladies Society would like to thank everyone who donated for flowers and helped the needy this Christmas season. We truly appreciate your generosity.

The following names were drawn at random to take home one poinsettia plant after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, January 5th:

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| *Aggie Bates | *Tung Huynh & Anh Thu T. Nguyen |
| *Diane Carmen | *Jaison Joseph & Jyothi Jason |
| *Freddie Datu | *Tony Kruszewski |
| *Ginny Davis | *Flo Maxwell |
| *Carol Groves | *Lisa Mimmagh |
| *Susan & John Guttman | *Ann Thu T. Nguyen |
| *Mary Haas | *Ross & Jamie Price |
| *Richard & Barbara Harris | *Dale Schmeidler |
| *Deacon Mac & Gwen Smith | *Rose Veverka |
| *Neil & Andrea Watson | |
| *The donor of In Memory of Veronica Channing | |



The Ladies Society will be meeting Tuesday, January 7th at 5:30 PM. All ladies are welcome to attend!

The next planned fundraiser will be to sell homemade soup on Superbowl weekend. More information to follow.



Light on top of the Hill – Updates & Tidbits St. Jude & St. Elizabeth New Community Center Project

Concession Stand Volunteer Meeting!

If you've been thinking about volunteering for the Concession Stand Fundraiser, now is your opportunity! There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 5th after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude. All who have participated in the past, please plan to attend. New information will be shared.



The winners of the Knights of Columbus raffle are:

- 1st Place for \$500.00: Joan Wallace
2nd Place for \$250.00: Gloria Viduya
3rd Place for \$150.00: Meldy Bonifay



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Knights raffle! There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting this Thursday, January 9th at 5:30 pm at St. Jude Parish Hall. All men 18 years or older are welcome to attend!

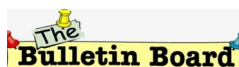


The Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.



1. Christmas Altar Flowers.
2. Contribution statements for 2024 will be ready beginning January 6th. These statements include your Capital Campaign pledge donation for the year. If you would like to receive your statement, please call or email the parish office. A separate letter for those who have made a Capital Campaign pledge will be mailed out in January which will show your donations from 2022 until now.
3. The Second Collection this weekend is for the Contingency Fund.

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