



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church



WE WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE THE LORD IN THE EUCHARIST

### Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday..... 7:30, 10:00, 11:30  
a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
(Vietnamese)  
Daily Mass... 8:30 a.m.

### Confession: In the Social Hall

Thursday.... 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday.... 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

### Adoration & Prayer Services:

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the ro-  
sary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Benediction: 11:55 a.m.

### Church Open for Prayer:

The church is open 7:30 a.m. to 9:00  
p.m. to visit for prayer.  
Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

### Anointing of the Sick

**Every Friday after morning Mass.**  
Call the parish for any need, anoint-  
ing of the sick or home visits or  
for communion.  
PHONE: 727-938-1974

### Baptisms & Marriages

Please call the Parish Office

### Parish Office Hours

Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Stay Informed:

**Website:** [www.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com)  
**Facebook:** St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Church

**Welcome to our parish  
family!**

**January 25, 2026**

# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



### FlockNote Notifications

If you would like to receive email notifications from the parish messaging service, please call the office at [727-938-1974](tel:727-938-1974).

### FlockNote Prayer Requests

Please call the office with prayer requests or email them to [prayers@svdpfl.com](mailto:prayers@svdpfl.com).

**4843 MILE STRETCH DRIVE, HOLIDAY, FL 34690**  
**PHONE 727-938-1974**

## **St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff**

### **Clergy**

Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor  
Fr. William Fickel, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Joselito Hitosis, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Joseph Thai Tran, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar

### **Faith Formation**

Sr. Teresa Y Nhu Hoang, S.J.P. Director  
Sandy Cavanagh  
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Cecilia Adams

### **Music and Ministry**

Sr. Maria Duong Pham, S.J.P. Director  
Eddie Lanuzga Coordinator of Ministries

### **Parish Support**

Christine DeLieto	Parish Manager
Anabella Batista	Secretary
Kimberly Varner	Bookkeeper
Mark Brose	Chef/Hall Rental

### **Maintenance Team**

Rocky Hieu Nguyen  
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### **Our Vision Statement: “Fortify A Strong Future In Loving Service.”**

Do you have any comment or question?

Email us at:

[Anabella@svdpfl.com](mailto:Anabella@svdpfl.com)

### **Welcome to St. Vincent's!**

Whether you're visiting, returning, or searching for a spiritual home, we are glad you're here! In this season of honoring love, care, and nurturing hearts, we especially give thanks for the presence of all who reflect Christ's compassion among us.

Through worship, service, and fellowship, our vibrant ministries offer many paths to grow in faith and parish family. Please visit our website to learn more!

**May you find peace, purpose, and a sense of belonging here at our parish.**

## **GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Standing at the beach and looking at the sea and hearing the sound of the waves can be quite relaxing and it also calms the mind. The sea also gives a feeling of mystery and adventure. Yes, the sea and what is in the underwater world can also be a bit funny, and yet, it is also quite similar to our world on the dry land.

It is interesting to note that when Jesus began His ministry it was at the lakeside town of Capernaum, as the gospel tells us.

We are told that Capernaum is a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. It was there at Capernaum that the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled: *“The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death, a light has dawned.”*

And it was from that lakeside town of Capernaum that Jesus began His preaching with the message: *“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”*

Jesus seemed to draw a lot of inspiration from the sea. In fact, His first few disciples were people who were connected to the sea – they were fishermen, and they earned their living from the sea. He called them from the sea, to leave their boats behind, but it is also with their knowledge of the sea that Jesus is going to teach them to be fishers of men.

So, let us just imagine the sea, and the underwater world. And yet the underwater world is so similar to our dry-land world. For example, down there it is big fish eat small fish. Up here it is big boys bullying the weak boys. What happens down there also happens up here.

In the sea, one of the feared predators is the shark. On dry land, there is an equivalent called the loanshark, which is equally fearsome and troublesome. Yes, the underwater world is very much like our dry land world.

Maybe that is why Jesus chose fishermen as His first disciples to make the connection. And He said to them: *“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”* So, the mission seems to be quite straightforward – they do the catching and Jesus will do the cleaning.

But there may be something more than this, just as how we can only look at the surface of the sea but there is much more beneath it. In order to be “fishers of men”, Jesus is going to teach His disciples to be “fishes for men”.

As fishermen, they catch fish for a living. But as disciples of Jesus, they will have to be the fish. In other words, where once they catch fish for their livelihood, now they are to be the fish for the life of the world.

Likewise, as His disciples, in order to be fishers of men, we too have to be the fish for men, we too have to be the fish for the life of the world. We become the fish when we offer ourselves in love and service to others, especially those who hunger for the love of God. We become the fish for others when we love our enemies and pray for those who do wrong to us.

We become the fish for others when we offer care and compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation. May we allow ourselves to be caught by the love of Jesus, in order to be the fish for men, so that in turn we can be fishers of men.

Blessings,

Rev. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S.

	<b>Date</b>		<b>Mass Intentions</b> Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	<b>Events</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b> St. Francis de Sales 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23- 27 Mk 3:20-21 or see 518	JT	8:30 a.m. + Walter Poff (K. C. Drez)  L 4:00p.m + Kathryn Mozina (Donna & Bill Gleason)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Di- vine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 25</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A</b> Is 8:23-9:3 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17	L JT D B	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World</b> 7:30 a.m. + Primitiva Gaviola (Denny & Clare) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Mel & Gloria) 11:30a.m. +John Kreuser (Nicholas & Cynthia Spanos)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class	
<b>Monday, Jan. 26</b> St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:22-30 or see 520	B	8:30 a.m. + Vita Ann Brose (Margaret Flanders)	3:00 p.m. Divine Will 7:00 p.m. GA and GA Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting 7:00 p.m. OCIA Becoming Catholic	
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 27</b> St. Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	L	8:30 a.m. + Jeffrey Michael Dandurand (Pantry) + Anthony Masseo (Pantry)	10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts	
<b>Wed., Jan 28</b> St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20 or see 522	D	8:30 a.m. +John Kreuser (Friend)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)	
<b>Thursday, Jan. 29</b> 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	L B	8:30 a.m. + Carl Hojan (Cecilia Hojan) + Michael Eklound (Quinton family)  10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession	
<b>Friday, Jan. 30</b> 2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	B	8:30 a.m. + Vita Ann Brose (Julia Masseo) + Thressiamma Antony Nedumgottil (Biju)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30—6:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 31</b> St. John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41 Or see 523	JT	8:30 a.m. + Vita Ann Brose (Tom & Lorraine Parsons)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:00 p.m. Candlemas 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 1</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A</b> Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12	L D B L	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Michael McDonald (Jean Flynn)</b> 7:30 a.m. + Henryk & Stanislawa Pietka (Family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Elena Ugaz-Zuniga) 11:30 a.m. + John Kreuser (Tom & Lorraine Parsons)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class	

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Cancer; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), healing; Patricia Gilliam (Grandmother of Brianna Rovnak) Healing; Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Cezaire, Cancer; Zi'Quian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer;

Please continue to pray for those in need of healing.

**To support those in need of healing prayers, we will remove names from our list after one month if space is needed. If you want a name reinstated or when prayers are answered, please let us know.**

## Lenten Events

- Burning of Ashes February 15 at 11:15 by Hall
- Ash Wednesday February 18th at 8:30, 5 pm & 8 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross Fridays at 3 p.m. with Mass to follow.
- Lenten Retreat Life in the Eucharist March 13 and 14th
- Communal Penance Service March 26 @ 5 p.m.
- Seder Meal March 28 @ 5:15 p.m.
- Palm Sunday March 29, burning of the Palms following 10 a.m. Mass
- Holy Thursday Mass - Washing of the Feet 7p.m.
- Good Friday - The Passion of Christ 3 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Mass (Vigil) 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Mass 7:30 a.m, 8:30 am, 10 am & 11:30am.



## Franciscan Jubilee Year

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.

During this time of grace, which will extend until January 10, 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.



## COWLS

### Christian Older Wiser Loving Seniors

Parishioners have been asking for a place to meet. We will be meeting every 1st Wednesday of each month.

Coffee, Cards, Conversation: Come and join us Wednesday February 4th from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Media Room.

## CONGRATULATIONS !

We joyfully congratulate our entire parish community on an extraordinary achievement in the 1 Million Acts of Mercy initiative! Together, we recorded **59,556 Acts of Mercy**, placing us among the **top "small" parishes**—a powerful witness to the compassion, generosity, and faith in action that define our parish family.

In recognition of this remarkable effort, our Bishop has awarded our parish a **\$15,000 grant** to support and strengthen our ministries. This blessing will directly help us continue serving those in need and living out the Gospel through works of mercy. Heartfelt thanks to every parishioner who prayed, served, gave, visited, listened, and loved. Your acts—seen and unseen—have made a lasting impact. Congratulations, and thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!



## LIVING IN DIVINE WILL

*Join our weekly Monday Afternoon Cenacle at 3:00 PM in the Education Bldg. to learn how to live in His Will.*

**Listen to Fr. Robert Young OFM interpreting the holy writings of "The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta."**

*"Our whole being Being, as Ours did in His. Now in seeing him fallen in poverty, how could Our Love bear not having compassion on him, If Our Divine Will Itself lovingly wage war on Us and pleaded for he who had lived in I? Did you see that then, what living in My Divine means—its great importance? In It there is fullness of all Divine goods and totality of all possible and imaginable acts. The soul embraces the whole of the Divine Being, as she is in My Will like the eye before the sun, that remains all filled with its light; and while the whole sun is reflected in the pupil of the eye, its light remains also outside of it investing the whole person" BH 23-10-02-1927*  
Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.

FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE  
IN LOVING SERVICE

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of **December 31st we have raised \$412,197.82.** We continue to

raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include repairs to the leak in the education building and our \$100,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Your ongoing support is crucial for our church's growth in faith and community. We are pleased to report that through your generous support, we have paid for the A/C and two-thirds of our debt to the Diocese! Thank you so much!



To give online, scan the QR in the church pews to set up your offertory. If you're a new online giver

and don't need envelopes, please email Anabella@svdpfl.com.

Join the **214 parishioners** who have embraced this simple and impactful way to support our faith community. Now is the perfect time to get involved!



### Events coming up in the new year

**Saturday, January 24, 2026** - Young Adult Concert

### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, January 31, 2026** - Candlemas

**Saturday, February 7, 2026** -

Vietnamese Lunar new Year

**Saturday, February 14, 2026** - Fr. Bill Dinner Dance

**February 20 &21, 2026** - Spring Rummage Sale

**Friday, March 6, 2026** - Golf Tournament



### Exciting plans are on the horizon!

We encourage you to stay tuned for upcoming updates. Our vibrant community deeply values your time and talents, and your involvement can make a significant difference. Consider stepping up to volunteer in the new year—you have the power to help us thrive!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

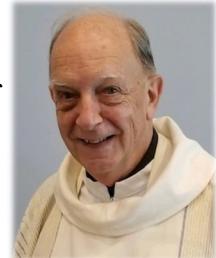
This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 498 families, providing 19,024 pounds of food, and \$4,068.50 for utility and rent bills.

We have a special request! We need clean and empty egg cartons to help distribute eggs to our visitors at the food bank. A great big please and thank you to you!

Have you considered answering the call to help by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? God's love is shown through our charity toward those in need. Every gift reflects the love He has given us. Jesus came to nourish all of us.

### **LET'S CELEBRATE HIS ANNIVERSARY!**

Please join us as we celebrate with Fr. Bill on his 60 years of his Profession of Faith with the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. There will be a dinner dance on February 14th in Father Farrell Hall following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.



## **Respect Life Corner** **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**

Pray For the Unborn

### **FIFTH MONTH**

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

### NEWLY REGISTERED

We warmly welcome

**John Miklos**

as a new parishioner.

May God embrace him with His abundant love, mercy, and compassion.





## Young Adult Concert Ages 18-35

Join us January 24 at 7pm  
Doors open at 6 pm  
Concert from 7-9pm

Followed by a Social Hour

Located at St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Father Farrell Hall  
4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday  
Phone 727-938-1974  
Cost is \$5 for a ticket

Concert by a group of Young Adults from the Diocese of St. Petersburg

The Young Adult Concert was made possible in part through a Community Impact Grant from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Petersburg



### Memorial Bricks

The Ladies Auxiliary is putting together an order for "Memorial Bricks" again, if anyone is interested.

They will be put back by the Blessed Mother at Father Farrell Hall. The cost of the bricks is \$30, \$60 and \$100, with clip art \$6 extra.

Contact the Rectory and they will put you in touch with JoAnn Corlett for more information.

ALL  
YOU CAN  
EAT

### Knights of Columbus

Friday night dinners resume on January 16 from 4:30 - 6:30

Please support us and enjoy an all you can eat meal, coffee and dessert for \$13.95

### YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

Support the church while enjoying the benefits at no extra cost to you!

#### Start off the New Year Right!

You can also use the cards for celebrations, gifts, home repairs, and everyday expenses; even groceries!

Simply buy the card from us and use it like a credit or debit card—it's that easy! There are no activation fees!

Gift card order forms are available on our website and in the office.

This months orders are due in the Office February 2nd

**VISA ~ Cracker Barrel ~ AMAZON ~ WALMART ~ HOME DEPOT ~ PUBLIX**  
**and many more cards available to order.**

**Come And See!**



### AGGREGATE CALENDAR

January ~ 2026

**DEDICATED TO THE HOLY CHILDHOOD & HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28: 11 am CENACLE EUCHARISTIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM SAINT PETER JULIAN**

***Go to Him, visit and adore; He waits for you!***

*"Continue to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the purpose of time and eternity, it is life, it is happiness in exile. To succeed in it, become a disciple of prayer is the golden chain which binds us to God, it is the hearth of the divine flame, the nourishment of the inner life."* Letter to Mme. Natalie Jordan, January 1, 1865

### February - 2026

**DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4: Board Meeting.**

**BIRTHDAY of ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD.**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 5: BAPTISMAL FEAST DAY OF SAINT EYMARD.** Celebrating Wed. Feb. 11.

**FIRST FRIDAY: FEB. 6: Exposition 9:30 pm – 5 pm**  
Day concludes with Benediction.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PRAY ~Vespers ~ LITURGY OF THE HOUR at 4:40 pm.**



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CATHOLIC  
MINISTRY  
*Appeal*



### 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL BEGINS!

The 2026 CMA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is: "*Children of God*." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a commitment to the appeal. Sharing your gifts with the vital ministries funded by the appeal truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. Make a gift at: [SupportMinistry.dosp.org](http://SupportMinistry.dosp.org) or scan the QR code above.



## PARISH GIVING—JANUARY 4TH

We celebrated with **617 attending mass and our collection was \$10,779.00**. We appreciate your continued support of our parish. Don't forget to bring your family and friends. Together, we can make Christ present in our parish and community! Visit [www.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com) to give online. **Praise God! & May our LORD bless you for your generosity.** Due to early submission, our numbers are not updated.

### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying our church's operating expenses. Our December 2025 expenses were \$48,729.88 Our *income* for the month was \$25,002.00 and \$4,664.75 in Online Giving. **During the month of December our expenses exceed our income by \$19,063.13. We are blessed to share our daily Mass and Adoration with you. Praise God & Thank you!**



### HALL RENTAL

*St. Vincent de Paul* can meet your hall rental needs with our spacious *Father Farrell Hall* suitable for small or large events. Call the parish, or speak with Chef Mark Brose and reserve a date for your special occasion. We are happy to host you!



### St. Vincent De Paul Prayer Requests

Put this in the suggestion box or Offertory basket at Mass.

Your Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests and Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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