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## Second Sunday of Lent, Transfiguration — March 1, 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 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.svdpl.com](http://www.svdpl.com)

Facebook: St. Vincent de Paul  
 Catholic Church

**Welcome**  
**to our parish family!**



Left to right:

1. Bianca Aaron
2. Peter Tan Duy Ngoc Nguyen
3. Burhan Sume
4. Mary Phuong My Tang

## Transfiguration to become a Catholic

The Rite of Election was joyfully celebrated at St. Jude the Apostle Cathedral last Sunday, marking a significant milestone in the faith journey of our catechumens: Bianca Aaron, Burhan Sume, Maria Phuong My Tang, and Peter Tan Duy Ngoc Nguyen.

Surrounded by the prayerful support of the Church, they publicly expressed their desire to enter fully into the life of Christ and His Church. The liturgy was truly beautiful—reverent, inspiring, and filled with hope. It was a powerful reminder that God continues to call hearts to Himself and that our community is blessed to witness and accompany this sacred journey.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Teresa, Sandy Cavanagh, Mary Gerbasi and all for their generous dedication and loving collaboration as catechists. Through their guidance, patience, and faith-filled teaching, these catechumens have been well prepared for this important step.

Please continue to keep Bianca, Burhan, Maria, and Peter in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacraments at Easter. May this Lenten journey draw them ever closer to the Lord.

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## **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  
Mary Gerbasi  
Christine DeLieto  
Margaret Flanders  
Deacon Bertrand Guerin  
Sharon Guerin  
Kimberly Varner  
Anabella Batista  
Jessie Camerieri  
Susan Fogarty  
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  
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,

There is a story of a man who went to France for a business trip. On his way home, a roadside peddler persuaded him to buy a box that contained a decorative roundish stone, and the peddler said in halting English, “Glow in the dark.”

Quite amused, the man bought it and brought it home. Then after dinner, he took out the box, switched off the lights, and asked his wife to come and look at the stone in the box that is supposed to glow in the dark. But when he opened the box, the stone was as dark as the surroundings and he felt that he was cheated.

The next day, the wife opened the box to look at the stone and saw that there was a small piece of paper with a few words in French. She had it translated and it read like this: If you keep me all day long in the sunlight, I will glow for you all night long in the dark.

So, the stone was actually a fluorescent object which has certain pigments to absorb light and then emit it out.

We also call these luminous objects and some rosaries are even made of this type of material. (Not that advisable to wear them around the neck and walk around in the dark!)

What we heard in the gospel is commonly known as the Transfiguration. Jesus was described like this – His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light. Jesus was not some luminous object that was glowing with light. He was radiating light; He is the Light.

But why the Transfiguration? Well, if we had bothered to notice, it happened in chapter 17 of the gospel of Matthew which was somewhere like the middle of the gospel (which has 28 chapters). At that part of the gospel, there was a darkness that was encircling around Jesus.

Opposition was mounting against Him from the religious leaders. His own disciples were squabbling over who was the greatest and who would sit on the right and left.

Everything was turning dark and so Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John up that high mountain where they could be alone. And it was there that Jesus let the light shine forth from within Him and the voice from heaven announced: This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him. And that was enough for Jesus to continue His mission and to go right on to the end.

As we listen to this gospel message, the light of the Transfiguration of Jesus also shines on us, and shines the light into our hearts. And we need to listen to Him as He tells Peter, James and John, and as He tells us: Stand up, do not be afraid.

Afraid of what? We might ask. Well, afraid of the dark, a darkness that is created by doubt.

If we want to talk about doubt, then it has to be Abraham in the 1st reading. When the Lord told Abraham to leave his country, his father's house for a land that God will show him, Abraham had every reason to doubt. He was already 75 years old. What can God expect of a 75 year old man? But Abraham went as the Lord told him, and he became for us the father of faith.

Let us open our hearts to His healing light and we will shine even in the darkest of night.

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, Feb. 28</b> Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + John Kreuser (Marilyn Amundsen) + Adam Schaefer (Thompson Family)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
	<b>L</b>	4:00p.m Pray for the unborn babies	
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Gn 12:1-4 2 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9	<b>L</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World</b> 7:30 a.m. + Henryl & Stanislaw Pietka (Family)	8:00 a.m. Car Wash 11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. Parishioners	
	<b>B</b>	10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Susan Palmateer)	
	<b>L</b>	11:30a.m. + Elizabeth Riordan (Jean T. Flynn)	
<b>Monday, March 2</b> Dn 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38	<b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + Kenny Carlton (Maria & Don Wyher) Pray for the unborn babies	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, March 3</b> St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	<b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. + Arthur Landry (Friend)	9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg.
<b>Wed., March 4</b> St. Casimir Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + Elizabeth Riordan (Jean Flynn)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
<b>Thursday, March 5</b> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	<b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + John Kreuser (Steve Jackson)	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession
	<b>L</b>	10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	
<b>Friday, March 6</b> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + Holy Souls (M. Zunino)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
	<b>D</b>	3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
	<b>L</b>	4:00 p.m.	
<b>Saturday, March 7</b> St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	<b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament	9:00 a.m. Confession 3 pm Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
	<b>B</b>	4:00p.m + Estela Flores (Familia Pantoja-Ugaz)	
<b>Sunday, March 8</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42	<b>L</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World</b> 7:30 a.m. + Francina Barrera (Rosio)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class
	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. Parishioners	
	<b>B</b>	10:00 a.m. + Pete Flahive (Varner & Shadle families)	
	<b>L</b>	11:30 a.m. + Patricia Bellafiore (Family)	

## 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'Qquian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Blondina Bellaver and Sherry Kattler (Judith A. Del Re), 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" BH 23-10-02-1927 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 on the 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



**ASSOCIATE CALENDAR**  
**March**  
 Dedicated to Saint Joseph

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4: BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST BOOK: Faith Sharing Group: 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Education Building / Saint Francis Room. ALL ARE WELCOME. Chapters 4, 5, 6. Pages 33-52.**

*"Right here, right now, there is no other place I would rather be Lord, than in your presence."* Bishop Andrew Cuzzens.

**1st FRIDAY, MARCH 6: EVENING PRAYER-4:40 pm**

**Vespers:** Pray with Jesus and the Church. Inquiries welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11: 9:30 am- 11:00 am.**

**ASSOCIATE INITIAL FORMATION: Education Building / Saint Francis Room. Session 5: ~ Eucharist the Center of Our Life**

*"Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until then hereafter to receive eternal life; they already possess it on earth in the Eucharist, as the first-fruits of a future fullness."*

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 13 & 14: LITE TEAMLIFE IN THE EUCHARIST LENTEN RETREAT: GOD'S LOVE IN THE EUCHARIST ~ SVDP PARISH ~ RETREAT ~ DIOCESAN WIDE INVITATION.**



**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.

We are especially in need of Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc...) and Peanut Butter.

**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](mailto:info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org)**

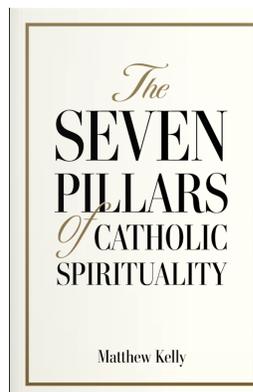
or leave your name and phone number at the parish office. You may already have a parish gift of the book from a couple of years back.

**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?

Please call the office to sign-up or if you have any Questions, 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!**



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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. Pledge forms are available in the Church.

We currently have 73 parishioners participating and \$25,710 in pledges. We are only at 11% participation and need to have 30% per the Diocese.

**Car Wash**

Come support our Faith Formation program at a special **Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, March 1, from 8:00 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 have resumed from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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 \$95,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg. We have about \$31,000 towards the education building roof, which will cost \$106,000.

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](mailto: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!

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026** - Golf Tournament

**Friday and Saturday March 13 & 14th** - Lenten Retreat, Life in the Eucharist

**Saturday, March 26, 2026** - Seder Meal

**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 **635 attending mass** and our collection for **Ash Wednesday and Offertory was \$14,515.40 in Offertory and \$1,246.21 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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