



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

First Sunday of Lent—February 22, 2026

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 rosary 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, anointing 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

Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Welcome
to our parish family!**

	Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026 <small>Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.</small>
	1st Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026
	Palm Sunday March 29, 2026
	2nd Sunday of Lent March 01, 2026
	Maundy Thursday April 02, 2026
	3rd Sunday of Lent March 08, 2026
	Good Friday April 03, 2026
	Laetere Sunday March 15, 2026
	Holy Saturday April 04, 2026
	5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026
	Easter Sunday April 05, 2026



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.

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff

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Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor
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Anabella Batista	Secretary
Kimberly Varner	Bookkeeper
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Rocky Hieu Nguyen
Felix Agostini and Karen Hall.

Our Vision Statement:

**“We Worship, Connect, Grow and Serve
the Lord in the Eucharist”**

Do you have any comment or question?

Email us at:

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,

The smell of food will make us hungry, and it also tells us whether the food is barbecued, fried or grilled. And we don't even have to taste the food to see if it has gone bad or rancid.

The 1st reading, began by saying that the Lord God fashioned man out of dust from the soil. Then it goes on to say that God breathed into the nostrils of man a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. So, it can be said that man's first experience of God was through his nostrils; he breathed in the breath of God. And with that man also breathed in the life, truth, beauty, goodness and love of God. That's why a good smell always delights us.

On the other hand, a bad, pungent, repulsive smell will put us off and we will immediately cover our noses.

In the 1st reading, we heard about the first temptation. The devil, the father of lies, and disguised as a serpent, tried to seduce Eve with a trick question.

Eve could have taken a moment to breathe in the truth of God and hence refused to get entangled with a bad question. But she opened her mouth to speak, and the more she spoke, the more the breath of life was drained from her. As we know, when we don't breathe, we will be deprived of oxygen, we will start to malfunction and eventually die and turn to dust. Adam and Eve breathed less and less of God, and with the eating of the forbidden fruit, the poison of death has set in on humanity.

The Spirit of God is also known as the breath of God. So with the power of the Spirit, with the breath of God, Jesus blew away the smoke that the devil was casting on Him in the three temptations.

In the desert, Jesus reversed the tragedy in the garden of Eden. With the breath of God, He cast away the smoke of Satan. But the smoke of Satan is lurking around, and if we are not careful about it, then the smoke of Satan will choke us, and prevent us from breathing in the breath of God.

In 1972, Pope Paul VI delivered a homily that startled the world. Describing the chaos in the Church, he said: From some cracks and tears, the smoke of Satan has entered the temple of God. Forty years later, Pope Francis, just one day after his election, said: Let us never give in to the pessimism, to that bitterness that the devil tempts us with every day. Pope Francis also powerfully rebuked those who deny the existence of Satan, warning against relativism, deceit and the seduction of evil.

The smoke of Satan often comes in the form of angry words thrown at us to lure us into an argument that will result in an eye for eye and tooth for tooth. Pope Leo XIV identifies modern evils as including physical and moral oppression, drug addiction, and "invisible prisons" created by human actions.

In such situations, we must pause and take a moment and breathe in deep the breath of God and be filled with the power of the Spirit. Then with the clarity of the truth and the power of love, we will be able to blow away the smoke of Satan and resist the lure of evil and temptation.

So let us breathe in the breath of God and be united with the Spirit in prayer, so that the enemies of God will flee and scatter, and the smoke of Satan be blown away.

Blessings,

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

Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
Saturday, Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32	D	8:30 a.m. + Robert Corcoran (Mary Ann Corcoran) Pray for the unborn babies	9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale 3:00 p.m. Pray the Di- vine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
	L	4:00p.m + Jose Cabral & family (Ida Cabral)	
Sunday, Feb. 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11		Sanctuary Candle for Thanksgiving for petitions answered (Jean Flynn)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
	B	7:30 a.m. + June Lettie (Mary Lettie)	
	D	8:30 a.m. Parishioners	
	L	10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Sue Combetta)	
	D	11:30a.m. + Richard Corlett (Roy & Sylvia Archibold)	
Monday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop, Mar- tyr Lv 19:1-2 Mt 25:31-46	B	8:30 a.m. + Pedro Rivera (Family + Jude Schierech (Family)	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
Tuesday, Feb. 24 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	L	8:30 a.m. Mona Virgil, healing (Edd & Ann Richardson) + Jennifer Korinek (Robin Emmons)	9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
Wed., Feb. 25 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32	D	8:30 a.m. Fr. Bill (Rita Adams) Renato, healing (The Sacristans)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
Thursday, Feb. 26 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	B	8:30 a.m. Mary Webb, Happy Birthday Edd Richardson, Happy Birthday (Ann Richardson)	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession
	L	10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	
Friday, Feb. 27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15	D	8:30 a.m. + Raymond Hoey (Mary Webb) + Carlos Ugaz (Elena Ugaz-Zuniga)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
	D	3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
	L	4:00 p.m. Pray for the unborn	
Saturday, Feb. 28 Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	L	8:30 a.m. + John Kreuser (Marilyn Amundsen) + Adam Schaefer (Thompson Family)	3 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
	B	4:00p.m Pray for the unborn	
Sunday, March 1 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 12:1-4 1 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9		Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
	L	7:30 a.m. + Henryk & Stanislaw Pietka (Family)	
	D	8:30 a.m. Parishioners	
	B	10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Susan Palmateer)	
	L	11:30 a.m. + Elizabeth Riordan (Jean T. Flynn)	

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 Cezair, Cancer; Zi'Quian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Blondina Bellever (Jadith A. Del RC), Kadi Pauli - Healing, granddaughter of Chuck & Gloria Fricke; Jan Snow—healing; Henry (JoAnn Corlett's son) and dear friend, Paul, Healing; Ariel Reyes (JoAnn Corlett's granddaughter), healing. 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 Liturgies

- 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, 2026
- 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.



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."

"O! creature who, letting herself be invested by It's light, does not refuse It's Dominion and It's Kingdom. And if Adam deserved compassion, it was because the first period of his life was in the Kingdom of the Divine Will. "If the Celestial Sovereign Lady, though She was alone, was able to obtain the coming of the Word upon earth, it was because She gave free field to the Kingdom of the Divine Fiat within Herself. If My very Humanity was able to form the Kingdom of Redemption, it was only because It possessed the whole entirety and immensity of the Kingdom of the Eternal Volition; because wherever It extends, embraces everything It can do anything" BH23-10-02-1927 Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.

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 First Wednesday of the month from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Media Room.



Respect Life Corner SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn
SIXTH MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds.

Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby.

Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Lent Weekend Retreat Life in The Eucharist

Presented by
Fr. George Dunne, S.S.S.
and members of The Life in The Eucharist
Team

MARCH 13-14, 2026

You are invited to join us for our annual Lenten Retreat at St. Vincent de Paul Parish!
Experience a Journey of Deep Reflection on the Eucharistic
Mystery

This retreat will provide an opportunity to focus on the transformative power of the Eucharist, which is central to our Lenten journey of growing closer to God and preparing for the celebration of Christ's resurrection which gives us hope.

The weekend will include thought-provoking teachings, witnesses, discussions, adoration, and the celebration of Mass as well as time for quiet reflection in the beautiful natural environment of St. Vincent de Paul.

For more information and to register, please call 727-938-1974
4843 Mile Stretch Dr., Holiday, FL 34690



AGGREGATE CALENDAR

February - 2026

DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11: ASSOCIATE INITIAL FORMATION.

Session 4: Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist. 9:30 am in the Education Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11: CENACLE/

Holy Hour: Saint Peter Julian Eymard & GRATITUE for the 60th ANNIVERSARY of Fr. Bill Fickel's First Profession of Vows

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

The 60th Anniversary of Fr. Bill Fickel's 1st Vows. Vigil Mass 4 pm. Followed by an

RSVP Dinner. SAVE THE DATE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16: PRESIDENT'S DAY

CELEBRATION OF FATHER JOSELITO'S AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP!

FOLLOWING MORNING MASS: BRUNCH

at 9:20 am: Day Break Cafe

1981 N Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: ASH WED.

"BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST" - Matthew Kelly

A LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION 9:30 am

In the Education Bldg. Saint Francis Room

Contact Gloria or Margaret.

Convinced that a life cannot be fully Eucharist if it is not consecrated to God and to people, he left us an example of contemplation and apostolic action. Project of Life # 3b



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor."

Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home.

When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

BOOK STUDY

During Lent experience a small faith sharing group, as we reflect on **Beautiful Eucharist**, published by Matthew Kelly. It includes reflections from a group of twelve that includes laypeople and clergy on their encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Prepare for the **Passion** with relaxed reading and spiritual discussion for the layperson. **We start on Ash Wednesday, February 18.**



Contact: Margaret or Gloria -

info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org

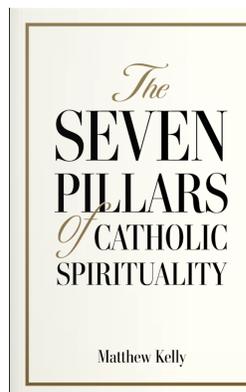
or leave your name and phone number at the parish office. You may already have a parish gift of the book from a couple of years back.

THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and spiritual ways these ancient spiritual habits continue to enrich our daily lives today.

Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world. He has been using these seven habits to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time. Are you willing to let God transform you?

Any Questions, call office or Chris DeLieto at 727-938-1974.



St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday ~ March 7, 2026

At Seven Springs "Golf and Country Club"

Champion Course, Trinity, FL

Tee Time 1 pm

Registration begins at 12:30

\$75 pp ~ Includes Golf, Golf Cart and Dinner

Putting & Pin Contests for Men & Women

Make Checks Payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church

Attn: Golf Tournament

4843 Mile Stretch Drive

Holiday, FL 34690

For Questions, Call Mark Brose or Chris DeLieto at 727-938-1974



Sponsorship Opportunities Available!



DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG
**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 or scan the QR code above. Pledge forms are available in the Church.



Car Wash

Come support our Faith Formation program at a special **Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, March 1**, from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in front of **Fr. Farrell Hall**.

Bring your car, invite your friends, and help our young people grow in faith while you drive away with a sparkling clean vehicle! Your generosity makes a difference.

Thank you for supporting our Faith Formation community!

Knights of Columbus

Friday night dinners resume on February 27 from 4:30 - 6:30

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



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Through your generous support, as of We continue to raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include replacing the roof in the education building and our \$100,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. We will be updating the figures next week.

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 this QR 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

- February 20 & 21, 2026** - Spring Rummage Sale
- Saturday, March 7, 2026** - Golf Tournament
- Friday and Saturday March 13 & 14th** - Lenten Retreat

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!

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 March 2

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

Come And See!



PARISH GIVING—FEBRUARY 9TH

We celebrated with **623 attending mass** and our collection was **\$6,987.00 in Offertory and \$2,119.45 in Online Giving**. 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 to give online. **Praise God! & May our LORD bless you for your generosity.**

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for attending Mass with us this past weekend. **We are blessed to share our daily and Weekend Masses 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: _____
